



Hello Everyone

Welcome to the May issue of our Members Newsletter. The 2025 celebrations have already commenced with the Area lunch, held on 9th April, and Nether Alderley's 70th Anniversary Lunch at the Alderley Edge hotel. Competition season is also underway with Harrogate Spring show (24th -27th April) having already taken place, with successes for some of our members. There are still some spaces available in the competitive classes at 'Theatre of Flowers' @ Cheshire Show (17th & 18th June), schedule is on our website and also check out the competition schedule for the Nantwich Show (30th July), attached. Hopefully, if you are planning on competing at the National Show you have got the classes you have applied for (see our Competitive Support Group CSG Facebook posts for information and guidance). Wishing you all every success.....

Final places still available at the workshop with Julie Pearson on 11th May (see poster later for details).

Can you ensure the future of our Area Show at the RCCS? Volunteers and help desperately required – join us at The Partridge Pub on 20th May to find out more (see later for all the details).

If you have some news or photos to share or would like your Club event featured in this newsletter, please send details to treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk.

Happy Reading!

Area Lunch in our Emerald Year.....



On 9th April, we celebrated 'Friendship and Flowers' at the Area Lunch – the first of our social gatherings during our Emerald Year. The lunch followed the April Club Representative's Meeting at Lymm Golf Club and was open to any affiliated member of a Cheshire Club. After pre-lunch drinks in the sunshine on the terrace overlooking the putting green, a delicious two course buffet lunch was served followed by a most entertaining after lunch talk by one of our own Cheshire speakers, Kate Russell. Wonderful to catch up with Flower Club friends and to make some new ones – a very happy day and definitely one to remember!







Welcome flowers
arranged by
Shiona Fosh – Sale
Flower Club.
Thanks Shiona –
beautiful Spring
basket.



Congratulations & Celebrations – 70 Years



Nether Alderley Flower Club celebrated their Platinum Anniversary on 1st May with a special lunch at The Alderley Edge Hotel followed by a talk on 'Chelsea Flower Show Gardens' by celebrated garden designer, Chris Beardshaw. Chairman Shirley Baulkwill welcomed members and later cut the anniversary cake. Best wishes to you all in your special anniversary year.



Chairman, Shirley Baulkwill with Chris Beardshaw and her daughter Alex Denman

Congratulations and Cheers, Fiona!



Fiona McDonald welcomes Janet Schofield (Cheshire co-chair) to the Anniversary Luncheon.



Fabulous Anniversary
Cake with real flowers –
love it!

Competition Season 2025

Cheshire Members really do create some amazing floral designs. Congratulations to you all – so proud of you and thank you for flying the Cheshire flag!

The results are in Harrogate 2025



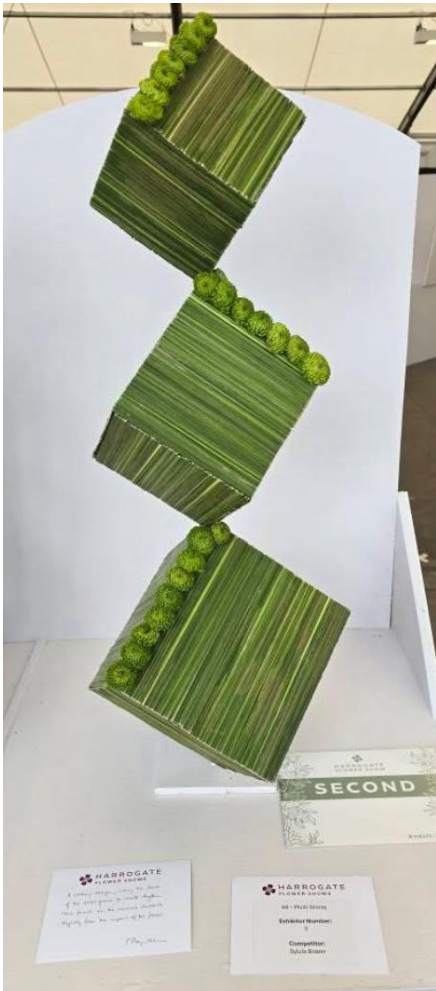
Tree of Life – Elaine Wood
3rd Place - Congratulations



