



FLOWER CLUBS OF CHESHIRE

(Affiliated to The National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies)

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Hello everyone. Spring has sprung (apparently) but don't pack away those thermals just yet! In this issue we look forward to the Judges Instruction day at Plumley, reflect on a fabulous workshop, and celebrate the wonderful hobby we enjoy by planning for National Flower Arranging day and our show in the 'Theatre of Flowers'.

Please send any photos from your Club / designs at the shows during the year / forthcoming events for inclusion in the newsletter, to treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk.

Happy Reading!



Elaine Meredith of Tarporley Flower Club bringing some spring joy and wishing everyone a Happy St David's Day – thanks Elaine.

Workshop 1 - 2024

Our first workshop of 2024 organised by Pam Mosedale was tutored by Alison Cooper. A most inspiring workshop, featuring a rainbow design and kokedama, was a wonderful way to spend a Sunday at the beginning of March. It was a time to enjoy with friends and members from other clubs as well as some mother and daughter time.



Thank you to Alison and to Eddisbury & Sandiway Club for hosting this workshop and serving the most delicious cakes and providing the copious cups of tea.



Workshop 2 - 2024



Flower School of Cheshire Members' Workshop with Mark Entwistle

Sunday 12th May
Tarvin Community Centre,
Meadow Lane, Tarvin CH3 8LY
10.00am - 3.30pm
£25



Some more of Mark's innovative foam free designs using a straw wreath and midelino sticks.

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



Demonstrator Training

Demonstrator training, being led by Beryl Cotton, commenced on 25th February 2024 with Cheshire Area Demonstrator's Tests being held on 1st September 2024 at Tarvin Community Centre.

Tickets are now on sale for this event priced at £10. Please apply to:
treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk All details are below.

We wish all our candidates every success with their training and look forward to seeing them soon at our Clubs.

AREA DEMONSTRATOR TESTS

To be held at

Tarvin Community Centre, Meadow Lane, Tarvin, Chester CH

on

SUNDAY, 1st SEPTEMBER, 2024

Please be in your seat by 10 am latest

Doors open from 9.30 am (day should finish around 4 pm)

Tea/Coffee available. Do bring your own packed lunch

(Plenty of car parking at venue)

Tickets are £10

Cheshire will once again be hosting the National pre-assessments and National tests for demonstrators at Frodsham. All ticketing is being managed by NAFAS HQ and tickets are £15. Anyone wishing to purchase a ticket should contact Vanessa Keys vanessa@nafas.org.uk or call 020 7247 5567. Please note – admission is strictly by ticket only.

Any Area Demonstrator with two years' experience wishing to step up can still make an application to take their Pre-National Assessment by contacting Head Office on 020 7247 5567.

NATIONAL PRE-ASSESSMENTS & NATIONAL TESTS FOR DEMONSTRATORS

Frodsham Community Centre, Fluin Lane Frodsham WA6 7QN

Wednesday 30th & Thursday 31st October 2024

A great opportunity for Programme Secretaries and Club Members to watch Demonstrators stepping up

****Stalls to Browse** **Raffle** **Day out with Friends****

If you are able to volunteer at either of these events, please contact either treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk or berylcotton06@gmail.com

SHOWTIME



1st - Colette Dunkley

Cheshire Area's 'Theatre of Flowers' will once again be at the Royal Cheshire County Show @ Tabley on 18th & 19th June.

A pdf version of the schedule is available on our website www.nafascheshire.org.uk on the home page (click where it displays 'here'). If you are considering entering, please don't delay as some classes are already full.

(Pictured left is last year's winning entry created by Colette Dunkley (Hoylake & New Brighton Clubs) in the class 'Boxed In')

Stewarding at the Show - Could you Help?

The Show Team would like your help please. Maureen Hernon (Sale) the Steward's Secretary writes:

'Once again, we are asking Flower Clubs to provide members who would like to steward at the Royal Cheshire Show. The stewards are extremely important to us, as it means that we have a friendly face to interact with our visitors, and their help is gratefully acknowledged.'

We are offering 4 time slots and would like volunteers to sign up for any 2

of them. The slots are:

Morning: 10.00 am – 11.30 pm. AND 11.30am – 1.00pm.

Afternoon: 1.00 pm – 2.30 pm. AND 2.30pm – 4.00pm.

We also would like volunteers to help with 'children's hands-on' activities as well as stewarding. The task of stewarding entails sitting or standing in an allotted position and being ready to answer the visitors' questions, discussing Flower Clubs with those who show an interest, and directing them to the Publicity table if required and distributing the voting slips for "The People's Choice Award". This has proved to be very popular and provides a good opportunity to engage with the visitors. The success of this award depends on the stewards giving out lots of voting cards and persuading visitors to vote for their favourite designs. It encourages people to look more closely at the exhibits and appreciate the work involved. It is also necessary to discourage members of the public from touching or moving any component of the exhibit, explaining that some plant materials may cause allergies, and pointing out interesting features in the exhibit. A sash or badge will be provided to identify stewards. Tea and coffee making facilities are available to use before and after each shift, but drinks not to be brought to stewarding positions.

