

# SPOTLIGHT EAST

Newsletter for Members of The East of England Area of NAFAS

WELCOME TO OUR AUTUMN EDITION OF THE EAST OF ENGLAND AREA NEWSLETTER



Is your club celebrating a special anniversary year? Herts & Essex Boundary are celebrating their 60th and will be posting snippets from their archives over the coming months.

What a busy summer we have had.

The Media Team have attended several shows to promote NAFAS and our East of England Area

Suffolk Show, Little Bentley Hall Show, Hadleigh, and have attended many other events.

Photographs are on the coming pages.

If you would like The Media Team to attend your Show/Event then please send an invitation to

[media.nafaseast@gmail.com](mailto:media.nafaseast@gmail.com) and we will do our best to attend.

SUFFOLK SHOW MAY 2019

31 May at 21:35 ·

Another wonderful Suffolk Show and we send our congratulations and thanks to Roger Woolnough, Chief Steward Floral Marquee. As always the marquee was filled with the most amazing and imaginative designs staged by members of the East of England Area of NAFAS.

We congratulate Maggie Morton on taking the Trophies for Best Exhibit, Most Points and Best Use of Colour. Linda Knights took the Trophy for Best Use of Garden Plant Material.

The club class was won by Haverhill & District Flower Club with an impeccable design to commemorate the anniversary of Torville & Dean winning at the Olympics.

In the children's classes Harry Harman took first place and his sister Rosie second.



Maggie Morton



Roger Woolnough



Linda Knights



Haverhill Flower Club



First Prize  
Harry Harman  
Age 8



Second Prize  
Rosie Harman  
Age 8

Harry - Left

Rosie - Right

MEDIA had tables at the Suffolk Show where 100 people (give or take a few) enjoyed being shown how to complete a posy for them to take home. Below are a few photos.



## Little Bentley Water Gardens

### East of England Area of NAFAS

8 June at 19:43 ·

On the 1st and 2nd June the East of England Media Team were delighted to be invited to join in the fun at the Little Bentley Water Gardens Show. Beautiful weather on both days saw huge crowds enjoying the stunning estate which is only rarely opened to the public with all profits going to local charities.



One of the most popular features is the Art Show and we were thrilled to be able to stage designs amongst the paintings and sculptures ready for the Friday night preview.



Wymondham Flower Club

12 June at 22:25 ·

Well done everyone this evening who participated at tonight's workshop...A huge thank you to Barbara Collins who led the workshop. Fantastic evening!



SHARE your club's activities by sending photographs and text to:

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## CELEBRATING SIXTY SPARKLING YEARS.

Herts & Essex Boundary Flower Club enjoyed a wonderful 60th anniversary celebration at the Manuden Community Centre on Tuesday 28th May with National Demonstrator Coral Gardiner. Special invited guests included Bishop's Stortford Mayor Norma Symonds, Manuden Parish Councillor & WI President Jane Tresadern, Our Area President Lionel Clark, Area Chairman Lesley Fairman, Cambridge Group Chairman Carol Giffen, Past Club Chairman Jean Crane, Gill Romanowski. A large display of archive material spanning the past 60 years brought back happy memories for many including Jean Crane an honourable member of the club.

A Floral Photo frame proved a great success as you can see from the smiling faces.

It was soon time for everyone to settle into their seats to enjoy Coral's demonstration "Sixty Sparkling Years" but not before long standing member Pat Woodward read a beautiful poem she had written entitled "The Blessing of Flowers".

Coral created some beautiful designs, much to the delight of the audience. The final stage reveal was certainly full of sparkle. This demonstration was just for this event and Coral Gardiner gave permission for photographs to be posted.

President Ann Godfrey gave the vote of Thanks. Ann, together with treasurer Sue Holman cut the anniversary cake. Sue Holman earlier in the evening was presented with a long service badge, having been a member of Herts & Essex Boundary Flower Club for 50 years.

Many more photographs on the clubs Facebook page or check their website Gallery



Lesley Fairman, Chairman of the East of England Area



JUNE 2019

Another successful workshop, this time at Haverhill & District Flower Club. Our JDSE/ Education initiative is open to all clubs in the East of England and offers the opportunity of a workshop with costs of tutor met by the JDSE.



## LODDON FLOWER CLUB

Held a workshop on 4th June when they were shown how to arrange a contemporary design that was inspired by a design from the Winter 2018 Flower Arranger magazine. They were led by their President Diane Blyth who demonstrated how to make up the design and then they went off to make their own interpretation; as the end results were all different. All members who took part were very pleased with their efforts.

