

LFAG – January update

Hello everyone

Welcome to a new year when we will all be offered a Covid-19 vaccine again this silent mugger.

Here's an update about Lymm Floral Art Group, Cheshire Area and NAFAS HQ.

LFAG <https://lymmfloralartgrouporguk.wordpress.com/>

Our next demonstration will be via Zoom on Monday 18th January at 7.30pm, starting with a swift AGM followed by the very talented and innovative Alison Chambers (nee Cooper). Alison is a florist from Salford and has won the very prestigious national designer of the year competition. Her demonstration title is 'A form of nature'.

This will be a slightly different AGM via Zoom because there are too many challenges with membership voting. We will therefore continue with subscription fees as agreed at the 2020 AGM.

We can't sell raffle tickets by Zoom and when we get back to live demonstrations, raffles and money handling will still be full of issues. Instead, members can enter the 10 raffles taking place in 2021 by paying £20. Everyone who has paid will be entered into the 'member raffle' and guaranteed of winning at least one design. If you didn't attend Arley you have a £20 credit towards this year's fees.

We will be collecting monies in Jan/Feb and Pam Hammond will be coordinating payments. You can pay by BACS to Lymm Floral Art Group, sort code xx xx xx, account number xxxxxxxx and include your name in the description box. If you are paying by BACS, please send an email to xxxxxxxxxxxx letting Pam know you have paid. If you are paying by cheque, please send your cheque to Pam at xxxxxxxxxxxx There's no need to complete a subscription form this year, just let Pam know if there are any changes to your personal details. Pam can also be contacted on her mobile 07786 368108.

We have a fabulous programme of demonstrators booked for 2021 (full details on our website). It's our Golden Anniversary year and please make a note of Sunday 5th September when we will be holding a celebratory garden visit and afternoon tea.

Would you like to join in with our 'Floral Tête-à-têtes' - Zoom chats? We will be setting up some fortnightly conversation to share ideas, information and tips.

We will also run some online workshops throughout the year in addition to the demonstrations so there is plenty to keep you busy during this lockdown!

Have you made a new year's resolution to start using Zoom? If you would like some help, please get in touch. We can set up a test meeting exclusively for you so that you can find your way around the Zoom screen and become confident to use it.

If you use a laptop, please speak with Vanessa (01925 757471) or Sheila (01925 212682) or Pam M (07876 176501). If you use an iPad, please speak with Tracy-Ann (01925 210836) or Pam H (07786 368108) or Janet S (07974 332387).

Some interesting facebook, websites and YouTube videos suggested by club members

Here are a few links to some YouTube videos which may be of interest.

Helen Hare, Kent Area Demonstrator

<https://youtu.be/aPvTqw-4LM8>

A reminder of the lovely sunny days of summer on our YouTube Channel, as Kent Area Demonstrator Helen Hare constructs a vibrant hand-tied bouquet in August 2020 using flowers and foliage from her beautiful garden.

Margaret Rumens, National Judge and Teacher

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PjKohbbZ7OA&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR12LGbyD9RSM7ZNMemssyZYNzXVGCTNUluJ7qBmR1k2-xR4W0g0hXQrDvk>

A seasonal floral demonstration by Margaret Rumens entitled 'A Christmas Bauble'. This was presented to members following the South Midlands Area AGM, held on 20th November 2020.

Ellouise Hasler-Stott, Kent Area of NAFAS

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mSuF5RrAMxo&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR1KTMem5OjJEdGTDp6qa3r5u19IPEKZ9_6tBIO1ds8Vyjhei7jMPR-sorw

A Christmas Design by Ellouise Hasler-Stott

Cheshire Area [NAFAS Cheshire - Flower Arranging Clubs in Cheshire](#)

Phase one of the Live Floral art demonstrations and flower related talks have been delivered via Zoom. They have proved to be a great hit with so many clubs and members across Cheshire. Phase two will start later this month and dates will be confirmed shortly.

Your LFAG subscription entitles you to access all the Zoom events being hosted by Cheshire Area.

Our Area Chairman, Louise Jones and our club member, Janet Schofield are supporting NAFAS HQ with the future direction and leadership of NAFAS.

NAFAS HQ

Your entry form for the virtual National Show in April needs to be submitted by the 17th January.

Best wishes

Lymm Floral Art Group Leadership Team

Tracy Anne, Pam H, Vanessa, Janet M, Pam M, Sheila, Janet S & Stella