



# CHESHIRE AREA OF NAFAS

## Members' Newsletter

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Hello everyone.

Welcome back to the Cheshire Area newsletter after our summer break. I hope you all managed to enjoy the summer - maybe a holiday somewhere or just the beauty of the British summer countryside. Although the summer weather wasn't the best, typically it warmed up when the schools went back! Autumn is now gathering a pace and mince pies are in the shops! You'll be pleased to note, that the NAFAS Christmas cards, diaries and calendars have now arrived (more details in this newsletter)!!!

Also in this issue, we have a round-up of news from the Shows, forthcoming Area events and refresher days plus a look ahead to 2024.

Happy reading!



You are invited to attend the **CAN (Cheshire Area of NAFAS) AGM**  
on **5<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

at Frodsham Community Centre  
(Fluin Ln, Frodsham WA6 7QN).

The AGM starts 11am until approx 12.30pm and will be followed at  
1.30pm by

### **'ONE FOR THE MONEY'**

A Floral Art Demonstration by

**Cherie Nummy**

(National Demonstrator from Northern Ireland).

Tickets for the demonstration are £20 to include refreshments.

Email [Treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk](mailto:Treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk) to book your  
tickets and details of how to pay.

All affiliated Club members may attend the AGM.

Why not bring a friend?

Non-members are welcome to purchase tickets.

Stalls to browse and a chance to socialise.

Please bring your own lunch.

See you there!



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).

**CAN Team – Can you help?  
PLEASE!**

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. Could you be the next; Chair of Cheshire Area, Area Secretary, Action Points Minute Taker, Events Leader (e.g. helping to organise our in-person meetings), Education Rep. Are you able to help in some way? **We need your support to secure our future.** Nomination forms have been sent out to Clubs. Please ask for further information

## OTHER AREA EVENTS



The **Area Education Day is planned to take place on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023** at Tarvin. Everyone on the Education List (i.e. our Area Educators), irrespective of qualification level, are expected to attend at least once every 3 years in order to remain on the list. This is in line with Judges & Demonstrators. Please make sure you have booked your place. Contact Sharon [Education@nafascheshire.org.uk](mailto:Education@nafascheshire.org.uk) for more details.

The last Member's Day workshop for 2023 was held at Lymm on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September. This focussed on 'Scaling Up' – from home to church. Members enjoyed a very informative talk by Sharon on different mechanics to use, plenty of tips and ideas followed by a demonstration on how to create a foam free pedestal design. Workshop attendees then created some fabulous (large) designs. Thank you to Sharon for organising (and the plentiful supply of foliage!), Lymm Floral Art Group for hosting the event (with plenty of pastries, cakes and tea!) and the participants for their enthusiasm and creativity.



**Save the Date:** The next Member's Day workshop will be held on Sunday 3rd March 2024, at Weaverham, hosted by Sandiway and Eddisbury Flower Club. A further day will be held in May at Tarvin. More details to follow in due course.

## Cheshire Area Refreshing day for Judges, Competitors and Schedule Writers



Plumley Village Hall WA16 0TR  
Saturday 14th October 2023 10am  
Cost: £25 (to include lunch)



Examine changes to the Competitions Manual  
Test your judging skills  
Extend your plant knowledge  
Explore Comment Card writing  
Try your hand at Schedule writing  
Share your enthusiasm

Contact Sue at [sue.clissold@btinternet.com](mailto:sue.clissold@btinternet.com)  
for further information

## Demonstrator's Refresher Day

At the end of the certified Demonstrator Refresher Day held at Frodsham Community Centre on 17th September 2023, we managed to find time to take a couple of photos of those who were able to attend. The day was enjoyed by everyone, who left feeling energised - think you can tell by all the smiley faces! 😊 (Thank you Beryl).