Babylon – Shirley Vance



Multi-storey – Margaret Delaney



Multi-storey – Sylvia Bowers
2nd Place - Congratulations



Tree of Life – Eleanor Griffiths
1st Place – Brilliant Result



Fragile – Eleanor Griffiths



Spring Meadow – Pat Murphy
2nd Place - Congratulations



Fragile – Carol Baker



Flowers of Fire – Gillian Jackson



Inside this Issue – Eleanor Griffiths & Gillian Jackson



Babylon – Janet Schofield



Flowers of Fire – Carol Baker



Flowers of Fire – Janet Schofield



A Board Game – Carol Baker
(Craft Class)

**Well Done,
Ladies!**

Please ensure that this is NOT our last Area Show at RCCS – Please volunteer. Come and meet this year's team at The Partridge pub, Stretton (just off the M56 motorway roundabout) on Tuesday 20th May at 1.30pm to have an informal chat and find out more about how you can help. We look forward to seeing you there.

Have you entered the 2025 show?

**If music be the food
of love..... 'read' on**



This year the Competition Schedule has a musical theme. There are 12 classes in total with opportunities for the novice competitor, a chance to enter as a team, two craft classes, semi imposed, plus classes for petite, hanging and still life exhibits.



Royal Cheshire Show

incorporating

CHESHIRE AREA SHOW

in the

'Theatre of Flowers'

TUESDAY 17th &

WEDNESDAY 18th JUNE 2025

**MAKE YOUR OWN KIND
OF MUSIC**

Nantwich Show 2025 – This takes place on Wednesday 30th July at Reaseheath College. Details and the schedule is out now (included at the end of this Newsletter)

Club News



Chairman of Nether Alderley Flower Club, Shirley Baukwill, was asked by the Nether Alderley Parish Council to do a flower arrangement to celebrate the reopening of the Village Hall after refurbishment. The club had to find alternative accommodation for a year. The accompanying notice with the arrangement, tells visitors that the Nether Alderley Flower Club has been proudly supporting the Nether Alderley Village Hall for the past 70 years, although the hall goes back to 1640. Apparently, Esther McVey MP was impressed by Shirley's design at the re-opening. [Well done Shirley – in your special anniversary year too!]

Spring Workshop

Elworth Flower Club held a Spring Workshop to try and attract new members from our lovely little town of Sandbach. We promoted it heavily on all the local Sandbach Facebook "What's On" pages and we attracted many younger people who had not done any flower arranging before, and particularly, a number of mother and daughter combinations.. Anne Russell led the Workshop and we had two ladies who had been taught by members of the committee. In one case we had teacher, mother (pupil), daughter and granddaughter. Four generations of ladies - Marvellous. It was a great success. We are hoping for some new members to join us for this year.



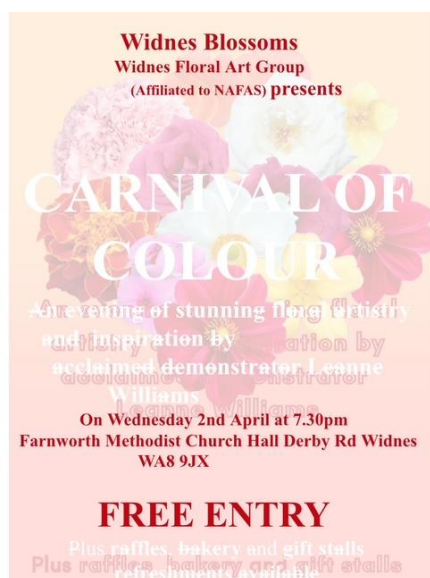
Trying to attract new members to your Club? Tried various options and not succeeded as well as you had hoped? This is what Widnes Blossoms did recently (a free taster evening) and attracted 58 visitors – well done Ladies!

