

SPOTLIGHT EAST

Newsletter for Members of The East of England Area of NAFAS

Welcome to the winter edition of the newsletter where we review the events of the autumn months and bring you up to date on future events. Christmas is almost upon us and quickly followed by the new year. **We wish you all a happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year**



Anne Bell with her floor design and wall hanger above which gained **BEST IN SHOW**



After a very busy few months we continued with the Bressingham Garden Show in September (FOR FURTHER PHOTOS GO TO WEBSITE ARCHIVES PAGE)



Barbara Collins, Bridget Bloom, and judges Lionel Clark and Lesley Fairman



Jean Eagling Bradwell F Club **FIRST** in the floor design



Time to relax - Gerry Bell and Doris Waymark



AREA COUNCIL MEETING AND AGM - OCTOBER 2019

The President Lionel Clark completed his term of office and handed over the badge to the incoming President Jean Crane. We wish them both well.



Jean Crane with Lionel Clark and Jean's pedestal arrangement.

17 October ·

Lindi Carrington writes :

“What a glorious welcome for delegates to the East of England Area of NAFAS Area Council and AGM. The pedestal by Jean Crane featured an arrangement of foliage & flowers from her garden (obviously not the monstera leaves although with Jean anything might be possible!)

At the AGM in the afternoon, retiring president Lionel Clark welcomed Jean as his successor and presented her with the badge of office. Congratulations to Jean and many thanks to Lionel for all his hard work on our behalf.”

Members who had completed 50 years as a member of NAFAS were given a citation

42 Members had reached this milestone and we congratulate them all

It was a warm and friendly day. Any member of our Area are welcome to attend a council meeting and AGM - just let the Area Secretary know you are





Ten members passed their Teachers Training Course and were given their certificates by President Lionel Clark



12 members did exhibition arrangements "TEXTURE" and we voted for our favourite

The WINNER was Linda Allen of Mildenhall Flower Club and her design was The peoples Choice

The Exhibition will continue at all of the future Council/AGM meetings

28 September ·

Congratulations to The **Colchester Group of Flower Clubs** who today celebrated their **Diamond Anniversary** with a spectacular day at Marks Tey Village Hall. A full house enjoyed a talk by Christine Adams reflecting on her Auntie May who moved a historic house brick by brick from Ware to swells by the Sea. After a delicious lunch served by the hard working Committee we enjoyed the splendours of autumn with National Demonstrator Pam Lewis. Her stage was inspirational as can be seen from the photographs.

The day closed with a glass of Pimms and a special anniversary cake.

We send our congratulations to Group Chairman Sandra Price and her hardworking team on a most memorable day.



MR LIONEL CLARK



Stephen McDonnell Demonstrator.
Sheila Parker Speaker was rock & rolling - "The Years as a Tiller Girl"



Lionel with his sister



The **President's Day** was a sell-out and brought much joy and laughter to the many members that attended



Sylvie Cooper was the winner of the decorated Sparkly Badge competition and, with a friend, were guests at the President's Day and lunch.



Arrangement at the entrance by Sandra

East Suffolk Group Christmas Workshop

Despite the fact that it was still 3 days until Halloween, and everywhere awash with pumpkins, East Suffolk Group held their Christmas workshop on the 28th October, following their Annual General Meeting at Wickham Market. The workshop was led by Barbara Collins who demonstrated a flowing horizontal design using white roses and carnations, with a selection of garden foliage and manipulated aspidistra leaves. The end results were amazing – traditional rich Christmas reds, cool frosted arrangements, warm yellows & gold, off- beat pinks & blues - but all echoed the silhouette Barbara had shown us. We worked hard, but had plenty of opportunities for conversation too, and went away satisfied with our achievements. Just a shame they won't last until Christmas.

The end results were certainly impressive. Thank you, Barbara for a great workshop.

There will be another workshop on 30th March 2020, following the Group Meeting; tutor to be announced later.





LITTLE HALLINGBURY FLOWER CLUB

Before the Christmas demonstration started Little Hallingbury Flower Club was delighted to be able to present a cheque for £500 to help towards the ongoing redecoration of Little Hallingbury Village Hall, where we hold our meetings.

Sue Tonkin, Club Chairman presented Sue Meyer with a cheque for £500. Thanks to everyone who attended the evening for your support, enabling us to make this donation.

Wickham Market Christmas Open Meeting 2019

As she welcomed club members and the many guests from other flower clubs, Chairman June Allum used the opportunity to make a very special presentation – to present Elsie Leeding with her NAFAS 50-year membership badge. During this time Elsie has not only been a hard-working member of Wickham Market Flower Club, but over the years has also held the positions of East of England Area Secretary, Chairman and President. She was one of the first Directors of NAFAS in the 90's and was recently made a Nafas Associate of Honour. The presentation rather took Elsie by surprise, but never lost for words for long, she declared that she was very proud to be a member of Wickham Market and that they were “the best club in the (East Suffolk) Group”.



