



CHESHIRE AREA OF NAFAS

Members' Newsletter

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Hello everyone.

Hope you're 'decking the halls with boughs of holly', 'dreaming of a white Christmas' and the 'chestnuts will be roasting on an open fire' sometime soon!!!! Yes – it's that time of year again. There is still a 'glittery' Christmas floral demonstration to enjoy in Cheshire (see below). Before we know it, we'll be singing 'Auld Lang Syne' and welcoming in 2024. The first few months of the New Year look very exciting for Cheshire Area. We have 2 **Members Workshops** organised in different parts of Area plus Cheshire will be offering demonstrator training early in the New Year. Later in 2024, Cheshire will once again be hosting the **Pre-National Assessments (Wednesday 30th October 2024) and National Demonstrator's Tests (Thursday 31st October 2024)** at Frodsham Community Centre. If you would like to feature anything in this monthly newsletter, then please email your information to treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk.

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Please share this newsletter with as many members as possible – thank you.



Wishing you all a very Happy & Peaceful Christmas.....



Christmas is coming....



HALE BARNES FLOWER CLUB

OPEN DEMONSTRATION

ON THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER

7pm for 7.30pm

AT

ALTRINCHAM LITTLE THEATRE
OXFORD ROAD WA14 2ED

MARK ENTWISTLE

PRESENTS

A GLITTER & GOLD CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

TICKETS £20

BOOK THROUGH CALLING 0161 980 7348

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVALS.....

St Marys Church, Lymm hosted their annual Christmas tree festival (now in it's 9th year) at the beginning of December. Our Area Secretary, Vanessa Lees, was part of the organising team and Lymm Floral Art Group were pleased to support the event, creating a contemporary Christmas tree. The festival theme was 'New Beginnings' and Lymm Floral Art Group's design featured rings of cones at the base - the 'beginnings' of future fir trees..... Photos show Vanessa taking a well-earned break and Gill Davies and Tracy-Anne Clancy with the finished design.



Kate Hughes (Chairman of Hale Barns Flower Club) organised the Christmas tree festival at All Saints Church Hale Barns, raising funds for the charity Centre Point. The Hale Barns club is celebrating its Golden Anniversary this year and their tree was gloriously golden. The photos show Kate Hughes with Tracy-Anne Clancy and the designs created by Kate and members of Hale Barns flower club.



Our younger floral designers have been busy.....

...creating Christmas tree decorations out of birch twigs and other natural materials, under the tutelage of Judy Gratton (Area Support Officer and Young People's Representative) (Wistaston Flower Club). The 'How To' is shown below along with the creations by our young designers.



Christmas Mini Wreath

You will need:

A few twigs of silver birch, reel wire, scissors, items to decorate the wreath, glue

Instructions

1. Take 3 or 4 of the twigs and bind together using the reel wire, add further twigs as required.
2. Once there is enough of the bound twigs to form a circle, bend into circle shape and continue to bind together until you have your wreath shape.
3. Cut the wire and tuck into the wreath.
4. Decorate and enjoy!

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

As we approach the start of a new calendar year and Club AGMs will also be taking place, would you please ensure your Club 2024 Programme and 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.



Mike, our website manager can help you webmaster@nafascheshire.org.uk

Flower Arranger Magazine 2024

Order forms for 2024 magazines have been sent to Clubs.

Price for 2024 is £16.

To order additional copies and for more information contact Catherine on flower.arranger@nafascheshire.org.uk



Looking Ahead to 2024.....

Great news for New Demonstrators:

Area training and testing will commence early 2024 with a view to holding a Cheshire Area Demonstrator test around July.

Several members have shown an interest in going forward and they will be contacted. If you are personally interested or feel you know someone who might be interested; perhaps a keen competitor or a good flower arranger, please contact: Beryl Cotton on berylcotton06@gmail.com



Cheshire Area of NAFAS
Members' Workshop
with **Alison Cooper**
Sunday 3rd March
Owley Wood, Weaverham
CW8 3LS
10.00am - 3.30pm
£25



Alison has some innovative foam free designs to share with members to brighten us all up ready for Spring.
Bring your own lunch – tea, coffee and homemade cakes provided.
To find out more and to book your place email Sharon/Pam at education@nafascheshire.org.uk



A further Members Day will be held in May at Tarvin. More details to follow in due course.

PRE NATIONAL ASSESSMENTS & NATIONAL TESTS FOR DEMONSTRATORS

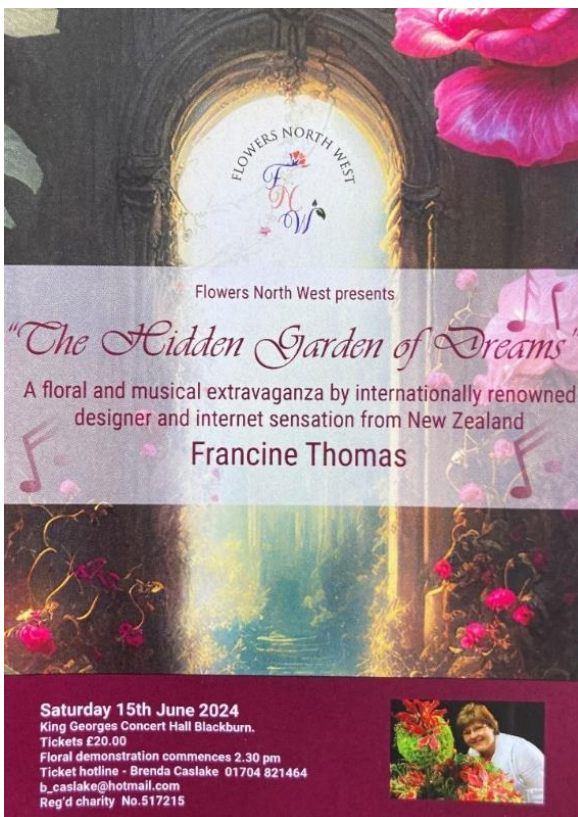
Hosted by Cheshire Area

Frodsham Community Centre on 30th & 31st October 2024

More information to follow in the New Year

A great opportunity for Programme Secretaries and Club Members to watch Demonstrators stepping up

****Stalls to Browse** **Raffle** **Day out with Friends****



FLOWERS NORTH WEST

Flowers North West presents

"The Hidden Garden of Dreams"

A floral and musical extravaganza by internationally renowned designer and internet sensation from New Zealand

Francine Thomas

Saturday 15th June 2024
King Georges Concert Hall Blackburn.
Tickets £20.00
Floral demonstration commences 2.30 pm
Ticket hotline - Brenda Caslake 01704 821464
b_caslake@hotmail.com
Reg'd charity No.517215

ROMILEY FLOWER CLUB

Open Demonstration

Monday 22nd July 2024

'Out of the Orient'

By Julia Loudon

At The Carver Theatre, Marple

Tickets £15

Contact David Mason, chairman Romiley Flower Club

david55mason@gmail.com or 077480 73117



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[Note: All diary dates for 2024 are currently being finalised and will be on the website shortly]

A Very Happy & Healthy 2024

From All of Us at Cheshire Area

