



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

Newsletter for March 2024.

Our next meeting is March 28th at 7.30 p.m.

February meeting. Brenda demonstrated how to make pansies. She was inspired by the pansies in her garden and after watching a zoom demo, which some members also watched, courtesy of West Wickham Sugarcraft club.

March Meeting. This month we are all having a go at making a sheep using cream eggs with the help of Christine Clark. All materials will be provided just bring a pair of small scissors used for food only and a container to take them home in. Hope to see you in your Easter bonnets!!

Programme for 2024-2025. Our programme for May 2024 - April 2025 is finalised with a good variety of demonstrations, teacup and saucer, snow globes, Lambeth piping, cocoa painting, stencilling, August and Christmas social. Membership remains at £40 for the year and is due in April, Cash or cheque made payable to Colchester Sugarcraft Association only please. Renewal forms will be sent out with the April newsletter.

Website. Christine has updated our website with recent events. If you have any pictures for the gallery, recipes or anything which is relevant please send to Christine Clark at wor.christine@gmail.com we also have a facebook page. Ann Skeggs is going to take over the facebook page but please give her time to sort out the admin which goes with changing over.

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AGM. April is our AGM. The committee have all said that they are willing to stand for another year but if you would like to become a committee member please see Brenda Lambert for a nomination form. Our constitution states that we have a maximum of 7 people to form a committee which is our current position but that does not mean nobody else can be nominated, it will just go to a vote.

It was preposed and seconded at our recent committee meeting that for any bookings we take from March to do workshops for W.I. etc. will now have a milage charge of 30p a mile which will be given to the driver, we would encourage car sharing as much as possible. Any reasonable expenses incurred to do a demonstration/workshop can be claimed, please give receipts to Christine Clark. Any queries please contact me.

Other news and events

Workshops. The list for mini workshops will be on the table again this month so please add your name if interested then we can arrange dates. We could do the baby shoes once we have the instructions.

There are some sugarcraft shows coming up and also zoom demonstrations organised by British Sugarcraft Guild areas so it is always worth checking their site for events. Most are open to non members. They also have weekend skills workshops.

Show and tell table. Please bring in things you have made or photos of cakes with a brief explanation if possible so we can see how talented our members are. Also don't forget to send pictures to our website and facebook page.

Sales Table. If you have equipment you would like to sell please bring it along for the sales table, label with your name and price and take it home if it does not sell. We take 10% for club funds.

Raffle. As we have fewer members now we have decided to limit the amount of raffle prizes to 6 each meeting. If perishable goods are donated on the night they will replace another prize already on the table.

Other Events

Halstead Icing Shop. The lady who owns Halstead Icing Shop is selling due to ill health her son contacted me and asked me to pass on his details if anyone may be interested in taking on the business. His contact is neil.salmon@btinternet.com mobile 07976 720789.

National Sugarart Association AGM. The AGM is on 18th May via zoom followed by a demonstration, if you would like to attend please let me know before April 20th as I have to let the secretary know how many people will be attending. If you would like to come on to the committee I have the nomination slip which also has to be returned before the end of April. The NSA committee meet via zoom about 3- 4 times a year.

I am now on the committee for the National Sugarart Association if there is anything you would like me to find out about or any questions raised, at the AGM, please let me know.

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Almond Art online only Faraday Close Gorse Lane Ind Est Clacton on sea

On the cake front Shop and online Unit 111 Lakes Inovation Centre Lakes Rd Braintree

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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