Barbara Jordan, Chairman of Widnes Blossoms shared this with us:

We had 91 people altogether at the recent meeting, including 58 visitors – entry was FREE. Our bakery took almost £100 and the raffle £161! We also had a springtime hamper raffle which sold £111 worth of tickets on the night!

Club Treasurer, Clare, designed the flyers and we had 500 professionally printed on glossy coloured paper. We dropped them through letterboxes, shops, florists, churches, garden centres, libraries, colleges etc. Barbara also handed them out to shoppers outside Morrisons and in the café at the local park.

Barbara commented: “It was a lot of hard work but well worth it. It gave our members a boost to see so many new faces, including a number of young people. The room was buzzing with excitement and energy!”



Club Demonstrations May & June

Can't wait to see another demonstration? Visitors are welcome to attend demonstrations and workshops at all our Flower Clubs in Cheshire, with the Club's annual programme and all the details being available on our Flower Clubs of Cheshire website. Visitor's fees vary from club to club – please check the website www.nafascheshire.org.uk

Club	Date	Demonstration / Workshop	Demonstrator
Ashton Hayes & Tarvin	14th May	Pandora's Box	Carron White
Chester F C	21st May	What a Wonderful World	Sionedd Hughes
Chester F C	18th June	Flowers from the Big House	Linda Hardman
Disley & District F C	14th May	Headtales	Alison Cooper
Disley & District F C	11th June	Happy Wanderer	Elizabeth Bishop
Eddisbury & Sandiway F C	13th May	Mama Mia	Jo Purdy
Eddisbury & Sandiway F C	10th June	Blooms & Tunes	Jo Davis
Elworth F C	19th May	Lakeland Life	Derek Morgan
Elworth F C	23rd June	Flaming June	Jonathan Moseley
Frodsham and District F C	14th May	Mama Mia	Jo Purdy
Goostrey F C	8th May	Pot Luck	Heather Hayes
Goostrey F C	12th June	Inspired by Nature	Becca Morris
Hale Barns F C	13th May	Pave Workshop	Joan Wilkinson
Hale Barns F C	10th June	Colours of the Rainbow	Sara Barrow
Handbridge F C	15th May	Wood Aye	Ann Morgan
Handbridge F C	19th June	A Walk on the Wild Side	Jane Pugh
Heald Green F C	15th May	Bonne Anniversaire	Margaret Rumens
Heald Green F C	19th June	Creativity	Susan Fairhurst
Holt F C	20th May	Seasonal Splendours	Betsi Davies & Kath Jones
Hoylake F C	20th May	Demonstration	Tracy Davies
Hoylake F C	17th June	Demonstration	Margaret Fletcher
Knutsford Floral Design Club	21st May	Around the World	Becca Morris
Knutsford Floral Design Club	11th June	The Joy of June	Andrew Lloyd
Leek Floral Art Society	14th May	A Floral Dance	Sarah Fenton
Lymm Floral Art Group	19th May	Seasonal Sensation	Leanne Williams
Lymm Floral Art Group	16th June	A Walk in the Woods	Tracy Davies
Mid Cheshire F C	28th May	What a Wonderful World	Dorothy Monks
Mid Cheshire F C	25th June	Floral Delights	Sarah Fenton
Neston Flower Society	15th May	Mama Mia	Jo Purdy
Neston Flower Society	19th June	Inspired by Nature	Becca Morris
Nether Alderley F C	15th May	What a Wonderful World	Dorothy Monks
Nether Alderley F C	19th June	Woodland Walks	Derek Morgan
New Brighton F A S	13th May	This is my Life	Eleanor Davies
New Brighton F A S	10th June	Picture This	Lucy Ellis
Prestbury F C	7th May	Winning at RHS Chelsea	Julie Pearson
Prestbury F C	4th June	Colours of the Rainbow	Sara Barrow
Romiley F C	9th June	A Floral Delight	Sarah Fenton
South Cheshire Floral Society	13th May	Eco Flowers	Cheryl Bolton
South Cheshire Floral Society	10th June	Garden Party	Karen Schofield
Stockport Afternoon F C	19th May	Going Green	Elizabeth Bishop
Stockport Afternoon F C	30th June	A Florist's Tale	Linda Hardman
Tarporley F C	6th May	A Journey's Tale	Namiye Sianga
Tarporley F C	3rd June	Floral Jewels & Artistry	Gill McGregor
The Bramall Hall F C	13th May	Workshop	Dawn Weaver
Upton-by-Chester FC	28th May	Fairground Attractions	Leanne Williams
Upton-by-Chester FC	25th June	Come Fly With Me	Karen Schofield
Widnes Blossoms	7th May	It's not just Black & White	Jane Pugh
Widnes Blossoms	4th June	Floral Artistry	Dawn Weaver
Wilmslow Guild F C	21st May	Little by Little	Jacqui Owen
Wilmslow Guild F C	25th June	Sorry! I haven't a Clue	Mark Entwistle
Wirral F C	12th May	Demonstration	Becca Morris
Wirral F C	2nd June	Come Fly With Me	Karen Schofield
Wistaston & District FC	7th May	Inspired by Nature	Becca Morris
Wistaston & District FC	4th June	Floral Jewels & Artistry	Gill McGregor



