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Message from the President: Elspeth Westby



It may be too late to say “Happy New Year” but many of our gardening volunteers have just returned from their winter hibernation so it seems appropriate! There was a great turnout to our first week of coffee mornings hosted by the Board. Thanks to **Donalda** and her tireless crew for setting out the delicious treats and decorating for St. Patrick’s Day. So good to see everyone!

Thanks to **Victoria** who took in membership fees and to **Sandra, Patty** and **Barb** who helped with clothing sale orders. The Cottage was a happening place! As I write, the atmospheric river is pouring down creating puddles and rivulets on pathways but **SPRING IS HERE!** The gardens are slowly presenting their beauty: the early bulbs have emerged in splendour with the mild winter we have had, the camellias along the service entrance and pathways are spectacular .

The *sarcococca* are emitting their gorgeous fragrance and early rhododendrons, and other bushes and trees, have all added to the joy in walking about.

Our winter volunteers have rehabilitated the various elderly rhododendrons and, if you notice, new shoots are emerging from the lower branches and will soon recover. Gardening requires patience with budding excitement

The Victorian Rose Garden volunteers have worked on good days over the winter tweaking and lovingly caring for their bushes. A few trees were removed or thinned just south of the rose garden to allow more light so let’s watch how the roses – and volunteers – respond! The Sunken Rose Garden was closed as moss did not get cleared as planned and was dangerous to the public and volunteers., It should open soon. We’ll help this garden get caught up. Con’t

Do not be afraid to give up the good to go for the great. - John D. Rockefeller

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Message from the President (con't)

As part of our Tree Management Plan, to give them much-needed care, the “rewilding” of the horseshoe parking lot’s huge beech trees will start soon. It will be an inconvenience to those who enjoyed parking there, yet we will be pleased to see these unique old trees revitalized.

The Museum group is planning another amazing year. We look forward to seeing their efforts after the May long weekend. This year it will celebrate Abkhazi Gardens 70th anniversary with the gorgeous gowns of Princess Peggy - including three new ballgowns; have fun with the 1920’s fabulous beaded gowns; pay tribute to the nurses of WWI and WWII; as well as honour the Legion’s 100th anniversary.

We all look forward to working together and getting caught up with each other.

That’s the joy of volunteering on the Government House Estate!!

2025 Volunteer Hours

It never ceases to amaze everyone of just how many hours our many volunteers spend to keep the Government House Estate looking wonderful and welcoming for visitors.

As well as the gardeners themselves, many behind-the-scenes volunteers work to keep the place running smoothly and seamlessly.

Here’s a look at what you, our faithful volunteers, have contributed:

Garden volunteers: approximately 16,800 hours

Non-garden volunteers- approximately 8,420.

For a total of nearly 26,000 hours!

At a pay rate of \$20 per hour, your efforts have saved the House \$504,400!!

Never doubt that your efforts are not appreciated or noted. You are a tremendous asset to Government House!

Thank YOU!



Dear Friends and Volunteers,

With the arrival of spring, there is a renewed sense of energy and anticipation across the gardens at Government House. As always, we begin by extending our sincere thanks to each of you for your continued dedication, care, and enthusiasm. Your contributions, across every season, are deeply valued and truly make a difference.

After the quieter winter months, it is wonderful to see life returning to the gardens. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back outdoors and to another vibrant season at the Mews. There is much to anticipate in the months ahead, including the reopening of the Tea Room shortly after the May long weekend, where it will once again serve as a gathering place for visitors through to the September long weekend.

We are also pleased to confirm that the much-loved Free Concerts on the Lawn series will return this July. These events are always a highlight of the summer and a wonderful way to bring the community together in celebration of the gardens and all they offer.

This year, the Artistree Festival will take a pause, as its dedicated organizers take a well-earned break from the considerable effort required to bring such a complex and successful event to life. We are grateful for all they have accomplished and are pleased to share their intention to return next year.

Their Honours remain fully engaged and enthusiastic about the season ahead. They very much look forward to seeing many of you back in the gardens and join in expressing heartfelt thanks for your incredible support throughout the winter months. Whether as flower arrangers, tour guides, coat checkers, ushers, or in other roles, you helped welcome thousands of guests and ensured a warm and memorable experience for all.

