

JUDY ELDRED

Judy was awarded lifelong membership this year in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the floristry class over 10 years. Health problems mid-year caused cancellation of her classes and although now recovered, she has decided that this is a good time to retire.

Judy has had a loyal following of dedicated students who will all miss their weekly session with her, creating their own floral arrangements under her expert guidance. Feedback from her students indicate that she is a lovely person, and a terrific teacher. She is extremely talented with a rare artistic gift for floristry. Her classes were always well organised but pleasant with a friendly chatty atmosphere as she patiently helped with the creations of the individual floral masterpieces. Most importantly, Judy's great sense of humour meant that classes were not only creative but fun for all.

Judy came to our U3A without previous experience as a teacher, but quickly found that she had a talent for it in this environment. Her lifelong love of flowers and natural artistic ability together with experience in the industry provided the ideal opportunity for those seeking something different from their U3A experience.

Class members have expressed disappointment in the finish of the class but they appreciated the friendly times they spent with her and the rest of the class. She is held in very high esteem and deserves the highest accolade according to one of her students. As well as keeping in touch from time to time, students will be able to remember her in future when they put their floristry skills to work for their own pleasure.

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