It was an evening of superlatives, with a stunning demonstration from the award-winning Alison Cooper, NAFAS Designer of the Year 2015. Her Christmas creations included floral fireworks, an alternative Christmas Tree, a celebratory Moon Gate and a crazy interpretation of the Twelve Days of Christmas. In the vote of thanks which followed, the evening was declared “The best Christmas Demonstration we’ve ever had.” Alison asked us not to share photos of her work on social media as it was a highly imaginative interpretation of the traditional Christmas theme incorporating innovative plant material, colours and accessories. We were inspired; we learnt so much... we are now so “on trend” here in East Suffolk!

Lindi Carrington, November 2019



Kings Lynn Group December 2019

Lovely Christmas Tree decorated by members for the first Christmas Tree Festival.

Beginning of many more festivals perhaps?

Norfolk and Norwich Horticultural Floral competitions Best in show - Jacqui Aldous from Dereham Flower Club receiving the cup from Adrian Bloom the NNHS President for her design "Masked Ball"



A lovely afternoon spent with the ladies of Bury St Edmunds Flower Club who were celebrating the club's 65th Blue Sapphire Anniversary. The demonstrator, Tan Strong, gave a wonderful demonstration followed by tea and a slice of birthday cake.

EDUCATION INITIATIVE WORKSHOPS CONTINUE WITH OVER 60 CLUBS NOW BOOKED

PHOTOS SHOW WORKSHOP AT COSTESSEY FLOWER CLUB

WITH TUTOR BARBARA COLLINS



MONTHLY WORKSHOPS CONTINUED AT MILDENHALL _ ORGANISED BY JDS&E EDUCATION

OCTOBER. - SCREEN DESIGN WITH BARBARA COLLINS



NOVEMBER DESIGNS WITH CARDBOARD WITH ANNE BELL



HERTS AND ESSEX BOUNDARY CLUB OF NAFAS

19 members & 8 non members, some completely new to flower arranging, enjoyed a fun and informative workshop today with NAFAS East of England area tutor Adele Kent.



This is Stella Thornley's beautiful design from a workshop at **New Creations Flower Club** with National Teacher Margaret Rumens.



Anne Bell was the tutor for the last **Contemporaries** meeting of 2019. The design set for members and guests was to create a stunning Christmas floral masterpiece by first making our own containers. After some two hours, a few cut and sore fingers, the results were amazing. All very different and comprising of an interesting mix of traditional Christmas type foliage mixed with fresh and artificial flowers embellished with interesting festive touches, especially strings of lights. Members enjoyed the day immensely, especially the delicious lunch. To Join Contact Anne Bell - email: annebell21@btinternet.com
Venue: Village Hall, Chrishall Road, Fowlmere, SG8 7RY
Meeting on Saturdays (4 times a year) 10am – 3.30 p.m.



Boston & District Flower Lovers' Club

November 2019

Last Wednesday evening Jill Kenning presented badges and certificates to Sally Dickens and Pauline Harrison. Sally and Pauline have been members of Boston Flower Club for 50 years. Congratulations to them both and hopefully they will enjoy another 50 years!

Our demonstrator for the evening was Di Smith. Di entertained us with lots of stories and presented some varied and beautiful arrangements



NEW CREATIONS FLOWER CLUB held their AGM and a workshop 2nd October at Woolpit.

The workshop was led by Caroline Barnes using cork in floral designs



If you are interested in joining this Contemporary Group please email: newcreationsflowers@gmail.com

See facebook: New Creations Flower Club



CHAIRMAN'S WINTER BULLETIN

Oh dear where has the year gone? Looking out of the window there is frost on the Roofs and sparkling on the evergreens – it is almost Christmas again.

Looking back over a very busy year I wonder how we fitted everything in.

Starting in March we had the Area Round for the Designer of the Year competition to be held at the Diamond show in London. Moira Neville won this and went forward to stage the Exhibit on behalf of the Area.

Spring Area Day came next with Speaker Sue Shaw and Demonstrator Lucy Ellis. This day was well supported and enjoyed by all.

Then came The Harrogate Spring Show with Brenda Eyers, Linda Knights and Anne Bell staging the Area Exhibit. This depicted a Paris Street scene and took Silver.

In July the 'Blue Sapphire' Show took place for the Area's 65th Anniversary. A superb display of Floral Art.

August had us at the National 'Diamond Anniversary' Show in London. The Islington Business Centre was filled with Floral Splendour and tempting trading stalls.

The Bressingham Garden Show was held in September, organised by the Media team.

President's Day took place in October with Sheila Parker and Coral Gardiner. This was the day we said our farewell to Lionel, our President. It was a fitting send off for him and the day was sold out.

Last but not least came the Area AGM. Certificates were presented to the New Teachers who had completed the Teacher Training Course under the tutelage of Anne Bridge, with Linda Knights as administrator. 50 Year Certificates were presented to 42 members who had completed their 50 years membership of NAFAS. Congratulations to all of them. Jean Crane then took Office as our New President.

Not forgetting throughout the year, the workshops that have been provided by JDS&E to the Clubs in the Area. These are part of a 3 year initiative that is proving to be very successful. Many thanks are owed to all the tutors who have given their time freely to run the workshops.

Next Year 2020 JDS&E Education.nafaseast will commence the new AREA CERTIFICATED COURSE OF COMPLETE FLOWER ARRANGING. This is already proving to be popular and we are aiming to expand it in the future.

Exciting times ahead.

It just remains for me to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Lesley