See Club
Posters for
Details



Education, Classes & Workshops



Members' Workshop

Facilitated by Julie Pearson
National NAFAS Teacher

The designs are inspired by her book
'Floral Design Innovation & Craft'

Sunday 11th May 2025

Tarvin Community Centre
CH3 8LY

10.00am – 3.30pm

£25



Bring your own lunch – tea, coffee and homemade cakes provided
To find out more and to book your place email Pam at
education@nafascheshire.org.uk

Members' Workshop with Julie Pearson on Sunday 11th May at Tarvin

Julie Pearson, National Teacher from Bolton will be running the next Members' workshop. The designs are inspired by her book 'Floral Design Innovation & Craft'.

There will be a choice of designs using wax bases to create the foundation for the designs and a table setting using a collection of log slices. To reserve a place email education@nafascheshire.org.uk payment by BACS prior to the event is preferred.



Wistaston Flower Club

Workshop with Gill McGregor from Hertfordshire

Wistaston Memorial Hall and Community Centre
Church Lane, Wistaston CW2 8ER

Thursday 5th June 2025
9.30 for 10.00am start finishing at approx 4.00pm

We are delighted to welcome Gill McGregor to Wistaston. Gill is an International Floral Art Designer, Author, National Demonstrator and Teacher.

Come and enjoy a special day with Gill and her

"TRENDY TECHNIQUES"

Gill has two innovative arrangements to share,
a distinctive free standing design and
a contemporary vertical tied design

Cost £45 including refreshments
Please bring your own lunch

To find out more and to book your place please contact:

Carol on 07989880679 or cazc47@gmail.com OR

Judy on 07506022709 or judy.gratton@live.co.uk

**NUMBERS ARE LIMITED AND WILL BE ALLOCATED
ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS**



Knutsford Floral Design Club Open Demonstration and Workshop with Ioachim Erema

Demonstration: Friday 10th October 2025 at 7:30pm
(doors open 6:45pm)

Early bird Ticket £25 (paid before 31st August),
£30 from 1st September.

Workshop : Saturday 11th October, 10am start
(doors open at 9:30am)

Early bird Ticket £45 (paid before 31st August),
£50 from 1st September

Venue: Chelford Village Hall, SK11 9AS

For Tickets (non refundable)
Email : Treasurer@Knutsfordfloraldesign.co.uk



Do you enjoy competing?

Wondering how the judge chooses the prizes?

Want to learn more?



Join us for this step-by-step modular course to find out how the Elements & Principles are put through their paces.

A certificated Introductory Day will be held at Tarvin Community Centre on Sunday 7th September. 10am—3pm
The cost for each of the four modules will be £25

Further days:-November 2nd, February 22nd, May 17th
For more details, contact Pam—p.fw@btinternet.com

Save the Dates in 2025

- ❖ Sunday 19th October – Frodsham Community Centre 10-3.30pm Education Day with Vanessa Wellock

Are your Club details up to date on our Website?