We would also like to recognize the important work undertaken over the winter in the gardens themselves. The rhododendron rejuvenation efforts have been outstanding, and necessary tree removals have helped ensure the safety of all who visit. In addition, the refreshed interior of the Friends Cottage is a welcome improvement and a testament to the care taken in maintaining these special spaces. Thanks Tania!

As we look ahead, there is shared excitement for the first harvests from the vegetable patch and for reconnecting at the upcoming Tool's Up reception, a fitting celebration of all that has been accomplished and all that lies ahead.

On a personal note, I was both surprised and delighted by the kind response to my recent talk as part of the 2026 Lecture Series. I would be very happy to do so again should the opportunity arise.

Thank you once again for everything you do. Wishing you all a wonderful spring, and I look forward to seeing you in the gardens soon.

With warm and floral regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeremy Brownridge".

Jeremy Brownridge
Private Secretary to the
Lieutenant Governor



The Role of Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia directly represents the King of Canada

The Lieutenant Governor is appointed by the Governor General acting by, and with, the advice of the King's Privy Council for Canada. Lieutenant Governors are normally appointed for a period of not less than five years.

The Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia directly represents the King of Canada, who is the legal Head of State in British Columbia.

As such, the Lieutenant Governor acts as chief public representative and has the highest-ranking position in the provincial government. The Governor General represents the King in Canada.



Vice-Regal Role

- Represents the Crown as Chief Executive Officer during state and ceremonial events.
- Acts as the vice-regal host for distinguished guests to British Columbia.
- Perpetuates the traditional bond between the Crown and the Canadian Forces and uniformed services across British Columbia.
- Supports an ongoing relationship between the Crown and the Indigenous Peoples of British Columbia and represents His Majesty at appropriate events and ceremonies.

Constitutional Role

- Ensures the continued existence of government in the Province of British Columbia.
- Selects a First Minister as Premier of the province.
- Appoints and administers the Oaths of Office, Allegiance and Confidentiality to the Premier and members of the Executive Council.
- Summons, prorogues and dissolves the Legislature.
- Delivers the Speech from the Throne.
- Provides Royal Assent to provincial legislation.
- Signs orders-in-council, proclamations and other official documents before they have the force of law.
- Presents Bills by Message into the Legislature when they involve taxation or expenditure of public money.

Celebratory Role

- Recognizes distinguished British Columbians by presenting orders, decorations and medals, including prestigious award programs that carry the name of the Lieutenant Governor.
- Provides personal patronage to support and encourage worthy endeavors focused on public service, philanthropy, the arts and community volunteerism.
- Hosts and attends celebrations and social events to connect British Columbians.
- Showcases the heritage, art and culture of the province while hosting members of the Royal Family, heads of state, ambassadors, consuls general and other distinguished visitors.

My religion is very simple. My religion is kindness.

- Dalai Lama

The Role of Lieutenant Governor (con't)

Promotional Role

- Profiles the accomplishments of British Columbians through prestigious award programs that carry the name of the Lieutenant Governor.
- Welcomes guests to Government House, its grounds and gardens. As the ceremonial home of all British Columbians and a National Historic Site, it is a destination point for visitors and garden enthusiasts.
- Supports programs to educate and inculcate respect for the history, culture and achievements of British Columbians.
- Inspires a sense of duty to protect the legacy of British Columbia's multicultural history.
- Champions the development of a new shared history for the people of British Columbia through respect, reconciliation, and unity.

The Crown and Indigenous Peoples

The relationship between the Crown and Indigenous peoples in British Columbia is ever-evolving and is an important focus of the Lieutenant Governor. The Lieutenant Governor honours Indigenous traditions and heritage, including elements such as ceremonial protocol and acknowledgment of traditional territories, and promotion of the vibrant and diverse cultures of the First Nations, Inuit and Métis in British Columbia to the rest of Canada, and on an international level. The Lieutenant Governor supports a dialogue of Reconciliation and respect, and participates in events and the promotion of public participation in this ongoing journey.

One of the Lieutenant Governor's priority programs of her mandate is the BC Reconciliation Award, which recognizes those who have demonstrated exceptional leadership, integrity, respect and commitment to furthering Reconciliation with Indigenous peoples in the province of BC.

The British Columbia Reconciliation Award draws inspiration from the work of the Honourable Steven Point [Xwě lī qwě l tě l], 28th Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, and a founder of the Award. His hand-carved red cedar canoe, Shxwtitostel, currently on display at the BC Legislature buildings, was created as a symbol of Reconciliation, with the understanding that "we are all in the same canoe" and must "paddle together" to move forward.

