



CHESHIRE AREA OF NAFAS

Members' Newsletter

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Hello everyone. Wishing you all a very happy and healthy New Year. So, the decorations are all packed away, January sales are nearing their 'last day' and New Year resolutions are starting to fade (?) but there's plenty to look forward to in 2024. Grab your diaries and start planning.....

We have 2 **Members Workshops** organised in different parts of Area plus Cheshire is offering **demonstrator training** commencing in February. 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. Also, in this issue; it's nearly **Showtime**- the competitors amongst you will no doubt have already perused the various Show Schedules for 2024. Please send any photos of your designs at the shows during the year for inclusion in the newsletter, to treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk. Would you like to ask a question to the CEO and National Chairman on 16th May – join the **NAFAS Webinar** on 16th May, plus lots more.....

Happy Reading!

New Year – New Skill?



Cheshire Area of NAFAS

Members' Workshop with Alison Cooper

Sunday 3rd March
Owley Wood Recreation Club,
Barrymore Rd., **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 – a Floral Rainbow and a Kokedama table centre.

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

If you are looking to learn something new, different and exciting why not book for Alison Cooper's workshop on 3rd March at Owley Wood Recreation Club. It looks a great workshop and something to look forward to. I'll see you there!



Next foam-free workshop will be on Sunday 12th May @ Tarvin Community Centre.

Great news for New Demonstrators:

It's happening in Cheshire! Area training and testing for new demonstrators will commence on 25th February 2024 with Area demonstrator's tests being held on 1st September 2024 at Tarvin Community Centre.

If you are personally interested (there's still time) 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

Please also 'save the date' (1st September) to support our new up and coming demonstrators by coming along to the Area Test – your support would be very much appreciated.

Cheshire are, once again, hosting the Pre National Assessments and National Demonstrator's Tests in 2024

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****

SHOWTIME



Cheshire Area's 'Theatre of Flowers' will once again be at the Royal Cheshire County Show @ Tabley on 18th & 19th June. The schedule is **almost ready** to go 'live' online with copies also being distributed directly to Clubs. There are 16 classes to choose from, including a new class to involve beginners but not on their own. Watch this space!

(Dorothy Monks (Goostrey Flower Club & Knutsford Floral Design Club receiving the Perpetual Liverpool Festival Goblet from Louise Jones at the 2023 show)

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

It's a new calendar year, Club AGMs are taking place and you have your 2024 Club programme in place. Would you please ensure it is published and your 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

Website 'How To.....'

Can you help us please? We are looking to update our website with some new 'How To' designs. If you would be willing to create a design (funding is available) would you please contact education@nafascheshire.org.uk. We would like to feature 6 new designs which will be photographed by Pam M (so no need to worry about that bit!) and we will provide a venue for you to be creative in. We have so much floral design talent in Cheshire, would you share some please....?



Flower Arranger Magazine 2024

Price for 2024 is £16 for 4 issues

Spring issue is out now!

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

Order and Delivery Dates for 2024 are:

	Order by	Delivery
Summer	17 th Feb	10 th Apr
Autumn	18 th May	11 th Jul
Winter	22 nd Aug	10 th Oct

Club Representative's Forum

At the November 2023 Club Representative's Forum, the meeting addressed two issues; re-branding for Cheshire Area of NAFAS and only one Affiliation Fee per member (regardless of multiple Club memberships). All the feedback is appended to the minutes of the meeting – speak to your Club Representative for further information.

The next Club Representative's Forum (a face-to-face meeting) will take place on **Tuesday 30th January** at 11am (arrive from 10.30am onwards) at Frodsham Community Centre. Lily Cluster are kindly supporting the organisation of this event – thank you so much, ladies.

NEWS FROM NATIONAL

The National Advisory Council (NAC) took place at Leamington Spa on 15/16th January and was attended by the 21 Area Chairmen, National Chairman, Executive Team and Trustees. Janet Schofield (as our Area National Liaison Representative) attended on behalf of Cheshire. It was an excellent networking opportunity and a chance to share ideas and initiatives between the Areas. Janet was also able to catch up with the editor of the Flower Arranger magazine, Chloe Bryan-Brown:

Cheshire Photoshoot: We are looking for interesting venues in Cheshire to stage a potential photoshoot for the Flower Arranger magazine – can you help please? Do you have any ideas? Anyone have contacts at locations who may be able to host? We are also looking for 'arrangers' who would be able to step up to the challenge? The plan would be to combine a 'how to' for the magazine then the final staged in-situ photos by the FA Magazine team.