Stewards will receive a free entry ticket a few days before the show. All parking is free and disabled parking is close to the entrance. Should the volunteer have to cancel for any reason it is important that they let the steward's secretary know as soon as possible.

If you would like to help, please send an email to steward's secretary:

Email maur19een@gmail.com or call 07512663297 on or before Sunday May 26th.

Thank you for your help and support.'

The Nantwich Show – 31st July 2024

Schedule is out now and appended to this newsletter

‘Olympiad in Paris’

Have you got the latest Competitions Manual (Fourth Edition 2023)? Copies can be obtained from treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk priced £5 plus postage.

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 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

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



NEWS FROM NATIONAL

Cheshire Photoshoot: We have advised Chloe at The Flower Arranger of our 'interesting venues' in Cheshire to stage a potential photoshoot for the Flower Arranger magazine. We will keep you informed as soon as we have further information – this could be as soon as May!

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.

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 received one free copy at the Club Representatives Forum on 30th January at Frodsham Community Centre]

Looking Ahead.....

Club Representative's Forum – 24th April @ Lymm Golf Club.

We are looking forward to meeting and catching up with all our Associates of Honour.

National Flower Arranging Day – 3rd May 2024. What will you create?

Each Club supporting the event will receive £25 from Area. Simply send photos of your design(s) to treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk



We now have an Instagram page for Flower Clubs of Cheshire. Type in: flowerclubsofcheshire to find us. Please follow us – ask friends and family too, as we need to increase the number of followers. We would like to help publicise / share information about your Club on our Instagram page – future events, activities, workshops, designs, anything Flower Club related. Please send any photos and a brief description to treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk

AGM 2024

Plans are progressing for the demonstration following our 54th AGM in October. Early bird offer of £15 per ticket, if purchased before 31st August 2024. All the details are in the poster.

FLOWER CLUBS OF CHESHIRE

invites you to the 54th AGM on
Thursday 5th October 2024
at Frodsham Community Centre
(Fluin Lane, Frodsham, WA6 7QN)

The AGM starts at 11.30am until approx. 12.30pm and will be followed at
1.30pm by

'Diamonds & Rust'

A Floral Art Demonstration by
Lucy Ellis & Coral Gardiner

Tickets for the demonstration are £20 to include refreshments

Email 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!

Other Diary Dates

All our Diary Dates for 2024 are on our website, but here's a selection of show dates & events:

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| 18 – 21 April | RHS Urban Show (Manchester) |
| 25 – 28 April | Harrogate Spring Show |

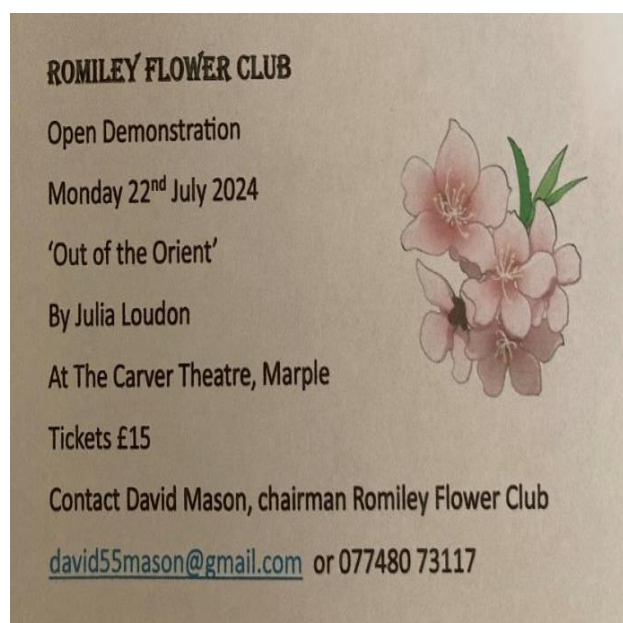
3 May	National Flower Arranging Day
9- 12 May	RHS Malvern Spring Festival
21 – 25 May	RHS Chelsea
18 – 19 June	Area Show @ Royal Cheshire County Show
2 – 7 July	RHS Hampton Court
17 – 21 July	RHS Tatton
31 July	Nantwich Show
9 – 10 August	Shrewsbury Flower Show
15 – 18 August	Southport Flower Show
27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



Terrariums, pub gardens and plant geekery!



Tickets are available from Linda Clowes on 01477 532266.



DISLEY & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

Willow weaving Workshop

Mon 13 May 2024
Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start



Visitors £17.50
Members £10

Pay on the door, card or cash

In this 2 hour workshop you'll learn how to make a willow tower with hands-on tuition.

