



NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2019. 7.30PM

JULY MEETING. We had Graham and Tina Weare who demonstrated brush embroidery. Members had requested this demonstration but it proved to be challenging for members to see and for Graham to demonstrate but at the same time we learnt some useful tips and advice of how to add to your brush embroidery to make it more interesting and three dimensional.

AUGUST MEETING. This year we had afternoon tea in the garden of Sue Albins' house. We sold 11 tickets and spent a very enjoyable afternoon sitting in the sun eating our sandwiches, cake, scones, trifle and lemon posset. We also enjoyed a cup of tea and a good natter. A small profit was raised which will go to club funds.

SEPTEMBER MEETING Linda Garnham will be our demonstrator this month and she will be making pastillage boxes. You may remember seeing them when she brought them along to her last demonstration for the club. Linda always gives a good demonstration so please come along, the boxes are beautiful and would make lovely presents filled with some chocolates.

FUND-RAISING Our major fundraising event is always Great Bentley Flower Show and this year was no exception. We made a profit of £425.01 which is the most we have ever taken. Thank you to members who made cakes or donated money to help pay for ingredients. We had 3 wooden cake stands and a wood heart wedding decoration donated, a good variety of cakes, jars of plum jam and even dog biscuits. Thank you to the committee members and Dawn Rose for helping on the day and the loan of a table.

In August Anne Reynolds, Christine Clark and myself gave a demonstration to St Lukes Ladies Guild at Tiptree. They have about 60 members who came along to watch, they were a very lively group of ladies who appeared to enjoy the evening and later we received an email thanking us for entertaining them. The money we charge (less expenses) goes to club funds. We have two more demos booked for this year both in November and one booked for December 2020. If you belong to a W.I. or ladies club and would like to book us please see Christine or myself. If any members are interested in doing a demo please let us know either for our club or other clubs. We keep it quite simple as most people don't have lots of equipment and just want to see things they may be able to do at home.

FUTURE EVENTS.

ART EAT FESTIVAL 21ST SEPTEMBER QUAY PLACE IPSWICH We are attending this event and will be exhibiting our display on the four seasons. I am pleased to say that a team of us have been working over the past few weeks to prepare our display and I would like to thank Dawn Rose, Stella Rodgers, Jenny Millin, Anne Reynolds, Angela Howard, Christine Clark, Jan Fergusson, and Brenda Lambert for their hard work and effort. If you want to see our work then come along, it sounds as if it will be a good day out.

Nicky Fuller Workshop See attached poster. Christine and myself are going and I have room in my car for 2 people.

Cake and Bake Show Excel London 4th, 5^t, 6th October I have a ticket for sale for use on any day £5 please ring 01206251955 if you are interested. I am going up on Sat 5th by train from Wivenhoe.

Cake International Birmingham Nov 1st, 2nd 3^d

Swale Demo Day Saturday 19th October.

CLUB EVENTS November Meeting Xmas Bash

BITCH RAFFLE Tickets will be on sale from Septembers meeting 50p each. The more you buy the more chances you stand of snatching away the star prize which will be a gift voucher for £20 towards club membership. There will be lots of lovely prizes to fight over as well as a booby prize, it was really good fun last year. Please don't buy tickets if you will not be coming to the November meeting as we will have to take your name out. Donations of prizes gratefully received.

Christmas Cake Competition Start making your cake and designing your decorations for our Christmas cake competition. A minimum 6 inch cake which will be judged by the members on decoration only. 3 classes novice, intermediate, advanced. You can enter the intermediate if you have won the novice class and the advanced if you have won the intermediate class at any time.

Refreshments If you are coming to the meeting please bring a small plate of food, a list will be at the Sept / Oct meeting for you to fill in, this way we get a nice variety, hot and cold drinks will be provided.

Workshops and Club meetings

If there are any workshops or particular techniques you would like to do or see demonstrated please let us know as it is always good to get input from our members rather than just the committee deciding.

We have 3 members who are willing to have informal sessions in their homes to teach sugarcraft or just to get together to make flowers etc if you would like to come along please contact Sue, Christine or Anne for more information.

Our next committee meeting is 10th October please let us know if there is anything you wish to be discussed.

Remember to bring your cup. I will be asking for a volunteer for refreshments and vote of thanks.

Sue Albins Chairperson