Storrington Horticulture Society February 2023 meeting report

A well attended meeting welcomed the South Downs Film Makers who provided us with an insight into film production from choosing the location and subject for the film, adding a sound track to the final editing of the film.

Founded in 1989 as an armature film making club they aim to make all types films from dramas, comedies, documentaries as well as slide shows. They meet in Ferring at the village hall on the 3rd Wednesday of each month details of membership can be obtained from Bob Summers on

 01903 504.

At the meeting we were shown a varied number of films illustrating their film making activities these included

**Sheffield Park** illustrating the wonderful landscaping of the gardens together with the way the seasons affect them bringing wonderful changes in both colours and types wild life that these bring.

We then had the delight of watching a Starling murmuration which was taken in Norfolk.

All the films shown had an interest for gardeners from the varied types of plants and trees shown to location and the seasonal changing habits of the wild life throughout the year .

Another of those shown entitled ‘**Arundel a Walk Through Time’** gave the varied history of Arundel with the Port and its importance to the town with the deliveries of coal for its gas works and shipping stone from the local quarries. The castle has long been a focal point of the town with its connection to the Duke of Norfolk and more recently the town has become a popular tourist destination with the growing number of visitors and tourists visiting the town and enjoying not only the location but also the varied selection of independent shops and restaurants.

To balance this we watched a film showing scenes from **Devon and Cornwall** closing with a glimpse of Looe that very attractive fishing village in Cornwall.

The last film shown was their most recently made entitled ‘The Festive Flame’ for which they have won an award for its excellence and features the way Poinsettia’s are grown by a company in Ferring from the initial propagation in February to their development and care to the final stunning red plant which is then available and distributed from October onwards to a wide number of retail outlets including Garden Centers, Super markets, Florists etc for public sale.

The presentation finished with two amusing short comedy films,

The evening ended with light refreshments and a raffle. Our next meeting is at the Storrington Village Hall at on Friday March 17th our guest speaker will be Alex New from Highdown Gardens plant heritage and will be talking about ‘ Pioneering on chalk’.

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