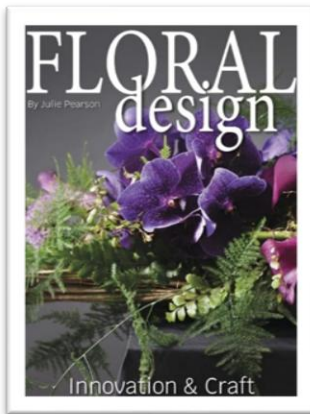
Don't forget to send your latest **2025 Club Programme** to Mike Gallagher for inclusion on our website. Additionally, if you have classes to offer, please let us know so that we can include them on our 'Flower School of Cheshire' classes page / advertise for free!

webmaster@nafascheshire.org.uk

Publications

The NAFAS publication 'Leaf & Plant Techniques Part Two' is available from treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk priced at £4.75

Blue Forms are also available from treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk priced £1.50 for 10 plus postage.



Julie Pearson's new book 'FLORAL design'. The book retails at £29.99.

Orders should be placed via your Club Flower Arranger Officer who will notify Catherine on the email below.



Flower Arranger Magazine 2025

To order your copies or for more information contact your Club Flower Arranger representative who will liaise with Catherine on flower.arranger@nafascheshire.org.uk

	Autumn	Winter
Any Changes to Catherine no later than	Saturday 17 May	Saturday 16 August
Club Deliveries guide date	Thursday 10 July	Thursday 9 October

NEWS FROM NATIONAL



Tickets for Show

www.trybooking.com

PREVIEW EVENING TICKETS on sale 1st March 2025 @ £20

Thursday 18th September, 6.30-8.00pm

Visitors receive a glass of bubbly or soft drink

Ticket does not give access to the prize giving

Trading stands will be open

DAY TICKETS on sale 1st March 2025 @ £30

GROUP TICKETS on sale 1st March @ £25 (minimum 10)

TWO DAY TICKETS on sale 1st March 2025 @ £50

Mala Williams | Trustee

It is with great regret that we announce the resignation of Mala Williams from the Board of Trustees. We thank Mala for her dedication and service over the past 4½ years and wish her all the best and look forward to seeing her at future events.



15 May 2025 @ 6:30 pm: NAFAS Webinar

Have your voice heard! An opportunity to pose your questions to

the Board of Trustees, and CEO.

NATIONAL FLOWER ARRANGING DAY Friday 20 June 2025



THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FLOWER ARRANGEMENT SOCIETIES

www.nafas.org.uk

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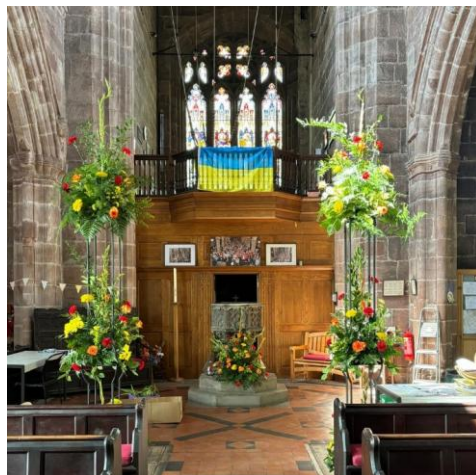
Flower Clubs of Cheshire will be promoting and supporting National Flower Arranging Day in the 'Theatre of Flowers' at the RCCS.

Clare Downing from Goostrey Flower Club is involved with the Great Budworth Flower Festival in aid of the church's restoration. They have been fundraising for several months for a significant flower budget, so it should be a wonderful event. [Good luck Clare – looking forward to seeing it]

Great Budworth Flower Festival

"The Joys of a Rural Parish"

Friday- Sunday 11-13 July 2025 10-4pm



Each of the floral exhibits will be inspired by a different hymn and are to be created by different village groups, reflecting the vibrancy and diversity of this beautiful village.

