Parlour Show Report for February 2024

Amazing that six people found 20 things growing to show us. It was an un-judged show so there were two Peoples' Choice winners. Cynthia Tandy won us over with her very big snowdrops to win for favourite flower, and Sylvia Alderson won favourite edible for a very big, perfect Meyer lemon. Congratulations ladies! Thanks to everyone who participated.

Next month the categories are:

- 1.St. Patrick's Day Woodland Wonderland Arrangement
- 2. Narcissi 1 stem
- 3. Any other spring flower –1 stem
- 4. Selection of 5 different spring flowers in a container
- 5.Heather
- 6.Any flowering branch, 1 stem
- 7. Hellebore- 1 stem
- 8. Produce, I large or 3 small on a plate
- 9. Open, JUDGED -
- 10. Open, UN-JUDGED

We are: Lynn Nash, Marg Kirkpatrick, Jan Dew, Della Garvin, Bonita Elliott, and Janet Cram your Parlour Show Committee

Hot Hort Hint

We had a lively discussion about how to start, grow and store yams. You can start them in water like and avocado pit, or start them half submerged in soil. They need only warmth until they are sprouted and light afterwards. Some pot them up once they have sprouted and others keep them in water until planting out in mid-May when the soil is warm enough. Thanks to Aasa for her tip on curing them in a very warm place for a week before storing them like you would a potato. Members are having success with growing these. Linda Gilkeson says it is wise to grow the things that are more expensive. Thanks to all who shared their hints. Now is the time to start them so, I hope others will pick up a few organic sweet potatoes and give it a go!