

SURREY AREA NEWSLETTER APRIL 2024

Welcome to the April edition of the Surrey Area Newsletter.



HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL.

Many thanks to all the clubs and individuals that have contributed to this edition; it is greatly appreciated.

The new email address to send any photos and articles to is: **Dee47nafas@gmail.com**
I look forward to receiving them.

Reigate's Workshop Evening:



Reigate Flower Club had a fun evening in March; our members created baskets of spring flowers and plants to brighten up these early spring days. The plants will be planted out later to give pleasure well into the summer.
Wendy Jolley

Aldershot Floral Design Club Saturday Morning Class:

Dee Kelly took a workshop and the member made shapes out of Anthurium boxes or strong card; which were then decorated and used in a design. Photos below:



Take Five

Horley Flower Club had an excellent demonstration in March called '*Take a Bunch of Supermarket Flowers*' which gave members an entertaining evening of flowers and fun.

Five different arrangers, involving members of our club and other local clubs, were challenged to show what can be done with a bunch of supermarket flowers, with the slight addition of some wholesale flowers and garden plant material.

First up was Janet with her '*freebies*' from *Marks & Spencer*. Janet whipped through four designs - using a can with daffodils and mulenbeckia, three bottles with alstroemeria, a line design using '*freebie*' white roses and chrysanthemums, finishing off with a Sharon Dower (see YouTube) accredited design - a triangle from one bunch of flowers. How much did they cost.... they were from *Tesco*!

Pam followed with one of her amusing and delightful poems about the Middle East and her stunning colourful arrangement which transported us off to exotic places.

Jane brought us two beautiful hat boxes, telling us about how she started flower arranging and what enjoyment she gets from it.

Wendy told us tales of foraging for foliage and creating an inspiring spring birch ring basket, together with an attractive larger decorated birch ring to hang on the door.

Finally, Linda had been rummaging in her garage for her base to create her charming spring arrangement bursting with seasonal flowers from *Marks & Spencer*, just right for Easter with her hens and eggs.

A big thank you to our guest demonstrators, who produced such an entertaining evening. By the way; other supermarkets are available!

Duncan Ward

Horley Flower Club.







Surrey Area Workshop: 18th March: Tutor Mark Entwistle. By Dee Kelly.

A great workshop was held by the Area JDS&E for the members. Mark was an excellent teacher and everyone was helped by him to obtain outstanding results with their designs. Each member managed two designs and the critique at the end was very informative and helpful. Thanks go to Alison Gillott for the photos below.





Ashtead Flower Arrangement Group:

A very inspiring workshop was had by our club with Cynthia Bromwich guiding us through the principles of Petite design. Photos below.



Ashted Floral Art Group

Ashted had a very successful Charity evening for the Alzheimer's Society, on Wednesday 20th March.

Stephen Mc Donnell entertained us with stunning floral designs and his great sense of humour meant everyone had fun.

The delicious refreshment went down well. Thank you to the committee in making the evening such a success.



Winkworth Floral Designers recently held a workshop based on leaf manipulation. Alison Gillott showed us various methods and ideas and then let us loose to practice and play. We learned a lot of new ideas from Alison and from each other and we experimented with all kinds of foliage.

Once we had completed some element's we then incorporated them into a design and here are the results.

Thank you, Alison for a very enjoyable and relaxed workshop.
Cynthia Bromwich





Area and National News:

- **NAFAS** will be holding an Open Meeting on Zoom for members to put questions to the Board of Directors on Thursday 16th May, the time is 6 -8pm. For details see the NAFAS website.
- **Surrey Area** Presents the Area Show 2024: **"GREEN PLANET"** 12th - 13th July at **The Dell Centre**, Park Lane, Ashted, KT21 1EJ
Staging 12.7.24, 8am–12noon, **Preview evening** 12.7.24, 7-9pm: **£12.00**
Show Open 13.7.24, 10am–4pm. Entrance Price: **£5.00**. Tickets now available.

Show Schedule can be downloaded from the Surrey NAFAS website Surreynafas.com

There is an amendment for the Show Schedule: all drapes stated as pale grey are in fact pale green.

There will be a Cake and Plant stall at the Show and the Area would like your contributions to both stalls please.

They also need helpers to Steward on the day, if you can help that would be lovely.

- **Wisley Show:** This year's Show dates are 3 – 8 September (Staging Monday 2nd). The title of the Show will be "Thank You for the Music." Show Schedules now available.
- Area JDS&E Invites members to a CHRISTMAS THEMED WORKSHOP with Richard Twistleton
Richard is an experienced flower arranger, retired National Demonstrator, member of Southern Demonstrators Group and Midlands Area of NAFAS. Richard is also a very successful competitor at the Wisley Floral Art competitions.
Date: Wednesday 27th November 2024. 10.00 for 10.30am – 3.00pm.
Venue: The Old Barn Hall, Great Bookham, KT23 3PQ
Cost: £40
Booking for this workshop will open on June 24th 2024 when a Booking Form with full information (including on line payment details) will be available on the Surrey Area of NAFAS website.
Enquiries to: aegillott@gmail.com 07811 088949

Area Council Meetings 2024: 24 June; 30 September; 25 November.

Ashtead Flower Arrangement Group:

Robin White will be our next demonstrator on Wednesday 3rd April 2.00 pm. Doors open 1.30 pm. To be held at the Ashtead Peace Memorial Hall KT21 2BE. Ashtead Flower Arrangement Group Members free, visitors welcome £10. For further details contact Di Stirling 01372 279501 or Sue Whittaker 01372 843016. Tea & biscuits included in price. All arrangements on stage will be entered into the raffle.



As this is your Area Newsletter, please forward to me anything of interest that is happening in your club for inclusion so that other club members can read all about it. Just drop me a short resume and photographs if you have taken any of the event to the email address below.....Over to you all.

Have fun with your arranging.

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