Tea and cakes will be served throughout the day at the village hall and the George and Dragon pub will be serving a special menu for the occasion.

There's also a local art exhibition, trips up the Bell Tower for the amazing views and a musical concert in the church on the evening of 12 July.

Admission is free to the Flower Festival but voluntary donations to the church are welcome.

Contact Maggie Earl 07970 927161 for further information.

2025 Club & Area Events

TARPORLEY FLOWER CLUB

'FLORAL JEWELS AND ARTISTRY'

DEMONSTRATION BY GILL MCGREGOR, INTERNATIONAL DEMONSTRATOR
at

TARPORLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE
Tuesday, 3rd June 2025 at 1.30pm

TICKETS £15
including refreshments
available at the door

For more information contact Carole Chia (carolechia59@gmail.com)



Wistaston Flower Club

Demonstration with Gill McGregor from Hertfordshire

Wistaston Memorial Hall and Community Centre
Church Lane, Wistaston CW2 8ER

Wednesday 4th June 2025
2.30pm (doors open at 1.45pm)

"Floral Jewels and Artistry"

We are delighted to welcome Gill McGregor to Wistaston. Gill is an International Floral Art Designer, Author, National Demonstrator and Teacher.

Visitors will be made very welcome £15.00

For more information or to book your ticket please contact

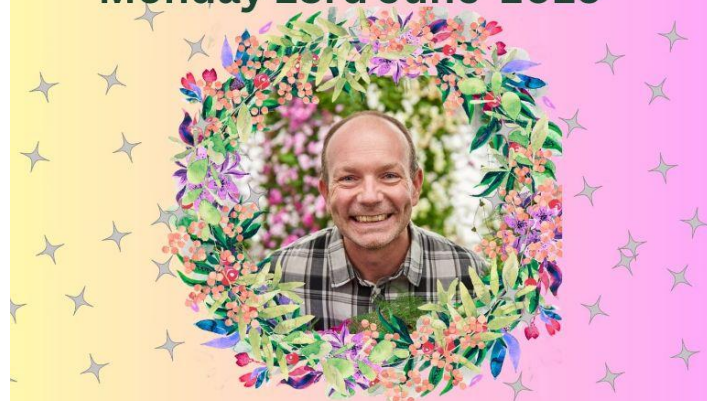
Carol on 07989880679 or cazc47@gmail.com OR

Judy on 07506022709 or judy.gratton@live.co.uk

Visitor numbers are limited so don't delay book today!



Jonathan Moseley Monday 23rd June 2025



*Come and see the famous celebrity
floral designer Jonathan Moseley
demonstrate at Elworth Flower Club*

The Wesley Centre, Sandbach,
CW11 1DG

7 for 7.30pm Visitors - £15

07971 513290 or 07791 465962 or 01477 544166

Tickets are limited so ring early to be sure of a place.



Save the Dates

Celebrating 55 Years of 'Cheshire'

Our Social Day is on 14th July @ Abbeywood Estate & Gardens

Our Emerald Anniversary AGM Demonstration will be by

Nick Grounds

(National Demonstrator)

2nd October @ Frodsham Community Centre

(All Details to Follow)



Instagram

Our Instagram page is 'Flower Clubs of Cheshire'. Type in: flowerclubsofcheshire to find us. We would like to help publicise / share information about your Club on our Instagram page – future events, activities, workshops, designs, anything Flower Club related. Please send any photos and a brief description to treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk

From All of Us

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Flower Clubs of Cheshire

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Wistaston Flower Club

Nantwich Show 2025

**Wednesday 30th July 2025
at Reaseheath Old Hall, Wettenhall Road,
Reaseheath CW5 6EL**

This year the Floral Art schedule is "Cheshire Delights" to celebrate why our county is fabulous!

There are 6 classes in total including a foam free design, a petite arrangement and a novice class.

