



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

Our next meeting is Thursday 27th April 2017. 7.30pm

MARCH MEETING; *we had Claire Webb demonstrate a Magnolia and a Japanese Fern. It was a very interesting demo and a very delicate one. We hope you enjoyed the evening. We also held our spring competition and this year we had Shortbread. Thank you to the members who entered and congratulations to our winner Jean Wilson and thank you to our demonstrator Claire for judging.*

APRIL MEETING; *we are holding our A.G.M and if you would like to know how we are running as a club over the last year, then please attend the meeting. This is your chance share your thoughts and voice your opinions to let us know if we need to change or add anything. If you are unable to attend please send your apologies to Lorraine. Thank you.*

We are having a workshop after the meeting. Christine will be demonstrating 2 little dogs. Members will have a chance to make a dog too. All you have to bring is a cell stick but don't worry if you don't have one as I'm sure we will have some to go around. All other items will be provided.

If you would like a copy of last year's A.G.M Minutes then please let Lorraine know.

All the committee members have agreed to stand again;

SUE ALBINS; CHAIRPERSON

CHRISTINE CLARK; TREASURER

LORRAINE DUNN; SECRETARY AND NEWSLETTER

MICHALA CAREY, ANN CAREY; PROGRAMME AND RAFFLE

KIMBERLEY DUNN; COMMITTEE MINUTES

OLUWATSON FAMOTIBE (to be elected)

We would like to ask if anyone would like to join us on the committee. We meet about 6 times a year and meet at Lorraine's home. Our next committee meeting is on the 5th May.

SUBSCRIPTIONS; *These are due this month. It's still £20 for the year. Please put in an envelope with your name and please state if its cash or cheque made out to 'Colchester Sugarcraft Association' Thank you. Please don't forget your £2 evening fee has to be paid as well. You will be surprised on how many members forget this.*

NATIONAL SUGARART (NSA) AGM; *20th MAY. 10am – 3.30pm. St. Andrews Hall London Road. Stanway. If you would like to attend the AGM meeting then you will need to pay £4 which includes lunch and the afternoon demo. If you wish to attend the demo only then it's £5. Demo starts 1.45pm. Please see Christine to book a place on either one. Please pay on*

booking. We will need to know by the 5th May. We will be holding a raffle on the day at £1 a strip of tickets.

MICROPHONE; Although the demonstrators asks if we can hear them, everyone says that they can and asks if we can't hear then shout out, but no-one does, then we get complaints that members were unable to hear the demonstrator. We are looking into buying a microphone to fit the amplifier that we have but we are conscious of the cost. If we can't find one then we will have to buy a whole new system to which the committee will have to re-assess the cost of purchasing one. So until we get this sorted please help us by shouting out if you can't hear. Thank you.

RAFFLE; we would like to thank members for donating items for the raffle. But it has come to our attention that some items especially food related have been out of date. Although we do check could you please check the date before donating. Thank you.

LIBRARY; there seems to be some confusion on the charge of borrowing books/dvds. To hire a book we charge 50p per month and if you wish to keep the book for longer, then you will be charged 50p per book for each month you have the book(s) (please let us know if you wish to do this.) If another member wishes to borrow the book you have then we will ask if you wouldn't mind bringing it back so they can borrow it. To hire DVDS is £1. The same conditions are set out as the hire of books. If you leave the group and have a book/DVD and it's not returned we shall charge you for the cost off the book/DVD.

SALES TABLE; new members and reminders; if you wish to sell any items on the sales table please make sure you have a named list of these items and how much you wish to sell it for. If you can put a sticker, with the price on, even better. 10% off all sales go to the club.

HINTS, TIPS AND RECIPIES; if you have any of these or events you wish to share with other members then please let Lorraine know so she can add them to the newsletter. It does not have to be Sugarcraft related.

AUGUST BASH; we are still looking for something or somewhere to go for our 'August get together' if you have any ideas please let us know. Thank you.

The committee would like to say a big thank the members for their continuing support for the club. The members who help out with tea/coffee sales table and Library and other club functions this would not be possible without their help.

