



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

Newsletter for June 2023.

Our next meeting is June 29th at 7.30 p.m.

May meeting. Last month Eloise Durrant demonstrated piped buttercream flowers on cupcakes and she also explained that they could be piped on to piping nails and used to decorate cakes. Eloise is based in Chelmsford and offers workshops via The Gourmet Cupcake Company. She has also appeared on the TV show Extreme Cake makers. info@gourmetcupcakes.co.uk The cupcakes looked amazing and were put into the raffle and the lucky winner was Anne Reynolds.

June Meeting. This month we have Karen Pritchard demonstrating bark effect, this is a new demonstrator for us and a new technique as well so please come along and support Karen and the club.

Membership. Just a reminder that membership was due in April, if you haven't rejoined we have a good variety of demonstrations this year as you can see from the programme. In order to keep this option we do need to increase our membership as running the club is expensive for just a small number of people. If you are unable to rejoin the visitor fee remains at £5 on the door. Please inform people about the club and recommend the website and facebook pages.

Programme for 2023 -2024

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.

Great Bentley Show. Saturday 2nd September. We will be having our cake stall again this year which is always very popular and a good fund raiser. If you are able to help on the stall by providing any of the following items please add your name to the list or contact Christine Clark wor.christine@gmail.com Gazebos, tables, help on the day to man or set up the stall, cakes. We would like loaf cakes e.g. lemon drizzle, fruit, madeira, cherry, coconut, tray bakes, sponge cakes, biscuits, shortbread, individual cakes, fairy cakes, sweet or savoury scones. It can become quite hot so no cakes with anything which is likely to melt please. If you are unable to bring them along on the day we will arrange for a collection point on Friday 1st September.

Workshops.

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

West Wickham Sugarcraft have some workshops planned, 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. I have been elected on to the committee but have not attended any meetings yet. At the AGM it was briefly mentioned about the insurance which covers the club and members who do not run a cake business for public liability, the cost for providing this inclusive cover was felt to be too much but Shelia is still negotiating with the insurers and clubs as to what would be the best solution. We are still covered by the current insurance until a new deal is done.

Cake International 3rd – 5th November Birmingham £14 available now. NSA will be there with some workshops. If you are attending and would like to help out either by demonstrating for an hour mini workshop or to inform visitors about the NSA then please contact Liz Ungless nationalsugarartassosiation@yahoo.com

Patchwork Cutters. Anne Reynolds has a lot of patch work cutters for sale please contact her on annereynolds3@outlook.com if you are interested.

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 sugar craft related send it to her and she will include it. Emma is going to look into linking our page with other businesses, groups or sugar crafters 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.

West Wickham Sugarcraft group have been kindly inviting us to their zoom meetings, the last one with Sebastien Haramendy was very enjoyable. He made Count Schroom and also showed us Countess Schoom. He is based in S.W. France but has this demo on cake flix via youtube it is well worth watching. He is hoping to be at Cake International as well. We are very lucky to be included in these zooms as it is free and we get to see demonstrators who we would never be able to book.

Hints and tips. When working a model which will be placed on a polystyrene dummy put a square of parchment paper between the model and the polystyrene this prevents the polystyrene from making marks on the paste, stops colouring dusts from staining the dummy and also makes it easier to turn the model around on the dummy avoiding finger marks or mis shaping the model.

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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