Further information and how to enter can be found on
www.nantwichshow.org
or contact

Judy Gratton - judy.gratton@live.co.uk or 07506022709

The Floral Art section is jointly sponsored and supported by
Nantwich Flower Club & Wistaston Flower Club

FLORAL ART SECTION

Secretary: Mrs Judy Gratton
487a Crewe Road, Wistaston, Crewe, Cheshire CW2 6QP
Tel: 01270 650341 or 07506022709
email: judy.gratton@live.co.uk

Entry Fee: Each class £1.00

Closing Date for Entries Friday 25th July 2025

Judge Mrs Sioned Hughes

“CHESHIRE DELIGHTS”

Class 1. Gardens of Cheshire: An exhibit.

Space allowed: width 80cm, depth 60cm, height optional.

Class 2. Festival of Food: A foam free exhibit

Space allowed: width 80cm, depth 60cm, height optional.

Class 3. Time for a G & T: A petite exhibit

Space allowed: width 25cm, depth 25cm, height 37cm.

Class 4. Bee Friendly: A parallel exhibit.

Space allowed: width 80cm, depth 60cm, height optional.

Class 5. Woodland Walk: An exhibit. Foliage to predominate

Space allowed: width 80cm, depth 60cm, height optional.

Class 6. Mad as a Hatter: An exhibit.

Space allowed: width 80cm, depth 60cm, height optional.

This is a novice class and is only open to exhibitors who have not been placed first at a previous Nantwich Show Floral Art competition.

School Entries

Land Art (can be a craft item)

In the style of Andy Goldsworthy

Please contact the Floral Art Secretary for further information.

IMPORTANT

All sizes are approximate.

1. All classes are to be brought in prepared and ready to assemble.

2. All classes are to be staged on tabling approximately 75cm high.
3. The staging cloths are of a mushroom colour.
4. Exhibits will be viewed and judged from the front.
5. Nothing is to be attached to the marquee.
6. The use of aerosol sprays inside the marquee is not permitted.
7. Only one entry per class.
8. All exhibits left at owner's risk.

While we do not prohibit the use of floral foam, we ask that you respect and be mindful of the environment and sustainability.

RULES

All exhibits will be judged in accordance with NAFAS 'Competitions Manual' Fourth Edition 2023. The judges' decision will be final.

An exhibit is composed of natural plant material, with or without accessories, contained within a space as specified in a show schedule.

Exhibits must be staged at the show venue unless otherwise stated in the show schedule.

Disqualification will take place for the following reasons:-

- Failure to comply with any specific requirement of a class as stated in the show schedule e.g. the measurements or the components.
- Inclusion of fresh plant material that does not have the roots or the cut ends of stems in water retaining material. Exceptions: Air plants, cacti, fruits, fungi, grass turf, lichen, moss, succulents, vegetables and long-lasting plant material WHICH WILL REMAIN TURGID FOR THE DURATION OF THE SHOW. (Definition of turgid – the state of firmness of plant tissue relating from adequate moisture causing the plant cells to be fully expanded).
- Inclusion of artificial plant material (unless specifically allowed in the show schedule).

For further details and definitions, please refer to the NAFAS Competitions Manual Fourth Edition 2023, in accordance with which all classes will be judged.

STAGING

Exhibits may be staged between 1.00pm and 3.00pm on Tuesday 29th July 2025.

Exhibits may be removed after 5.30pm on show day and must be cleared by 6.30pm.

JUDGING

Judging will commence at 3.30pm on Tuesday 29th July 2024.

In addition, Class 1 "Gardens of Cheshire" will also be judged as "People's Choice" and voted on by the general public. Voting to close at 3.00pm on show day.

Prizes for all classes: 1st £10, 2nd £7, 3rd £4

THE NANTWICH SHOW - FLORAL ART SECTION

Entries Close: Friday 25th July 2025

Class No	Description	Secretary's Comments

Name_____

Address_____

Contact No._____

Email_____

Completed entry forms can be posted to:

Floral Art Section Committee

c/o Mrs Judy Gratton, 487a Crewe Road, Wistaston, Crewe, Cheshire CW2 6QP or email:

judy.gratton@live.co.uk

The entry fee per class is £1.00 to be paid (cash only) on Tuesday 29th July 2025, when staging exhibits.