National Show 2025: This will be held at Gloucester Cathedral on 19th & 20th September 2025.

National Show 2027: The intention is to hold this event 'up north'. All suggestions for suitable venues are welcome. Please let us know.

New President Elect: There is a revised process in place and we are able to nominate a suitably qualified person for the position of National President. For further information please contact chairman@nafascheshire.org.uk.

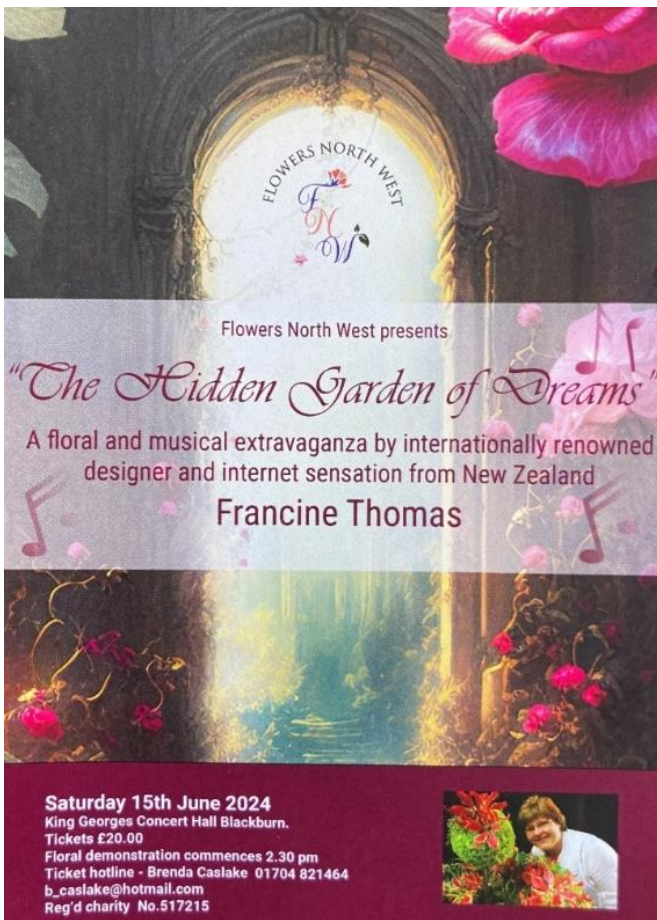
NAFAS Webinar: It's your chance to ask the CEO and National Chairman a question. All members are eligible to attend. **Save the date – 16th May 6pm – 8pm.** Details will be circulated when they become available.

New National Lists: The 2024-25 book of Accredited Judges, Demonstrators and Speakers of NAFAS, Qualified Teachers of NAFAS and Qualified Teachers of Ikebana is now available priced at £2.75 from HQ. [Note: All Cheshire Clubs will receive one free copy per Club to be collected at the Club Representatives Forum on 30th January at Frodsham Community Centre]

Looking Ahead.....

All our Diary Dates for 2024 will be on the website very soon, but here are a few dates for your diary....

18 – 21 April	RHS Urban Show (Manchester)
25 – 28 April	Harrogate Spring Show
3 May	National Flower Arranging Day
9- 12 May	RHS Malvern Spring Festival
21 – 25 May	RHS Chelsea
18 – 19 June	Area Show @ Royal Cheshire County Show
2 – 7 July	RHS Hampton Court
17 – 21 July	RHS Tatton
31 July	Nantwich Show
9 – 10 August	Shrewsbury Flower Show
15 – 18 August	Southport Flower Show
27 – 29 September	RHS Malvern Autumn Show
3 October	Cheshire Area AGM
16 October	National AGM




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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Best Wishes

From All of Us at Cheshire Area



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