## 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](http://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 [mike.gallagher@btinternet.com](mailto:mike.gallagher@btinternet.com)

### Flower Arranger Magazine 2024

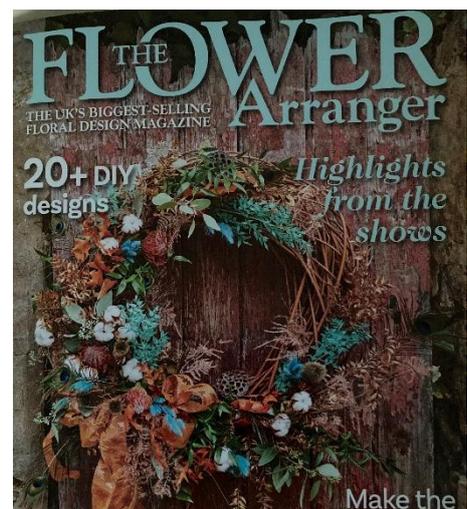
Order forms for 2024 magazines have been sent to Clubs.

Price for 2024 is £16.

Would you like to order the Winter 2023 magazine?

To order and for more information contact Catherine on

[flower.arranger@nafascheshire.org.uk](mailto:flower.arranger@nafascheshire.org.uk)



# SHOWTIME

Our talented Cheshire Area floral designers were out and about winning prizes in August at the Southport Flower show. Results are as follows: Eleanor Griffiths 3<sup>rd</sup> for 'Glitz & Glamour' (pedestal design), 2<sup>nd</sup> 'The Tube' (no foam) and HC for 'China Town'; Gillian Jackson 2<sup>nd</sup> for 'Down our Street' (door wreath) and VHC for 'Country Kitchen'; Elaine Wood HC for 'The Tube' and 'Down our Street'; Shirley C for 'The Tube' and 'In the Mix'; Pat Murphy 1<sup>st</sup> for 'Supporting Roles'; Debbie Davies 3<sup>rd</sup> for 'Down our Street' (door wreath) and HC for 'Glitz & Glam' (pedestal design); Lousie Jones 3<sup>rd</sup> for 'Supporting Roles', HC for 'Washed by the Tide' and C for 'On the Shelf'. Here is a selection of their designs. Congratulations to everyone!



Eleanor Griffiths – 3<sup>rd</sup>



Gillian Jackson – 2<sup>nd</sup>



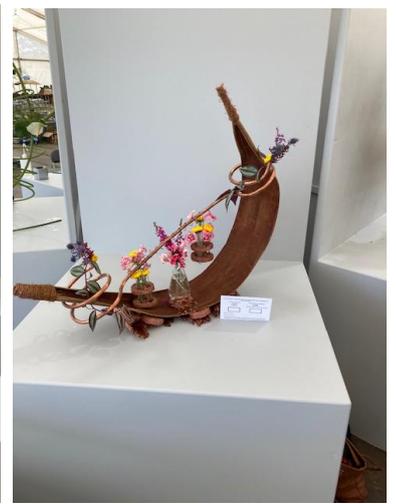
Pat Murphy – 1st



Debbie Davies – 3<sup>rd</sup>



Louise Jones – 3<sup>rd</sup>



Pat Murphy also excelled at the Shrewsbury Show – well done Pat; 1<sup>st</sup> for 'South Pacific' (pave design), 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Floral Design Colour Award for 'Out of Africa' (a contemporary construction)

and 2<sup>nd</sup> for 'Moulin Rouge'. Congratulations also to Sylvia Bower who achieved a 2<sup>nd</sup> for 'South Pacific' (pave design), 1<sup>st</sup> for 'The Sound of Music' (a landscape design) and VHC for 'Gone to Ground' (a foliage design).



Pat Murphy – 1<sup>st</sup>



Sylvia Bower – 2<sup>nd</sup>

## NEWS FROM NATIONAL

Our National Head Office have now started sending out a Monthly Newsletter. A copy will be forwarded to you separately. (I don't have the technical know-how to embed it into this document!). If you scroll through the HO newsletter, there is an opportunity to register (for free) to receive a copy directly into your email inbox every month.

NAFAS National AGM will take place on 4<sup>th</sup> October via YouTube starting at 10.30am. Nicky Wylie (our Cheshire 'gal') will be appointed as our National Chairman succeeding Katherine Kear. We wish her every success in her role.

