

**WALTHAM GARDENERS' SOCIETY
and Surrounding Villages**

**Floral Art Suggestions for the Annual Show
by Margaret Gibbs - Tuesday 11th July.**

Margaret took as her theme the various classes in this year's Floral Art Section of the forthcoming show and started with "The Garden of Eden".

Margaret had prepared a base with a branch of an apple tree to which she had fixed a block of oasis and with short pieces of crab apple branches with green fruits proceeded to build a complete tree.

At the other end of the base using *Veronicastrum*, *Verbena Bonariensis* and *Artemesia* as a framework she then added scented flowers including *Fresias*, *Honeysuckle*, *Roses*, *Wild Carrot* and *Penstemon* to produce her own "Garden of Eden".

Her second arrangement on the theme of "Sunset Surprise" was backed by a striking photo of a sunset in front of which she built a vibrant display using stems of fire blackened heather as a framework and spikes of *Artemesia*, *Veronicastrum*, *Verbena*, *Penstemon* and *Centaurea*.

Margaret's arrangement "from her own garden" was a beautiful riot of colour from every imaginable flower including *Roses*, *Penstemon*, *Sedum* and *Zinnias* and *Anthrimums*.

Margaret finally got everyone working producing a buttonhole using an ivy leaf, a daisy and a corn stalk. She quickly produced an example and then left everyone to try their hand whilst she produced a basket filled with assorted flowers from her garden.

The audience was keenly attentive throughout Margaret's demonstration clearly getting ideas for their own creations for the show.