Keep up with Her Honour's activities by following her on Facebook at:

www.facebook.com/BCLieutenantGovernor

In Memorium

Government House was honoured to host a celebration of the life of Mr. **Thomas Ashley Chester**, known fondly and with great respect as "His Honour" during the seven year mandate of his wife and beloved companion, the Honourable Janet Austin, 30th Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia.

Throughout his life, Mr. Chester was devoted to service, through a career at BC Housing and a youth filled with activism in the pursuit of social justice. As the Vice Regal consort, he was a steady presence at Government House, often seen side stage at events with the venerable Macduff, "Vice Regal Canine Companion", at his feet. Quiet, with a wry sense of humour, and deeply intellectual, Mr. Chester was also known for his skill at golf and his voracious appetite for books of all kind.



In-House Flower Designers

The flower arrangements in this issue of the Cary Bulletin are designed by the In-House Floral Designers led by volunteers **Audrey van Osterhout and Lynne Thompson.**

Last November, they volunteered 21 hours planning flowers for 60 arrangements (21 hours) for the Government House Foundation Gala. They were then joined by 10 more volunteers to work over five days (118 hours) to assemble the arrangements.

There are two photos of six different arrangements from the Gala at the end of this bulletin.

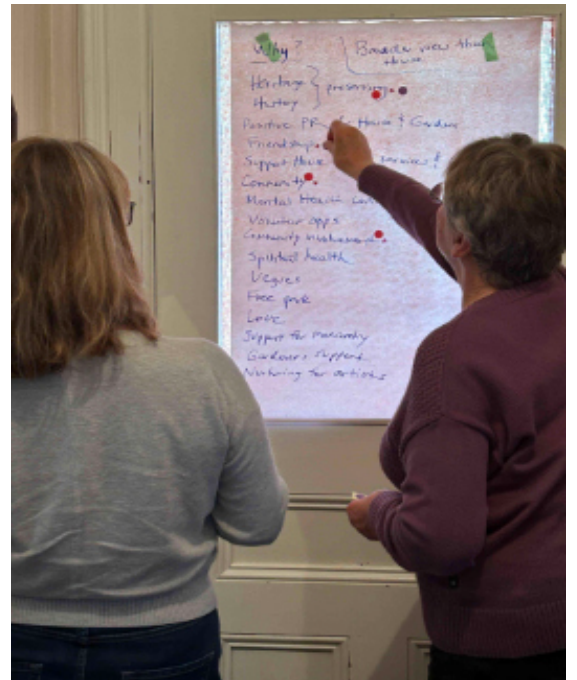
Many outside volunteers never see their creations nor realize they are hard at work below the ballroom. Bravo to everyone on this team!



“It’s good to leave each day behind, like flowing water, free of sadness. Yesterday is gone and its tale told. Today new seeds are growing.” - Rumi

Strategic Planning for the Volunteer Coordinators and the Board of Directors

The Board held two sessions led by Thomas Esakin to gather information from the Non-Gardening and Gardening Coordinators in November..



This was a wonderful experience for the Board as members got to hear first-hand from all the groups.

Lori Rilkoﬀ, who worked with the Board as an advisor, took retreat photos.



The Friends Archive Team

Allow me to introduce our teamWe are the FGHGS Archivists.

We all jumped on board when a request was sent out for volunteers .. We took over from Sue Baptie in March of 2025.

We meet once a week either in the House or the Cottage, to review the files. We have assumed the care and management of the Cottage's exceptional library .

We are currently creating detailed records of each item and digitizing the holdings which will keep them safer and more accessible in the future .

It has been great fun discovering Friends history from 1992 to today.

We have many ideas for the Archives and look forward to sharing them.

From left: Liz Rowe, Marian Moore, Janet Wetter and Susie Bannerman.

Board Hosted Coffee Morning

Volunteers were kept busy in March Friendly Coat Checkers and Ushers staffed a series of Long Service Award dinners in the House. Audrey and her talented Floral Design team made sure the tables looked lovely for these events.

The Cottage Coffee Mornings crew, assisted by Board members, hosted the first event of the year at the Cottage on March 17 and 19.



