



Chairperson; Sue Albins; Secretary; Lorraine Dunn; Treasurer; Christine Clark;

Our next meeting is Thursday 30th March 2017. 7.30pm

MARCH MEETING; *We have Claire Webb demonstrating a Magnolia and a painted Japanese Fern. We will be holding our March Competition and Shortbread is the one to make. We will ask our demonstrator Claire if she will do the judging. Good luck too you all.*

FEBRUARY MEETING; *despite the weather Dawn made it through. Dawn demonstrated an Ankle Boot. It was a very interesting and fun evening. Dawn's demonstration had the members glued to the television watching everything she did. Dawn was full of information and tips on how to make the boot. Here are a few websites she mentioned on where to purchase the formers and on the wholesale of paste and the small bags she was using. As members were interested Lorraine found details of the items Dawn was using;*

BOOT FORMERS; www.cake-stuff.com £24.95 (without heel mould) but you can get the heel mould on Amazon or Ebay. www.cakedecorating.co.uk (via Ebay) £38.99 you get an 11 piece set which includes everything you need, including shoe cutters. Lorraine has been on a few other websites but are all sold out. Some sites are charging double the price off others so watch out when looking and ordering.

HOWARD; www.packaginglincs.co.uk for the plastic bags Dawn was using 5in grip seal bags. These are £9.65 ex vat for a 1000. You have to spend £99 EX. VAT FOR FREE P&P. OR £8 for the first 20kg then 25p per every additional kilo. They have all sorts of bags and boxes on the site. You can get these bags on Ebay and Amazon and can buy less than a 1000. Some start from 50 bags. You have to shop around to get a good price.

TOM ANDERSON; www.tomanderson-distributor.co.uk prices are not shown on website. You have to register to get a quote. You have to spend £150 EX VAT TO GET FREE DELIVERY OR £6 per box if your order requires more than one box it's then half P&P FOR ADDITIONAL BOXES.

DAWN ; *gave us some templates to use with the boot former. After trying different ways to get them the right size Lorraine managed to copy them. She is unable to send by email as they don't print off correctly, so if you would like a set please let Lorraine know and she will bring you a set to the club meeting. The members who have already requested a set, these have been done for you. (THESE WILL NOT BE LAMINATED)*

APRIL MEETING; *is our AGM. If you would like to hear how we have done over the year or would like to bring anything up about the last year then please come to the meeting. If you would like a copy of last year's AGM minutes then please let Lorraine know.*

It is also time to re-new your membership. The subscriptions are the same as last year £20 for the year 17/18 in a named envelope please stating cash or cheque made out to 'Colchester Sugarcraft Association' Thank you. Don't forget you also have to pay your meeting fee off £2 on top.

JULY MEETING; *we have been informed that the Village Hall will be undergoing a major re-fit starting in July and the hall will not be available for our July meeting. For our July Meeting only, we will be in Tollgate Hall. As we get more information we will pass on to you.*

AUGUST BASH; the committee are looking for ideas for our August get together. If you have any ideas that you would like to do or see then please let us know.

NATIONAL SUGARART ASS (NSA) SATURDAY , MAY 20TH.10AM- 4.30pm. ST. Andrews Hall, London Road, Stanway. We are holding the main AGM this year and members are welcome to attend this. If you would like to go to the AGM, the cost is £4 per member to pay towards a lunch and the demonstration by Graham Weare. This has to be paid in advance so we can let NSA know you wish to attend .If you would like to attend the demo only the cost will be the same as the public entrance fee of £5 per person, payable on the door. It will be advertised but please let anyone you know who would like to see this about it. We are looking for helpers on the day and any donations towards the lunch and raffle will be appreciated. Please note; depending on how many raffle donations we receive and on how many we need on the day, the committee will use any raffle donation leftovers for the club raffle prizes. Please see Michala and Ann if you can help out. Thank you.

The theme for the demo is 'THE OWL AND THE PUSSY CAT.' Doors open at 1.30pm and scheduled for 1.45 start.

We have new contact information. If you wish to contact Lorraine about the newsletter or any club related items please use this email. THANK YOU.

colchestersugarcraftass@gmail.com

We are also on twitter @ColchesterCSA so please follow us.

We would like to welcome our new member Oluwatosin Famotibe to the club.

Maureen Squirrell has a gold square cake stand she has offered to our club members to use. If are interested contact Maureen 01206524355

WE HAVE BEEN ASKED IF WE CAN HELP OUT WITH ACCOMODATION FOR ONE OF THE NSA COMMITTEE MEMBERS TRAVELLING FROM SOMERSET TO THE AGM IN MAY. UNFORTUNATLY THE COMMITTEE ARE UNABLE TO HELP ON THIS OCCATION. IS THERE A MEMBER THAT CAN HELP WITH A ROOM FOR AN OVERNIGHT STAY ON FRIDAY 19TH MAY? IF YOU CAN, PLEASE LET LORRAINE KNOW. THANK YOU.

