Colchester Sugarcraft Association

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Newsletter for October 2026
Next Meeting Thursday October 29th 7.30 PM

September Meeting. Last month we had Christina Georgiou demonstrating to us. She made a very cute Halloween inspired model of a little girl. We always learn so much about modelling figures with Christina and also have a very interesting evening talking about many subjects!

October Meeting. A change to the programme we have Sarah Jane Soggee who we had booked on a previous occasion but she was unable to attend. I believe she maybe making a model owl.

Other News

NSA Update

Cake International Birmingham. The NSA 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. We have donated some equipment from the club for the bargain-basement stall which is always popular.

Liz Ungless has organised some more zoom demonstrations for the coming year which are free for every member to join. She has booked Alan Dunn for flowers, and there is also a wafer paper and isomalt demo next year. I will send out the link for zoom when we receive it. It is really easy to join as you just click on the link on the email and join via a laptop, tablet or phone.

Next Year's Programme. Michala will be booking demonstrators for next year's programme shortly and would welcome suggestions of what you would like to see or do. Would you like to do more in-house workshops, modelling, flowers, icing techniques? Please let us know as it is difficult for the committee to decide without members feedback. If you have heard of anyone who is willing to demonstrate please tell us as it is getting harder each year to find people who are local or not too expensive.

November Meeting. As usual, November is our Christmas Social Evening and we will have a buffet and then a Christmas-themed modelling session afterwards. We will provide everything needed for the model just bring a container which a 3 inch round board will fit into. If you would like to contribute to the buffet please let me know so we don't duplicate on the food. Raffle tickets will be on sale this month for our bumper Christmas raffle at £1 per strip.

Post Christmas Meal. We are currently thinking of going to The Swan at Copford on Thursday 12th January at 7pm, list and menu will be available at the November meeting.

Workshops. We are hosting a mini workshop for Langham WI in November and we have two demonstrations booked for April and May 2027. These help to raise some funds for the club. If you belong to a group or have family and friends who might like to do some sugarcraft workshops

please let them know that we are available.

Don’t forget to send pictures and sugarcraft news to Christine and Ann for our website and facebook, 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.

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.

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