



CHESHIRE AREA OF NAFAS

Members' Newsletter

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Hello everyone.

Typical, isn't it? We were wishing for rain to water the garden when the last newsletter went out and here we are, umbrellas at the ready Yes – this is a British summer!

In this issue, we have a final round up of National Flower Arranging Day designs, get out and about in Goostrey and of course celebrate the success of the Area Show at the Royal Cheshire County Show. September sees more design talent in close proximity as the Interflora World Cup comes to Manchester. Check out our 'Autumn Events' section for our next workshop session, judges and demonstrator days plus our AGM plans (all welcome). Also, some exciting news in 'News from National'.

Happy reading!

You are receiving this newsletter because you are the named Club contact or have subscribed individually. Please share this newsletter with as many members as possible – thank you.

NATIONAL FLOWER ARRANGING DAY



.....WHAT DID YOU CREATE?

We are pleased to feature the remaining floral designs created by our talented members, bringing pleasure to others by sharing our love of floral art.

Rural Chester made the local press with their creation in celebration of the Coronation – stunning!



Disley showcased their design in the local church and the bouquet (complete with vase) was picked up by a lady at the British Legion in Poynton



Out & About in Goostrey

Dorothy Monks, Joan Wilkinson and Clare Downing from Goostrey Flower Club created this lovely dairy themed installation in the gardens at The Orchards Farm (Bidlea Dairy) earlier in June as part of Goostrey Open Gardens. Over 700 people attended the event on behalf of the East Cheshire Hospice, which included a tour around 15 different gardens in the village.

Hopefully as a result of all the literature provided to interested visitors, the club should attract more new members once again this year.



[Editor's Note – Fabulous Ladies. Love the stile and the milk churn!]

SHOWTIME

The 'Theatre of Flowers' at the Royal Cheshire County Show certainly didn't disappoint! Huge congratulations to the 'Flower Tent Team' – Carol, Sylvia, Ann F, Jenny, Ann S, Ruth, Maureen and Tracy-Anne. Absolutely stunning floral designs of the highest standard were admired by over 2,000 visitors to the marquee at the Tabley showground in June. For those of you not able to visit this year, head to the Area website www.nafascheshire.org.uk to see all the designs, results and

winners. Thank you to Pam Mosedale (Lymm Floral Art Group) for getting up at the crack of dawn on 20th June (before the show opened) to take all the photos and also at the prizegiving. As always, our website manager Mike stepped up to the challenge to get everything published asap. Thanks a lot – much appreciated. Here are a few extras from the show.....

Staging (in a very warm marquee!)....



Denise & Joan – concentrating hard (& won a 1st)

Joan could enjoy competing without being co-chair this year



Welcoming visitors (and members to our Publicity Area).....



Stewarding were Kate and Val
(both from Hale Barns Flower Club)



Our Area Publicity corner – introducing visitors to
‘Creating a Tablescape’



Tablescapes created by; a budding young ‘designer’ and also Beeston Young Farmers



Our ‘Children’s Hands On’ team headed up by Ruth



Show Team 2023 – at the end of a very successful show. Exhausted but happy!



A visit from the ‘officials’:

Left: Alan Ford (Chairman of Cheshire Agricultural Society) with his wife Jane

Right: Alan Newton (President of Cheshire Agricultural Society for 2023) with his wife Chris

**CAN Team – Can you help?
PLEASE**

The CAN Team (or to give it its full title; Cheshire Area of NAFAS Team) currently comprises; our Area Chair (Louise Jones), Area Secretary (Morag McCord), Area Treasurer (Tracy-Anne Clancy), Support Officers (Janet

Schofield & Jean Jones), Judges Representative (Sue Clissold), Demonstrators Representative (Beryl Cotton), Education Representative (Sharon Nolan), Young People’s Liaison (Judy Gratton), Cluster Leads who represent several Clubs (Anne Walton, David Mason, Collette Dunkley, Jean Jones, Tracy-Anne Clancy), Area Show Team (Carol Baker & Sylvia Bower).

This team works together to provide information to Clubs, organise / support events and training, provide a website (for all Clubs to use), actively pursue publicity opportunities, provide help and advice to clubs if required.

Are you looking for a new challenge? Do you have skills and experience that you would like to share? Are you a good team worker? Are you a good listener, communicator and good at planning. The CAN team is seeking new members (to be elected at the October AGM) to join the team, specifically; Administrator / Secretary, Events Leader, Education, Leadership & General Support. Are you able to help in some way? **We need your support to secure our future.** Nomination forms have been sent out to Clubs. Thank you.

Autumn Events 2023



You are invited to the
Cheshire Area AGM

5th October 2023 @ Frodsham Community Centre
plus Demonstration by Cherie Nummy (N Ireland)

Tickets for the demonstration (starting at 1.30pm) are £20 to include refreshments. Early bird offer of £15, if purchased before 31st August.

Apply to Treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk for your tickets. Non-members welcome to the demonstration. All Club members may attend the AGM (starting at 11am).

Stalls to browse and a chance to socialise. Please bring your own lunch.

See you there!



Cheshire Area – Demonstrators Certified Refresher Day

to be held at

Frodsham Community Centre, Fluin Lane, Frodsham, WA6 7QN

on SUNDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER, 2023 from 10 am to 3.15 pm

£20 per person

‘LET’S IMAGINE’

Open to Area and National Demonstrators along with any NAFAS member interested in demonstrating or considering training to become an Area Demonstrator.

SANDWICH LUNCH/REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED

(PLEASE ADVISE ANY ALLERGIES/DIETARY REQUIREMENTS)

If you are interested in booking a place on this day, please make contact with Beryl Cotton who will send you an application form with full details and programme for the day.