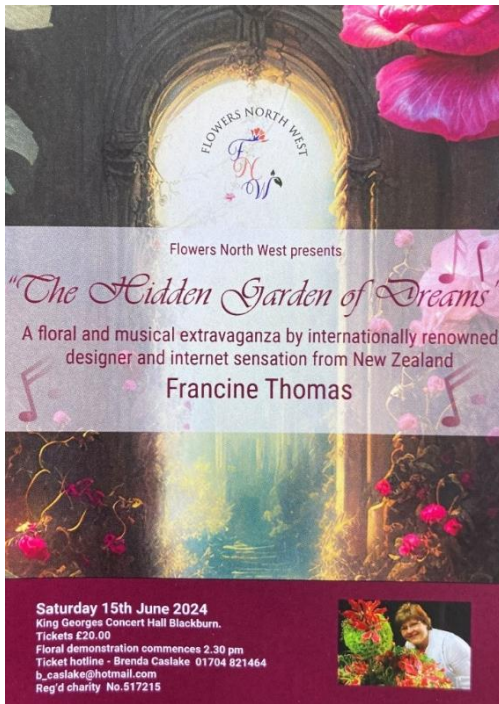
Willow stems will be provided. Please bring a 26cm pot and some dry compost + secateurs.

Join us at:
High Lane Village Hall
Windlehurst Road
Stockport SK6 8AB

Free parking available

Enquiry@ddf.org.uk





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

Wishing you a very Happy Easter Weekend

From All of Us

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Flower Clubs of Cheshire

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Please share this newsletter with as many members as possible – thank you.

THE NANTWICH SHOW 2024

Wednesday 31st July 2024

FLORAL ART SECTION

(Supported and sponsored by Nantwich Flower Club and Wistaston and District Flower Club)

Secretary: Mrs Judy Gratton
487a Crewe Road, Wistaston, Crewe, Cheshire CW2 6QP
Tel: 01270 650341 or 07506022709
email: judy.gratton@live.co.uk

Entry Fee: Each class £1.00
Closing Date for Entries: Friday 26th July 2023
Judge: Mrs Sioned Hughes

“OLYMPIAD IN PARIS”

Class 1. Rings of Friendship: An exhibit.

Space allowed: width 80cm, depth 60cm, height optional.

Class 2. Olympic Champion: A bouquet.

Space allowed: width 60cm, depth 60cm, height optional.

Class 3. The Cup That Cheers: A petite exhibit.

Space allowed: width 25cm, depth 25cm, height 37cm.

Class 4. Flying the Flag: A pavé exhibit.

Foliage to predominate.

Space allowed: width 80cm, depth 60cm, height optional.

Class 5. In Balance: A contemporary exhibit.

Space allowed: width 80cm, depth 60cm, height optional.

Class 6. Going for Gold: An exhibit.

Event to be depicted.

Space allowed: width 80cm, depth 60cm, height optional.

This is a novice class and is only open to exhibitors who have not been placed first at a previous Nantwich Show Floral Art competition.

School Entries

Design an Olympic medal (can be a craft item)

Please contact the Floral Art Secretary for further information.

IMPORTANT

1. All sizes are approximate.
2. All classes are to be brought in prepared and ready to assemble.
3. All classes are to be staged on tabling approximately 75cm high.
4. The staging and backcloth are of a mushroom colour.
5. The backcloth will be approximately 100cm above the table. Exhibits may exceed this if required.
6. Nothing is to be attached to the backcloth.
7. The use of aerosol sprays inside the marquee is not permitted.
8. Only one entry per class.
9. All exhibits left at owner's risk.

RULES

All exhibits will be judged in accordance with NAFAS 'Competitions Manual' Third Edition 2015. The judges' decision will be final.

An exhibit is composed of natural plant material, with or without accessories, contained within a space as specified in a show schedule.

Exhibits must be staged at the show venue unless otherwise stated in the show schedule.

Disqualification will take place for the following reasons:-

- Failure to comply with any specific requirement of a class as stated in the show schedule e.g. the measurements or the components.
- Inclusion of fresh plant material that does not have the roots or the cut ends of stems in water retaining material.
Exceptions: Air plants, cacti, fruits, fungi, grass turf, lichen, moss, succulents, vegetables and long-lasting plant material WHICH WILL REMAIN TURGID FOR THE DURATION OF THE SHOW. (Definition of turgid – the state of firmness of plant tissue relating from adequate moisture causing the plant cells to be fully expanded).
- Inclusion of artificial plant material (unless specifically allowed in the show schedule).

For further details and definitions, please refer to the NAFAS Competitions Manual Third Edition 2015, in accordance with which all classes will be judged.

STAGING

Exhibits may be staged between 1.00pm and 3.00pm on Tuesday 30th July 2024.

Exhibits may be removed after 5.30pm on show day and must be cleared by 6.30pm.

JUDGING

Judging will commence at 3.30pm on Tuesday 30th July 2024.

In addition, Class 1 "Rings of Friendship" will also be judged as "People's Choice" and voted on by the general public. Voting to close at 3.00pm on show day.

Prizes for all classes: 1st £10, 2nd £7, 3rd £4

THE NANTWICH SHOW - FLORAL ART SECTION

Entries Close: Friday 26th July 2024

Class No	Description	Secretary's Comments

Name _____

Address _____

Contact No. _____

Email _____

Completed entry forms can be posted to:

Floral Art Section Committee

c/o Mrs Judy Gratton, 487a Crewe Road, Wistaston, Crewe, Cheshire CW2 6QP or email:

judy.gratton@live.co.uk

The entry fee per class is £1.00 to be paid (cash only) on Tuesday 30th July 2024, when staging exhibits.