Save the Date

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



If you were lucky enough to visit the Interflora World Cup in Manchester at the beginning of September you would have enjoyed watching most talented florists creating the most fabulous designs. The competition winner was Nicolaus Peters from Germany with the UK & Ireland competitor, Elizabeth Newcombe coming third. Fabulous result! Interesting fact: the flowers which Nicolaus used were British grown from 'Flowers from the Farm' – Carol Siddorn. Check out Carol's Instagram posts for all the inside information.

As well as the main competition, there was one for student florists to create a 'Bee' design in 50 minutes on the Saturday. Huge congratulations to Shiona Fosh (Sale Flower Club Chair) and a member of the Reaseheath competing team – the team came 2<sup>nd</sup>.



(Above photo: Shiona Fosh is pictured centre)



Cheshire Area and Flowers North West were there representing NAFAS. Well done to Nicky Wylie (National Vice Chair) and Steven Lane (CEO) who, along with Lousie Jones and David Ryland (Flowers North West) set up the NAFAS stand at the event. Huge thank you to all the volunteers who manned the stand, Janet Schofield who spent hours up a ladder in excessive temperatures creating the floral design for the stand, and the fabulous demonstrators who showcased floral design skills to the public. Cheshire demonstrators included; Beryl Cotton, Lousie Jones, Julie Pearson, Debbie Davies and Patti Dawson. Below are a selection of photos from the event for those of you who missed it.....



Left: Elizabeth Newcombe working on her second design



Nicky Wylie & Janet Schofield



The Main Entrance



Does it measure up?



& Ireland competitor Elizabeth Newcombe.

A bouquet for 'A Wedding on a Cloud' created by our UK

**Christmas is coming.....**

The Christmas cards, diaries and calendars stock 2023 has arrived. Order forms have been sent out to Clubs. There will also be a stall at the Area AGM on 5<sup>th</sup> October where you can buy or collect Club orders. If you wish to order individually, please email [treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk) with your order. Payment details will be provided on receipt of your order. Here's a selection of this years' goodies;

Item	Description	Size	RRP
	Christmas Candle (Pack of 10)	150mm x 150mm	£3.50

	Festive Pyramid (Pack of 10)	128mm x 128mm	£3.50
	Seasonal Ring (Pack of 10)	128mm x 128mm	£3.50
	Wire and Roses (Pack of 10)	150mm x 150mm	£3.50
	Festive Cornucopia (Pack of 10)	118mm x 174mm	£3.50
	NAFAS 2024 Diary	170mm x 90mm	£4.50
	NAFAS 2024 Calendar	300mm x 300mm	£5.50

**We remember.....**

.....the beautiful designs created by the late June Shallcross (of Eddisbury & Sandiway Flower Club and former Chairman of Frodsham and District Flower Club) who sadly passed away recently. June inspired and taught many of our Cheshire members at Reaseheath college. I looked forward to her 'Saturday Post' on FaceBook where she shared her latest design usually with the caption 'today's little play with...' To me the designs looked like Gold Medal contenders at Chelsea not simply 'a little play'. Bless you June. Our thoughts and heartfelt sympathy go to David and family. Here's June's final design (the Dreamcatcher) with some of my favourites....



## Getting Out & About

ELWORTH FLOWER CLUB PRESENTS  
TWO  
**Christmas Wreath Workshops**  
**The Workshop Cheshire**  
School Farm  
Alsager Road Sandbach CW11 4SR  
Wednesday 29th November 1-4pm  
Friday 1st December 7-10pm  
Price £45 per Workshop  
Book Now Places Limited

All materials provided but you can bring your own special pieces to make the wreath unique and personal to you.

Workshop lead by NAFAS Demonstrator Denise  
Supported by the Club Flower Arranging Ladies

FIZZ AND SEASONAL REFRESHMENTS  
CONTACT-07791456962 OR-07971513290  
**Come Along For A Great Time**

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

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