Their next event will be a Coffee Morning on 15th June at their Chairman's house at 7 Hardley Road, Chedgrave when they will be raising money for Parkinson's UK. Please do join them.



Loddon Flower Club held their Annual General Meeting on 6th August where a change of Chairman took place. Margaret Turner was stepping down from 7 years of being our Chairman and being replaced by Tricia Godfrey. Margaret was presented with a gift from the Club by our President Diane Blyth who thanked Margaret for all her hard work for our Club over her time as Chairman. Diane also presented Tricia with the Chairman's badge and we welcome her as Chairman. Diane was also kept busy as she presented our trophies to the winners of our competitions from the last year. The Novice Class trophy was won by Penny Mills, the Intermediate Class winner was Tricia Godfrey and the Advanced Class winner was Tricia Loades. Diane also presented The Baker Cup for a member who has done a lot for the Club and this was presented to Mary-Jane Hancy, so well done to all of them.





**EAST OF ENGLAND AREA OF NAFAS 5th and 6th July 2019. AREA FLORAL ART SHOW**



A warm welcome from Carol Giffen & Gill Shanks



Best in Show - David Baker



Petite FIRST - Sheila Cooper



Pedestal FIRST - Alan Smith



Craft FIRST - Linda Knights

DIAMOND NATIONAL SHOW - ISLINGTON, LONDON - AUGUST 2019



Some photos of our members from the Show



## AUTUMN BULLETIN

This year is disappearing so fast I seem to be trying to catch up with everything. I think it has to do with all that had taken place this year – it has been a very busy one.

Looking back over the last few months, we have had our own Blue Sapphire Anniversary Show, celebrating 65 years of the East of England Area. Those who visited the show, will know how superb it was. Kathy Stangaard's Demonstration in the Social Club on the Friday, was absolutely outstanding. Kathy, who is also a National Speaker, held everyone enthralled. Her flowers were gorgeous and those who were lucky in the raffle had delightful designs to take home. Both the National Chairman and National President visited, and the Chairman of the South Midlands Area also came along. I invited her to come along to our Show in return for the invitation to their Show in June. A very big thank you goes to all the competitors. 75 people entered, and, as you can imagine the hall was a sea of colour and perfume. A veritable feast for the eyes to be sure. I wish we could have had a better foot fall, but my thanks go to all who came along to visit. Heartfelt thanks go to the Show committee – who were all superb.

The Diamond Show at the Islington Business and Design Centre, has come and gone. This was undoubtedly the best National Show for many years. All the meticulous planning behind the scenes certainly paid off. Everything ran smoothly, with sufficient space allowing walkabouts, to leisurely admire the exhibits on show. A real pleasure indeed. Congratulations to the 19 people who entered the show from the East of England Area, you did us proud. Many thanks go to Moira Neville who entered the Designer of the Year on our behalf, and although did not win, put up a super exhibit. The Diamond Dinner was well attended and enjoyed by all. All in all a this was a great achievement.

Teacher Anne Bridge has been training teachers, 10 of which have passed their exams. We now have 10 new teachers in the Area. Congratulations to them all and Anne for being a great tutor.

The Workshops offered to Clubs by JDS&E have been going very well. A huge thank you to the tutors who give up their time to go and run the workshops.

I have again been lucky enough to have visited more Club open evenings and Anniversary Celebrations. It is such a great privilege to be invited, and I really love to go along and meet the Club members. Thank you all for the invitations.

Summer is now drawing to an end – what we have had of it. As I write this, the sun is shining and we have been promised a week of good, warm, if not hot weather. It looks good for the Bank Holiday. Now is the time that many Flower Festivals will be taking place, so still a lot of activity in the Flower world and interesting places to visit.

Don't forget the Bressingham Gardens Floral Art Show taking place on Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> of September. Many of the East of England members will be entering, and you can look forward to a wonderful day of Floral Art. Tickets are available on line for £5.00 per person, or just buy on the day. Go to [www.thebressinghamgardens.com](http://www.thebressinghamgardens.com) for more details or to buy your tickets.

After this we have President's Day to look forward to. Stephen McDonnell will be demonstrating and Sheila Parker will be rock & rolling. Hope to see many of you there.

Until the next time I wish you all happy flower arranging.

**Lesley Fairman – Area Chairman East of England Area of NAFAS**