



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

Newsletter for April 2024.

Our next meeting is April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m.

**March meeting.** We had a very enjoyable mini workshop, led by Christine Clark, making a sheep using a cream egg. Several members wore Easter bonnets or bunny ears and Carol Rowe bought in an Easter bonnet cake she had made for a friend's birthday. The cake was so effective and a novel idea for anyone with a birthday around Easter.

**April Meeting.** This month is our A.G.M. followed by a short demo by me entitled Spring Gonks. Please try to attend as we will keep the official business short and then move on to something more interesting. All the committee members are willing to stand again, please read the documents sent out last week so we do not have to read them out at the meeting. Membership remains at £40, please bring cash or a cheque made payable to Colchester Sugarcraft Association. Sorry, bank transfer is not available. Don't forget your renewal form which was sent out earlier

**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 butter painting, stencilling, August and Christmas social.

**Website.** Christine has updated our website with recent events. If you have any pictures for the gallery, recipes or anything which is relevant please email it to Christine Clark see below. 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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It was proposed and seconded at our recent committee meeting that for any bookings we take to do workshops/demos for W.I. etc, from March, 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.**

**Public Liability Insurance.** At the moment we are not covered by the insurance which is arranged by the N.S.A. As the premium was much higher this year and as there are fewer clubs it was felt that it would not be affordable. Negotiations with the insurance company is ongoing, but it means that we are not covered for members who make cakes for friends, family, charity, or our cake stall. Our meetings should be covered by the hall insurance for anything to do with safety, their equipment etc but please be mindful of members safety when we are at meetings and let us know if we have any hazards that need to be addressed.

**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 per meeting. If perishable goods are donated on the night they will replace another prize already on the table.

## **Other Events**

**National Sugarart Association.** The AGM is on 18<sup>th</sup> May via zoom followed by a demonstration, we will send out the zoom login to all members when we receive it. It is very easy to join a zoom meeting from any computer laptop or tablet you just click on the link and wait to be let in. Any questions about zoom please contact Christine or myself. 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, the AGM is in May, please let me know.

## **Sugarcraft Suppliers Local**

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

On the cake front Shop and online Unit 111 Lakes Innovation 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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