November update

We hope you are all well and yet again having to adapt to the latest lockdown restrictions.

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

LFAG virtual demonstrations

Our pilot Zoom demonstration by Janet in October was a great success. 24 members joined and it was lovely to see and hear everyone, albeit on a screen. Even Sue's cat Poppy appeared to enjoy it as well. Zoom seems to be the best way forward at the moment with all the lockdown restrictions.

Our November virtual demonstration will be on Monday 16th November with Mark Entwistle when he will present his 'Glitter Balls' Christmas demonstration via Zoom at 7.30pm.

The Zoom meeting will be live from 7.15pm, Mark's demonstration will start at 7.30pm and he will create 4 designs. We will hold a free raffle at the end and the winners will be drawn from the people attending. The designs will be delivered to the winners on Tuesday 17th Nov.

We will email the link to you a couple of days before the demonstration.

If you've not used Zoom before and would like some help with the technology, 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).

LFAG virtual workshop for St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival

We do hope the Christmas Tree Festival will go ahead and Gill Davies has kindly agreed to lead the creation of a still life design using a stepladder. Gill will be hosting a Zoom meeting on Monday 23rd November at 7.30pm to talk about the small spheres we would like you to make. The colour theme is green, pink and silver. We would like about 30 spheres (tennis ball size) to decorate the tree.

We will email the link to you a couple of days before the virtual workshop.

Arley Christmas demonstration – subject to lockdown not extending past 2nd Dec

Our visit to Arley appears to be happening, at the moment. 16 members have booked a place for the Jonathan Moseley demonstration on Wed 9th Dec at 11.00am in the Cruck Barn. The demonstration cost of £20 will be deducted from your LFAG subscription and you won't have to pay the £2 for parking - we have secured a little discount for you.

Arley are being very careful to follow all Covid rules for Jonathan's demonstration, we will be socially distance throughout and wearing masks.

There will be a festive food offer from the café which will be takeaway only but outdoor seating will be provided for those that wish to stay on for lunch.

Please email Sheila Randall to book your place randallsheila@hotmail.com or phone 01925212682 by Friday 13th November.

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

Here are some new sites to see mini dems and floral techniques. If you subscribe (free) to YouTube channels you will get notifications about updates and new videos.

Mark Entwistle – the Floral Enthusiast

A garden style arrangement

https://youtu.be/509 Ebpd TU

Louise Jones - Cheshire Area Demonstrator

An autumn design from our Area Chairman

https://youtu.be/GrlYEDTgOYo

Debbie Davies – Cheshire Area Demonstrator

A caged design

https://youtu.be/ROVuw0 lrw

Arnaud Métairie - Three Counties and South Wales Area Demonstrator

A demonstration using garden plant material

https://youtu.be/XpSMYn9g91Y

Cheshire Area

Live Floral art demonstrations and flower related talks will be delivered direct to you via Zoom, and we'll be giving you access to an all inclusive zoom workshop with a top designer at a discounted price (subsidised by area). The demonstrations and talks are FREE OF CHARGE to members of Cheshire area affiliated clubs. Individual members should email CANonlineevents@gmail.com giving your name and email address to book a virtual seat.

• November 10th at 7.30pm, Garden snippets, a talk by Pip Bensley

- November 19th at 2pm, All inclusive Christmas wreath workshop with Sharon Dower £35 (usually £45). All materials will be sent direct to your home to arrive the day before the workshop.
- November 20th at 7.30pm, Chelsea Secrets, a talk by Pip Bensley
- November 25th at 7.30pm, 'Twas the month before Christmas, a demonstration by Mark Entwistle
- November 26th at 7.00pm, All inclusive Christmas wreath workshop with Sharon Dower £35 (usually £45). All materials will be sent direct to your home to arrive the day before the workshop.
- December 10th at 7.30pm Climbers, a talk by Pip Bensley
- December 16th at 7.30pm It's Christmas, a demonstration by Dawn Weaver

LFAG have paid £202 to NAFAS HQ and Cheshire Area as a donation of 50% of our normal affiliation fees for 2021.

NAFAS HQ https://www.nafas.org.uk/

 The national chairman Dr Christina Curtis has resigned and has been replace by Katherine Kear.

If you are unsure about any of these events, or just want a chat please call any of the team, the numbers are on your programme card.

Best wishes

Lymm Floral Art Group Leadership Team

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