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## **Newsletter for September 2025**

### **Next Meeting Thursday September 25th 7.30 PM**

**July Meeting.** Unfortunately Sarah Jane was unable to demonstrate for us but one of our own members took up the challenge and demonstrated a fantasy flower using rice paper. Thank you Carol for stepping in at the last moment and giving us a different method of using rice paper, everyone enjoyed the evening and even asked if we could do a workshop which we will arrange.

**September Meeting.** This month we have Christina Georgiou and she will hopefully be demonstrating a mermaid.

**Health and Safety.** We have been advised by National Sugar Art Association to carry out risk assessments for each meeting and workshop in order to comply with the insurance company. Please can you make sure that coats and handbags are kept off the floor so as not to cause a trip hazard. Please do not come up to the demonstration table until we have packed away the video camera. If you see anything that may be a risk please speak to one of the committee members so we can address it. It is every ones responsibility to ensure that we all stay safe.

### **Other News.**

**August Lunch.** Several of us enjoyed a lovely lunch at Angela's garden in Wivenhoe, we were very lucky with the weather and we all tucked into the delicious spread provided by members. A big thank you to Angela and everyone who helped on the day.

**NSA Update.** Forms are now available for anyone who wants to join the N.S.A. as an individual member, the cost is £20 per year. This will allow them to join any zoom demonstration that clubs or the organisation put on. They are hoping to have at least four demos starting with the first in September. These demos will also be open to all club members. The first zoom demo was with Cassie Brown who demonstrated air brushing. I will let you know who else is booked and the dates, it is worth joining in as there are people we would not be able to book ourselves and is free.

**Cake International Birmingham.** The NSA will have a stall again and will be doing hour-long mini workshops on all 3 days. You can book a workshop on the day, spaces are limited to 8 people per session and are free. If you are going and have an hour to spare they would appreciate some help to promote the association and just generally talk about the benefits of belonging to a club.

**Workshops.** Rice Paper Flowers. Carol has offered to organise a mini workshop to make the rice paper flowers see list and add your name if interested.

We have two more mini workshops booked for Frinton and Tiptree in November, which are always great fun.

**Post Christmas Meal.** We usually have a meal in January. The Harvester has been suggested but if there is another venue people would like to go to instead or you would prefer to go at lunch time instead of the evening please let us know.

**Christmas Raffle** We will be selling raffle tickets for our bumper Christmas Raffle in October £1 per strip.

**Sales table.** Don't forget to look on our bargain basement sales table, we accept donations or if you have equipment to sell we take 10% commission. Please label with your name and price and take home anything that does not sell. We do not take large cake tins, cake stands or books as we have nowhere to store them.

Don't forget to send pictures and sugarcraft news to Christine and Ann for our website and Facebook page, or like, comment and share via the Facebook page. Please ask the permission of anyone featured in photos and keep personal details to a minimum for these sites which will help to keep everyone safe from scams etc. I know that we have permission to have personal data on our members which we do not share with other people and is only available to me and the secretary, but if we post photos from club meetings or workshops please let us know if you do not wish to be in the photo.

Special offer of attending 1 meeting for free for visitors still applies so please spread the word as we would love to see more people at our meetings and hopefully show people our craft.

We have posters available if anyone can display them or distribute to various locations e.g. libraries or village magazines.

Regards Sue