PHONE 077 101 32721 or email berylcotton06@gmail.com



Judges Discussion Meeting

with Sue Clissold & Pam Fleming -Williams

Saturday 14th October

@ Plumley Village Hall

£25 (lunch included)

To review the new Competitions Manual – event ideal for Judges, Competitors,
Schedule Writers.....

‘Save the Date’

ARE YOUR CLUB DETAILS UP TO DATE ON OUR AREA WEBSITE?

Would you please ensure your Club details are kept up to date on our Area website. Check at www.nafascheshire.co.uk or scan our new QR code which will take you straight to the website.



We will be using this QR code at the Interflora Show (see below) for anyone interested in visiting a Cheshire Club. The scanned code gives direct access to our Area website and your club details. Please make sure they are up to date. Mike, our website manager can help you mike.gallagher@btinternet.com

NEWS FROM NATIONAL



Great News ! A successful National Show achieving a financial surplus of £53,560. The 'Letter from Louise' (our Area Chair) says it all....

Good Morning Ladies and Gentlemen

As the next CAN Forum will not be for a while, I thought that I would send you an update on the National Show in Gloucester 2023.

For all of you who competed or helped out in any way - THANK YOU for all your hard work and putting Cheshire Area on the Map!

For those who didn't make it you missed a fabulous show - the place was buzzing.....there are photos of some of the exhibits in the Autumn Flower Arranger Magazine and many more on social media

- Nearly 250 competitors
- More than 100 awards
- 10 show judges
- 2 arbitrators
- 12 members of the show committee
- 9 demonstrations
- 3 talks
- 22 workshops
- 188 musicians providing entertainment,
- 1 stunning floral installation by Elizabeth Newcombe who will represent UK and Ireland at the Interflora World Cup in September

And finally the financials.....a surplus of £53,560!

Congratulations to the Show Team for all their hard work and to the Trustees for physically setting up the show - a mammoth task in itself. Give yourselves a huge pat on the back!

Best Wishes

Louise Jones - Cheshire Area Chairman

National have just announced the cost of the Flower Arranger for 2024 - £16. Club Flower Arranger representatives should have received the order form and delivery dates from Catherine.

Flower Arranger Magazine 2024

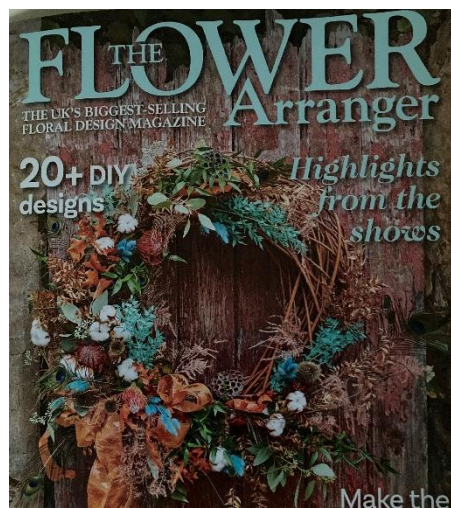
Order forms for 2024 magazines have been sent to Club Flower Arranger Representatives.

Price for 2024 is £16.

Would you like to order future copies of the 2023 magazine?

Contact Catherine on

flower.arranger@nafascheshire.org.uk



Autumn 2023 Flower Arranger is out now and includes photos from the National Show. Two designs featured were created by Cheshire Area members, Rita Roberts and Lousie Jones (page 26).

Meeting the National Team

Following the discussions held at our Club Representatives Forums in both April and July, the Cheshire Area Leadership team were invited to join a zoom meeting of the NAFAS Board on Friday 14th July at 11am. Included in the attendees were; Steven Lane (CEO), Katherine Kear (National Chair), Nicky Wylie (National Vice-Chair), Liliias Hoskins (National President). We had a one-hour time slot. We were able to present all our key messages, our feelings, concerns, requesting greater transparency regarding financials and to ask the main question 'what does HQ actually do that benefits the members'. The matter of Affiliation Fees (being paid more than once by some members) was also raised. We made it clear that it was not the absolute amount of Affiliation Fees that was the problem but the transparency of what it was actually spent on.

As the saying goes, 'Rome wasn't built in a day'. These discussions WILL be continuing and Steven Lane has emailed the team subsequently to continue the discussions and to address our concerns. The one-hour time slot only enabled us to 'scratch the surface'. One trustee did suggest a visit to London – it might come to this! To be continued.....

BLUE FORMS – Testing is continuing and the electronic blue form will soon be launched.

TRUSTEES REQUIRED – Would you be willing to be a Trustee / Director for NAFAS.

Check out the HQ website (Menu: About / Join Our Team) for role descriptions and details on how to apply.

Save the Date



The World's biggest floristry competition the 'Interflora World Cup' is coming to Manchester on 7-9th September at the Manchester Central Convention Complex (GMEX).

'Imagine the Olympics crossed with the Chelsea Flower Show, then add extra drama, challenging creative workshops and seriously delicious food and drink – that's the Interflora World Cup 2023. The main event though, is the floristry competition. It's the world's biggest, bringing together exceptional florists from around the globe together to compete to be world champion. These are the best in the business, and they're here to create stunning floral art (and maybe a bit of drama too)'. (Extract taken from the Interflora website)

Cheshire Area will be represented at the event too. Several of our talented demonstrators will be creating designs at the event (not competing) providing us with a great publicity opportunity.

For further information and to book tickets for this exciting event, please logon to the Interflora website.

Getting Out & About

If you are organising a trip or event and would like to publicise it here, please let us know.

Please email your information to treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk.

To receive this newsletter directly to your inbox, please send an email to newsletter@nafascheshire.org.uk and we'll add you to the distribution list

With best wishes from all of us
@ Cheshire Area