Sheila, Stella, and Ann helped set up the display of goodies for the Board hosted Coffee Mornings

Treasures from the Archives By Nancy Kostyrka



There are certain items in the Government House Archives that hint at what life must have been like here in the last century when lavish entertaining was the norm. Invitations to luncheons, garden parties, teas, dinners and balls give a tantalizing glimpse of those times.

If you were lucky enough to be on the guest list for a Government House social event, you would have received an engraved personal invitation embellished with the Vice Regal crest in the mail. It would often have included the name of the guest of honour (visiting foreign dignitaries, members of the Royal Family, or notable politicians).

Not many of these invitations survived the fire of 1957, so our Archives contains only those that were generously donated by local families who kept them as treasured mementos and then returned them. To date, we have received, and been able to digitize, more than 100 pre-1957 invitations which would otherwise have been lost forever.

Lieutenant Governor Robert Bruce, Prince Henry of Gloucester and Helen Mackenzie.

If you look closely at this invitation, for a ball given in honour of the Governor General of Canada on April 13, 1928, you will notice something unique. It reads 'The Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia and Miss Mackenzie ...' 'Miss Mackenzie' refers to Helen Mackenzie who, along with her sister Margaret, were the only Government House Chatelaines who were not wives.

When Robert Bruce, was appointed Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia in 1926, he was a widower. He called on his 21-year-old niece to travel from Scotland to take on the role. Helen stated when interviewed years later that she readily agreed, "As it was an adventure which very few young ladies would ever have the chance to undertake."



She arrived by ship in St. John, New Brunswick in February 1926 and crossed Canada by train, arriving in Victoria in early March. Over the next four years Helen proved supremely equal to the task. She acted as hostess at social functions, met daily with the cook to discuss menus, and served as her uncle's secretary. Since her uncle was legally blind, Helen served as his "eyes." She read correspondence to him and cued him with the names of attendees during public events. Helen hosted the **Prince of Wales, the Duke of Kent, Winston Churchill, and Prince Henry of Gloucester** (see photo) among many others during her time as Chatelaine.

Helen relinquished her role when she married on February 14, 1930. Her sister Margaret took on the role. Helen lived a long, happy life in England and died at the age of 96.

If you are wanting to know more about the "Mackenzie Sisters" they will be featured in the Costume Museum Chatelaine display this summer.

Government House Woodlands Strategy

Woodlands activity has been guided by an evolving five-year strategic plan for the past 30 years. However, some exciting recent developments have motivated the management team to meet during the winter to both celebrate our progress, and to explore opportunities to better align our strategy with some local, national, and international programs that designate the Government House grounds as a core natural area.

These programs include natural areas management at the municipal and regional district level, the national Nature Hood initiative that seeks to enhance backyard biodiversity, and the current effort that hopes to have the Victoria area become an Urban Biosphere Region within the UNESCO program. Our Tree Management Plan has elevated our awareness of the value of our trees and given us the information and the tools to better allocate resources required for their maintenance.



The first is the new image obtained last year from a drone operated by UVic cooperator Roger Stephen. The second was taken by Catherine Kerr and depicts Janet Renouf weeding a restoration area below the wash house.)



The Woodlands crew works within five strategic objectives to protect and enhance the Garry oak ecosystem along with the drier rock outcrops and the wetter trembling aspen grove. The crew does the following: :

- **Conservation:** Control the long-established invasive species like Himalayan blackberry, Scotch broom, and English ivy. Work to eradicate toxic invasives like poison hemlock and emerging threats like dwarf nettle and lesser celandine.
- **Restoration:** Improve the Lookout demonstration garden that features native plants in a cultivated situation and another area near the Butterworth cottage that includes the wetter habitat downstream from the historic wooden flume.
- **Education:** Build on recent success hosting secondary school groups by identifying meaningful tasks and providing enough information and techniques to make a real difference. There is also an opportunity to better liaise with like-minded groups to improve our own techniques. We hope to enhance visitor experiences by improving our current interpretive signage.
- **Research:** Work with the newly formed information teams to make our important documents more readily accessible in digital form. Gather a database of species both wanted and unwanted, their locations, and the treatments that we have used to establish or control them. If we can create simple protocols for monitoring - (take a photo, drop a pin, add a description, upload to a web-based repository) we can take a great leap forward in adaptive management.
- **Spirituality:** The Woodlands will continue to provide quiet and soothing respite opportunities from the increasing chaos that surrounds us.
- **Spirituality:** The Woodlands will continue to provide hundreds of visitors opportunities for a quiet and soothing respite from the increasing chaos that surrounds us.

