

Colchester Sugarcraft Association

Our next Club meeting is Thursday 28th April 2011

April Meeting

The evening will begin with our Annual General Meeting followed by a question and answer session. After this there will be three short demonstrations which will be delivered by club members. Janet will show royal icing techniques. Malyn will demonstrate iced biscuits and Anne will demonstrate making roses.

March Meeting

Janet Carpenter demonstrated spring flowers using Cold Porcelain. It was nice to see the use of a more unusual medium to make flowers.

Apologies to those members who could not hear clearly; Janet insisted that she was used to demonstrating and did not wish to wear a microphone.

At the last meeting the new Constitution was discussed, a couple of issues were raised but it was voted to accept the new Constitution.

Following a change to the Constitution, the steering group will revert to being a Committee again. If any members would like to join the Committee, nominations should be made before the AGM to the Chairman.

Thank you to everyone who entered the cupcake competition, there was a good selection and number of entries, all of which looked like they took a substantial amount of time. There were lots of inspiration ideas for all member to take away and give a try. The Easter theme appeared particularly popular. If anyone makes any cupcake arrangements over the Easter period, please forward any pictures to

annabella_uk@hotmail.com to go in a future newsletter. It is nice to see what members produce outside of the club.

Subscriptions

Subscriptions are due this month costing £15. In order to save time when registering at the hall on arrival, it would be helpful if members could put a cheque or cash in an envelope ready to hand in. Please put your details on the front of the envelope.

NEC Birmingham

In order for this trip to go ahead we need some more people to fill up the coach. If anyone would like to go please indicate this at the next meeting, but also is you know anyone outside of the club who would like to join us. Don't forget that as well as the Cake International show there are other exhibitions on in the other halls. Crafts for Christmas, Hobby Crafts or Art Materials can be explored. See the following link below for more information.

Volunteers

The club meetings would not run as they do without the help of members. We would like to compile a register off names that could be called upon occasionally to help out as needed on things such as the library, register, refreshments, video and raffle. Please give this some thought and let Anne know if you would be interested in helping.

West Wickham Sugar Craft Exhibition

This will take place on Saturday 7th May 10.30 am to 3.30pm if anyone fancies a day out in the world of sugar craft. The event will be held at St Francis Church Hall, Ravens Wood Avenue, West Wickham, BR40PD. Admission is £1, includes a cup of tea. Refreshments will be available. There will be a cupcake competition as well as demonstrations, exhibitions of work and 'have a go'. Leaflets will be available if you are interested at the next meeting.

Rocky Road Cupcakes

Ingredients': 115g butter, 100g caster sugar, 2 eggs, 115g self raising flower, 3 tablespoons cocoa powder, 3 tablespoons milk, 25g white chocolate chips, 50g mini marshmallows and 25g flaked almonds or slivered brazil nuts.

Pre-heat oven to 180 degrees centigrade/300F. Beat butter and sugar, then beat in eggs one at a time. Sift flour and cocoa into mixture and fold in. Add milk, marshmallows, choc chips and nuts. Spoon in to 18 cupcake cases and bake for approx 18mins. When cooled top with chocolate fudge frosting and if desired add a few marshmallows and nuts. Yum!!