



Chairperson - Sue Albins. Secretary - Brenda Lambert. Treasurer - Christine Clark

Newsletter for April 2023.

Our next meeting is April 27th 30th at 7.30 p.m.

March Meeting. We had Sally Browne demonstrating an Easter theme which included daffodils, tulips and bluebells. We had several entries for the competition of biscuits decorated in an Easter theme. Well done to our winners Carol Rowe and Jan Ferguson.

April Meeting. April is our AGM, which will be short and sweet to enable us to watch Brenda Lambert demonstrating a Lily. It is also time to renew your membership which is still £40 for the year, please fill in the attached renewal form before coming to the meeting as this saves time. I will print a few for anyone who has not got a printer or forgotten. Cash or cheque only please. Make cheques payable to Colchester Sugarcraft Association. The treasurer, secretary and chairpersons report and accounts are attached to the newsletter please read before the AGM.

Other news and events.

Fund Raising Events.

Christine Clark, Ann Skeggs and myself did a mini workshop for Wivenhoe W.I. making a duck using a cream egg which was well received. All profits go to the club.

We have been invited to have a table at the 5 Parishes Show on August 6th 11 - 5 pm at Peldon. We are organising an hourly rota for different sugarcraft activities for children or adults to have a go or to watch. If you would like to take part please add your name to the list which will be on the check-in table. Ideas include cupcake and cookie decorating, making a small model, making a flower.

Workshops. Ann Skeggs ran a cupcake bouquet workshop for us and 10 people had a thoroughly lovely day and went home with some very nicely-decorated cupcakes. A big thank you to Ann from all of us.

I will continue to pass on any information I receive about workshops especially if they are fairly local to us. The recent workshops with sugar-in-the-fens are very reasonably priced and if we can organise to share a car, that makes it even more cost effective.

National SugarArt Association. The date for the AGM is Saturday May 20th at 1.30 via zoom, followed by a demonstration by Debbie Cox. If you would like to attend please let me know before the end of April as I have to let the secretary know numbers. It is a good

opportunity to see a free demo by a demonstrator we will never book and also to get an insight into the association we belong to. They are also looking for new committee members and if you wish to propose a resolution. See attached file.

Sales Table. Please bring any unwanted equipment to our sales table, 10 % of money goes to the club.

Raffle prizes. Thank you to members who supply raffle prizes it is greatly appreciated. It is getting more difficult to find raffle prizes at a reasonable cost and the raffle does help to raise funds. If you are able to help out with prizes, please pass them on to Ann or Michala Carey. If edible please make sure they are still in date and any equipment is new and unused.

Show and tell table. We are always interested to see what people have been doing so bring along photos or the items and display them on the table with your name and a brief description.

Facebook and website. We have a website and facebook page which are regularly updated. Emma Barnes has taken over the administration of facebook and has set up an email address, colchestersugarcraft@hotmail.com so if you have pictures or you wish to post anything sugarcraft-related send it to her and she will include it. Emma is going to look into linking our page with other businesses, groups or sugarcrafters in our area to maximise publicity for the club and hopefully get more members, and more information for our members. If you know of any groups to link to please let Emma know.

Emma is also collecting equipment which the club can use for demonstrating at various groups and Bentley Show. We are available to give a demonstration or small workshop to any group who may be looking to fill their programme for 2023 so please pass on our details to the programme secretary of any clubs you belong to. All the profits go to the club.

If you know of any other events that might interest our members please let me know and I can include them in the newsletter.

If you would like to contribute to the newsletter please contact me.

Regards Sue.

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