Parking Changes

There are changes coming to the gravel parking area known as the 'horseshoe.'

Several significant trees on GH grounds were evaluated for their overall health and mitigation measures needed were identified to prevent the premature loss of trees showing signs of stress or decline. The assessment determined that the beech trees located in the horseshoe are struggling.

The results were reviewed by representatives of GH and the Friends who together, form the Garden Management Board (GMB). Certified arborists recommended reducing pressure on their root systems to support recovery.

After careful consideration, the GMB decided to remove vehicle parking from the horseshoe, resulting in the loss of 10 parking spaces.

The gravel parking area will be revitalized and rewilded to support new plantings and natural regeneration. This approach will give the beech, and surrounding trees, the best possible chance of survival by protecting their root systems.

This work began on Monday, March 23, 2026.



Before and after pics of the start of "rewilding" in the former horseshoe parking lot! From right to left is Bryce Fleck, Brian Rogers and Bryan Westby.



Rhododendron revitalization

Pearkes Peak volunteers under the guidance of Valerie and Brian help with the rejuvenation of the rhododendrons at the corner south of the Victorian Rose Garden.

Fresh plantings have since been added and trees were limbed or removed to give the garden more sunshine for their lovely roses.

"A garden is a grand teacher. It teaches patience and careful watchfulness; it teaches industry and thrift; above all, it teaches entire trust."

- Gertrude Jekyll

Garden Tour Volunteers Needed

The Garden Tour program is looking for one or two more people to join Leslie, Janet, Julia, and Gerry.. There were 51 garden tours which raised more than \$5,000 last year, all of which went to supporting the FGHS. Tours, generally one-hour long, are \$15 per person, booked in advance.

We can't stress enough that you don't need to be a plant expert to lead these tours! You require only a general knowledge of the property, the gardens, and the FGHS. New volunteers will be mentored. Enthusiasm is the most important part of this job! If you feel passionate about the gardens when you're talking to the tour guests, they will feel it. You should be comfortable sharing knowledge in an engaging way. The current tour guides have detailed speaking notes that you can use as is or adapt to your own style already prepared.

When guiding tours, be attentive and respectful to everyone, ensure that everyone can see and hear well and is as safe and comfortable as possible.

New guides would follow along on a few tours with an experienced guide until comfortable taking a group on their own.

If you are at all interested or have any questions, please contact Leslie Simpson at Flowerspinkandblue@gmail.com . "I am happy to talk to you about my experience as a tour guide and why I find it so rewarding," says Leslie.



New Pool Fencing

The pool garden volunteers explained the difficulty, frustration, and danger of trying to keep this garden lovely for Her Honour during the strategic planning session with the garden volunteers in November.

The primary issue: the deer who had made this their home were constantly eating the plants, leaving their droppings everywhere, and the huge bucks were dangerous to be around during the fall rutting season.,

Now this gorgeous fence has been erected and the gardeners are elated! Thanks go to the House staff.



Duck Pond Clean-Up

Theresa in red with Iain and Bryan, helped drag the box onto the rocks. Three old boxes were used for pond lilies years ago. These will be replaced with fresh pond lilies after the pond is cleaned. On the right, Howard stands guard after loaning his shovel.

The Godfrey Steps on the Terraces by Nigel Godfrey

Only a few areas remained on Government House grounds in need of restoration by 2000. George Radford, appointed gardens supervisor by Lieutenant Governor Dr. David Lam, had already overseen huge improvements to the gardens at the front of the House. Phoebe Noble, also appointed by Dr. Lam, had assembled a group of skilled volunteers. At the rear of the House, the Terraces lay largely abandoned. The fire department had declared the area a potential fire hazard. George recognized an opportunity when he saw it and set about restoring the area.

George, Alison Leamy, and Margot Harrison were soon joined by Ross Flint, Arther Timms, and me, a group which Iona Campanolo nicknamed “the Terracites.” When free from their other responsibilities, John Ruitenbeek and Bruce Gibson-Bean joined in. George drew up lists of drought-tolerant plants and prepared a layout of paths across the steep slope. We soon discovered that deer had populated the area and were running rampant.



