



CHESHIRE AREA OF NAFAS

Members' Newsletter

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Hello everyone.

Hello everyone and welcome to the November issue of the CAN Newsletter. The countdown to Christmas is full steam ahead – evidenced by the number of Christmas themed floral events taking place throughout Cheshire in November and December.

In this issue there is an opportunity to choose your Christmas cards (if you haven't already done so), look forward to a variety of Club Christmas demonstrations coming soon and find out how two of our Area members have featured in other newsletters (home & away!). If you would like your Club event featured in this newsletter, please send details to treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk.

Happy reading!

Club Representative's Forum

The next Club Representative's Forum (a face-to-face meeting) will take place on **Wednesday 29th November** at 11am (arrive from 10.30am onwards) at Owley Wood Recreation Club, Weaverham, CW8 3LS. Iris Cluster are kindly supporting the organisation of this event – thank you so much, ladies. **The original Zoom meeting on the 7th is therefore cancelled.**

Christmas is coming....

As we get ever closer to the Festive Season, here are a few Club events which you are welcome to attend.....



Christmas Workshop
Saturday 25th November 2-4pm
Plumley Village Hall
All materials provided plus tea or coffee
Just bring your scissors
Ticket £25

Contact:

Linda Clowes 01477 532266 for more information.



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



**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 Cards / Diaries / Calendars

FINAL CALL.....

If you wish to order anything, please email treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk with your order. Payment details will be provided on receipt of your order. There will be an opportunity to buy at the next Club Reps. Forum on 29th November or to collect 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

The joyful journey of Stockport Afternoon Flower Club's blooming community




Congratulations to Stockport Afternoon Flower Club on being shortlisted for an award in the 'Best Little Community Groups' on the Forever Manchester site. Christine Leigh (Club Secretary) was contacted by Forever Manchester and agreed to a telephone interview about the Club, their formation and how they are involved with the community. To read the full article (published on 10th November) follow this link: www.ilovemanchester.com/community

Two members have been invited to the award party in February for the results. We wish them every success.

Sharing the love of Floral Design 'Down Under'...

Enjoy reading this extract from the newsletter published in October by New South Wales Floral Art Association Inc. Australia.....

NSW Floral Art Association Inc.



Contemporary Floral Design
October 2023

One of our contemporary floral design groups meet once a month in Castle Hill, a suburb of Sydney.

Each month we have a guest demonstrator who instructs in techniques that can be used in our floral designs.


We are at all levels of skills with novices learning so much from each session and from the more advanced floral artists in the group.

Our President of NSWFAA Madhu Shah, is also a member of WAFA and holds the position of Treasurer for WAFA.

We are excited that Australia is to be the host for the 2027 WAFA World Show and we hope to see many of our international floral art friends coming down to visit and enjoy our amazingly beautiful country.

At our October 2023 Contemporary Floral Design (CFD) meeting we were honoured to have as our guest presenter Janet Schofield from Cheshire UK.

On holidays in Sydney Janet made contact with NSWFAA and an invitation to join our October meeting was accepted with Janet offering to demonstrate a new technique for us to replace, if required, the use of floral foam.



Our Guest Presenter
Janet Schofield
From Lymm Floral Art Group
Cheshire UK

Secretary of NSW Floral Art Association and President of the Royal Horticultural Society of NSW, Sharryn Place presenting Janet with a thank you gift and wishing her safe travels back to the UK.

We look forward to catching up with Janet at the WAFA World Show in Sydney in 2027.






Members of NSW Floral Art Association Sydney CFD (from left to right)
Carol McVeigh, Gayle Robinson, Michael Cordeiro, Madhu Shah (President NSWFAA and WAFA Board Member), Lorraine Swain, our guest Janet Schofield, Mary Fairlie-Cuninghame, Maureen Thackeray, Sharryn Place with Charlie our little mascot, and Heather Tamsett.

Save the Date

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

Photo of design
1 to follow



Photo of design
2 to follow

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.

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



We Remember.....



Anne Hamilton - Anne passed away on Sunday 22nd October, aged 95, in Jersey.

Before moving to Jersey (where she was currently Jersey Flower Club Vice Chairman), Anne was a very active member and stoic supporter of Cheshire Area. She was a member of Knutsford Flower Club from 1970 being Chairman in 1981, President in 1985 and was appointed Associate of Honour in 1990. Anne was both an Area Demonstrator and Cheshire Area Speaker (her inspiring talk on her vintage fan collection will long be remembered by those who heard it) and a keen competitor at National Shows. In fact, she represented Cheshire Area at the National competitions alongside Bill Lomas and Robert Barlow.

Many people will have their own special memories of Anne, but most will probably remember her boundless generosity and opening her home, Abbotts Moss at Christmastime. Paying for all the flowers herself, her home was decorated with Christmas floral designs staged by National Demonstrators (including Bill Lomas, Robert Barlow, Barry Grey, Ian Zorn, Kevin Gunnell and Keith Smithers (Mercia & North Wales), John Chennel (South Midlands) and Ian Lloyd. Members and friends of Knutsford Flower Club were invited to visit and view, raising money for the Club. Latterly, the invitation was extended to members of Cheshire Area and friends, raising thousands of pounds for the NSPCC.

Julia Clements (Lady Seaton) was a friend of Anne's and was usually there at Christmastime.

A very kind, generous and talented lady, who influenced so many, will be sadly missed. Our thoughts and sympathy go to her husband Geoffrey and their two sons.

Sue Jackson - Sue Jackson AOH passed away on 31st October.

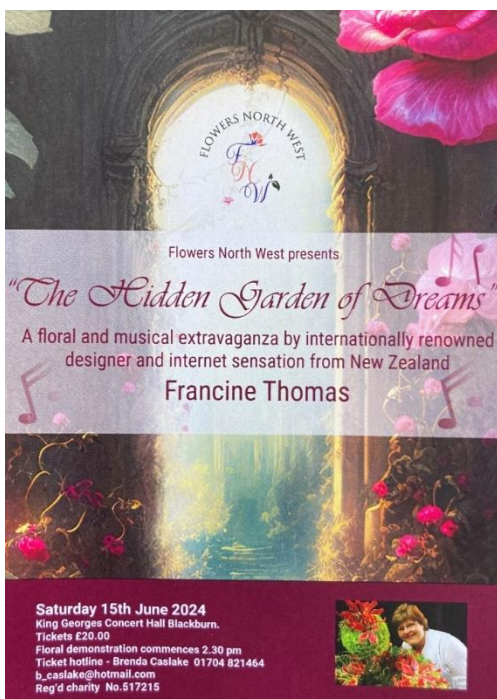
Many will remember Sue as Cheshire Area Secretary during the 1990's and as a member of Prestbury Flower Club. Sue was awarded the distinction of Associate of Honour in Cheshire Area. She will be remembered not only for her service within Cheshire Area, but also for her bubbly personality and the fun she brought to the enjoyment of flowers. Sue presented a trophy to be awarded at the Royal Cheshire County Show in memory of her mother. At Sue's wish, there was no formal funeral service. She will be very much missed by all who had the privilege to know and work with her.

NEWS FROM NATIONAL

Blue Forms

The initiative to have a digital Blue Form for booking demonstrators, judges & speakers has been shelved. We will continue with the paper version. Therefore, the paper blue forms have been restocked and can be obtained from treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk.

Looking Ahead to 2024.....



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.

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With best wishes from all of us

@ Cheshire Area

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