



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

Newsletter for May 2023.

Our next meeting is May 25th at 7.30 p.m.

April meeting. April was our Annual General Meeting. The committee were re-elected and stays as Chair Sue Albins, Treasurer Christine Clark. Secretary Brenda Lambert, Programme Secretary Michala Carey. Thank you to members for re-electing me as Chair I am looking forward to another year of demonstrations and fund-raising events. Thank you to all the committee members who agreed to stand and who have been committed to the club over several years, we would not be able to carry on with out you. Emma Barnes was co opted onto the committee as she is in charge of our social media site. Brenda Lambert demonstrated 2 lilies for us.

May Meeting. This month we have Eloise Durrant demonstrating piped flowers. Eloise is a new demonstrator for us and we are looking forward to seeing an array of different piped flowers.

Membership. Membership is due as from April, the price remains at £40 for the year and includes refreshments. A renewal form is attached to the newsletter please bring it along to the meeting with cash or a cheque payable to Colchester Sugarcraft Association. Christine has some forms available if you cannot print them. At present we only have 13 people who have rejoined, as the club can only run if membership covers the costs involved. Please sign up, and promote the club to anyone who you think may like to join us. Financially we are in a good place at the moment but this is down to fundraising rather than membership fees. We have booked more demonstrators this year who are not club members and their costs are averaging around £100 per demonstration in the hope that this may encourage more people to come along.

Programme for 2023 -2024

May 25th Eloise Durrant Piped Flowers

June 29th Karen Pritchard Bark Effect

July 27th Georgie Godbold Wobbly Footballer

August Summer Meal

September 28th Carolyn Harvey Trio of cushions

October 26th Ruby Buffong Halloween Mask

November 30th Christmas Social Marzipan Fruits

January 25th Alison Henderson Baby Shoes

February 29th Brenda Lambert Mothers Day theme

March 28th Have a go night Easter theme

April 25th A.G.M. Spring Gonks Sue Albins.

Please let Michala know if there is anything you would like to see a demonstration on as we start to book demonstrators way in advance of the 2024 -2025 programme, we can ask the ladies who are visiting each month what they can offer as well.

Other news and events.

Fund Raising Events. We have been invited to have a table at the 5 Parishes Show on August 6th 11 – 5 pm at Peldon. Thank you to everyone who has put their name on the list we will contact you nearer to the time to discuss the arrangements.

Workshops. Sugar in the Fens Alan Dunn 15th -16th July £195 Flowers contact sugarinthefens@gmail.com

West Wickham Sugarcraft have some workshops planned. Saturday June 10th Kim Haughey Leaping Pixie, Saturday July 1st Judy Kimmins Clematis, Saturday September 30th Sarah Jane Soggee Tree House, Saturday November 25th Irene Griffin Christmas Model, Janet Seth Butterfly. Cost £50 contact jan-seth@hotmail.com

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 so I can send you the zoom link. 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. I have been elected onto the committee and will keep you informed of any exciting news!!

Cake International 3rd – 5th November Birmingham £14 available now. NSA will be there with some workshops.

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 the Gt. 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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