One particular spot on the Terraces caught George’s imagination. He visualized stone steps connecting an upper and lower path alongside a dry arroyo. Thus, what was to become the ‘Godfrey Steps’ was born.

The dry arroyo feature proved to be unworkable but, with Lieutenant Governor Iona Campanolo’s encouragement, it was later built as a water feature at the north end of the Terraces near the chauffeur’s cottage.

Rocks from around the property, mostly from the Terraces, and the Woodlands, to which additional rocks were supplied from local masonry outlets, were assembled for constructing the steps. Costs allocated by the Friends’ Board to this part of the garden were kept within budget.

We laid out the steps in a wide sweeping design permitted by the available space and bordered on each side by flowerbeds. By 2002, we had completed the build to which we added a semi-circular patio at the bottom end that connected with a lane we rebuilt leading up from the Lookout. Pipe Major John Mager stood on the top step and ‘officially’ piped the Steps ‘open.’ The Lieutenant Governor decided to allow public access to the Terraces in in 2005.

The first phase of George’s plans to restore the Terraces was complete. Other restoration projects followed after George died in 2005.

*“Be as smart as you can,
but remember that it is
always better to be wise
than to be smart.”*

-Alan Alda



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7. Bevel Edge Barber Scissors	\$15.00per inch
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12. Hatchet	\$8.00 each
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18. Hand Hedge & Grass Trimmer	\$12.00 each
19. Dematt Comb	\$12.00 each
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22. Chisel & Serger Blade	\$4.00 each
23. Rotary Blade	\$5.00 each
24. Round Pizza Cutter	\$3.00 each



Rockland 2

Valerie supervises while Lauren looks on as two contractors transfer plants to Rockland 2



Camellias along the service entrance.

Spring Garden Tour for Members

While this tour is for members only, if you have a friend or family member who is considering being a garden volunteer, they are invited to join as we are trying to recruit more gardeners

The tours, which will last 45 - 60 minutes, will be held Sunday April 12 at both 10 and 11 a.m. To register, please email Leslie Simpson at Flowerspinkandblue@gmail.com specifying your preferred time.

Please provide Leslie with the name and email address of your guest if you bring a friend interested in being a volunteer gardener.



Karol doing spring cleanup around George Radford's bench.



The Herb Garden Ladies left to right - Gayle, Nancy, and Ann.



Peri under one of the few arbutus trees on the property.



Coordinator Laura with her favourite little gardening tool.



Tom, on loan from Pearkes Peak helping the Terraces' Patty, prune



Howard from Pearkes Peak helping the Terraces prune and repair rock walls.



Clockwise from front left: Liisa, Linda, Raynette, Trudy, Kate and Don from The English Country Garden enjoying their first break together this year - in the sun!

In Memorium

Bella Muholland

1938 - 2026



Born Isabella Turnidge in Elgin, Scotland in 1938, Bella was a caring sister to her two younger brothers Staffy and Eddie. She moved to Aberdeen to qualify as a registered nurse and married Alastair Mulholland. They immigrated to Canada in 1966, and settled in Victoria. . Bella worked as a nurse and turned her hand to bookkeeper as well as learning to net a big salmon when the opportunity arose.

An ever-loving Mom, keen gardener, Ikebana enthusiast, and selfless, big-hearted knitter for charity, Bella touched every life she met with kindness and care. She loved to play mahjong for pennies with friends and create impressive floral displays with the Victoria Floral Artist Guild.

'The best portion of your life will be the small, nameless moments you spend smiling with someone who matters to you.'

- Ritu Ghatourey

Quah Siew Keen

1938 - 2026

Quah Siew Keen was a research scientist, and educator. She passed away at the Victoria Hospice on the February 8, 2026 at age 87 .

She was born in the poverty and chaos of Kampar, Malaysia in 1938 to Liu GuoYin and his wife Zhang Zhi Chun and adopted by Quah Eng Chuan and his wife Khoo Kheng Chin. Both families were important to her education, welfare, and in her heart.

Quah was a Friends volunteer for many years and headed up the Rotary International Garden gardening group.



My wish for you is that you continue - continue - to be who and how you are, to astonish a mean world with your acts of kindness.

- Maya Angelou



A sample of some of the 60 floral arrangements done for the Foundation's Gala last November made by the In-House Floral Designers

