

LISA VAN NOORDT

'A BREATH OF FRESH AIR & RAY OF SUNSHINE'



Lisa well and truly brightened our day with her inspirational demonstration for Takapuna Rocal Art Club Members, on a cold and blustery winter's day in July 2023.

Seven cheery designs were created. Lisa shared the mechanics of her structures, in some cases being able to reinvent the design in a different and innovative way. She chose colourful complementary flowers to match her forms, as well as some plant materials from her extensive

garden, inland from Maramara in the Thames Valley.

We enjoyed getting to hear of Lisa's background and wouldn't have guessed she was originally from Australia.

Lisa very ably judged our competition designs for the day to the title of 'Elevate the Everyday' - an Assemblage. She excelled in giving thorough and helpful comments in her critique to the members.

Thank you Lisa for your generosity of spirit and bringing us a creative ray of sunshine, we thoroughly enjoyed your visit.

Ger Nieman

TRANSPARENCY

A DEMONSTRATION WITH KATHRYN SIMMONDS

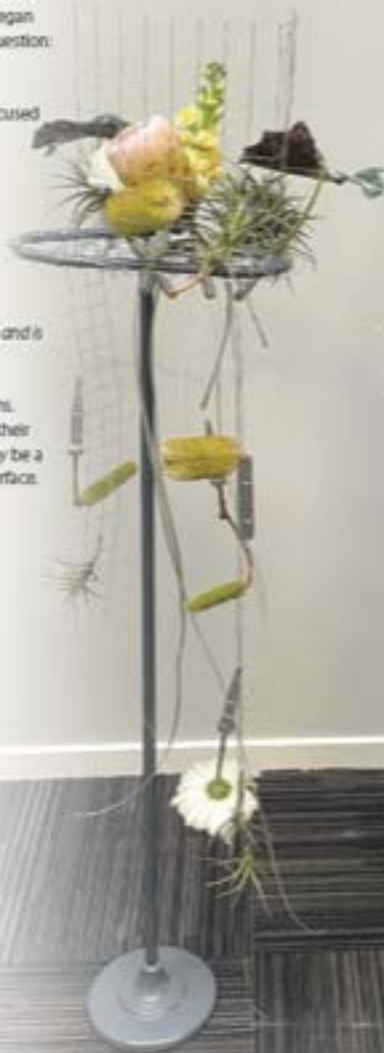
Kathryn Simmonds, who is a member of the Palmerston North Floral Art Club, was invited to do a teaching demonstration on Transparency for the Darneville and the Palmerston North clubs. Kathryn began her demonstration by asking the question: **What is Transparency?**

She gave the Flair definition and focused on the keywords in bold below:

Transparency – The quality within a design which allows visibility of components through one or more planes or through the use of space. (Flair)

The word 'plane' has a Flair definition and is relevant to this study:

Plane – A surface of two dimensions. Planes create depth in a design by their directional movement. A plane may be a shape, flat, and/or have a textural surface. (Flair)



LET'S MAKE THINGS BEAUTIFUL

A DEMONSTRATION WITH LIZ GROGAN



On a wintry day in late July, Bay of Plenty Area Floral Art members got together in Opoiki to showcase their designs, catch up with friends and watch an inspiring demonstration by Opoiki's Liz Grogan.

The theme for the day and for Liz's demonstration was 'Together, Let's Make Things Beautiful'. This came about because the day was being hosted by McLaren Falls Floral Designers and Opoiki Floral Art Group.

Liz was assisted by her daughter Tina and best friend Sue. The demonstration started with the introduction of Rene

Taraiiona, a contemporary Korowai that Liz and friends had woven for her great grandpa's wedding. The korowai depicted a dragonfly and Liz made a head from pinned leaves and lily stalks.

The second design was 'Seven Sisters' created from cardboard-covered bangles and Proteas.

For another design Liz had woven 'Star-catchers' from Nikau Palm fronds and these were filled with Leucadendrons and lilies.

'Falling Stars' was a design staged on a towel rail which Liz had covered with woven flax and inserted hanging calla

lilies. Two metal orbs were filled with foliage, pikopiko and flowers. Liz joined these orbs with lilies cascading from one to the other to represent McLaren Falls.

The finale of the demonstration thrilled the audience with a light show depicting the Milky Way and Liz's beautiful storytelling connecting all the designs.

Mia Hipman

