Flower Arranging II Group

October After Dark: Autumn’s Wild Side

October saw our Flower Arranging II Group embrace the darker, more dramatic side of the autumn garden, with a creative challenge to produce sophisticated Halloween-inspired arrangements, without a spooky decoration in sight!

Members were offered inspiration through six contrasting design styles, from *The Gothic Garden* and *Shadows and Silhouettes* to *Old Masters Autumn* and *The Enchanted Woodland*. Guidance explored rich seasonal colour palettes, unusual containers, twisting branches, architectural seedheads, berries and the last blooms of autumn.

The results were quite spectacular! Members interpreted the brief with remarkable individuality, creating everything from elegant minimalist displays and abundant woodland arrangements to dramatic floral sculptures and imaginative Halloween centrepieces.

Golden chrysanthemums, jewel-coloured dahlias, weathered foliage, delicate grasses and sculptural branches were transformed into wonderful compositions, many using materials gathered from gardens and hedgerows.

What made the session particularly rewarding was seeing how differently everyone interpreted the same inspiration. There was creativity, experimentation and plenty of shared ideas, proving that autumn's fading garden still has extraordinary beauty to offer.

A fabulous celebration of seasonal imagination, with everyone bringing their own interpretation of Autumn's Wild Side!