



# FLOWER CLUBS OF CHESHIRE

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Flower Arrangement Societies

## MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

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Hello Everyone

Welcome to the January issue of our Members Newsletter. So, the decorations are all packed away, January sales are nearing their 'last day' and New Year resolutions are starting to fade (?) but there's plenty to look forward to in 2026. We have:

- a demonstrator's refresher course (don't miss out!) (see poster)
- several classes, workshops and a masterclass already planned
- an Area lunch and the AGM demonstration booked (Julia Loudon - **A Floral Scottish Tapestry**)
- a unique double Open Demonstration with National President James Burnside joined by Alan Beatty, in Lymm on 21<sup>st</sup> September (see poster)
- 4 Club anniversaries to celebrate.
- The Cheshire Show schedule will be out soon 27<sup>th</sup> January and the Malvern Show competition schedule is out now (appended to this newsletter).



So, grab your diaries and start planning.....

If you have some news or photos to share or would like your Club event featured in this newsletter, please send details to [administration@nafascheshire.org.uk](mailto:administration@nafascheshire.org.uk).

Happy Reading!

### ‘55 Tins for 55 Years’



#### From Clubs to the Foodbank.....

A huge thank you for all your kind donations of food pre-Christmas. At our final meeting, in our Emerald Anniversary year, we requested '55 Tins for 55 Years' – we actually received 88. The foodbank were delighted and send their grateful thanks for your generosity and support.

(Pictured above are Tarporley Flower Club committee members with their donations ready to be delivered to the Flower Clubs of Cheshire collection)



Tracy-Anne Clancy makes a Flower Clubs of Cheshire Christmas delivery to the Foodbank

# Congratulations & Celebrations.....

We extend our sincere congratulations to the following Clubs celebrating significant milestone anniversaries this year:

South Cheshire Floral Society	70 Years
Leek Floral Art Society	65 Years
Wistaston & District Flower Club	65 Years
Lymm Floral Art Group	55 Years



## Ready, Steady, Compete.....



The Malvern Spring Festival Floral Art Schedule is available at [www.rhsmalvern.co.uk/compete](http://www.rhsmalvern.co.uk/compete). Closing date is 27<sup>th</sup> February. An abridged copy of the schedule is appended at the end of this newsletter.



It's wonderful that our Club competitions are taking place. Please email in your photos of your Club entries and winners.

### ‘Theatre of Flowers’

**2026**

Will you be competing this year @  
The Royal Cheshire County Show  
Schedule will be released on 27<sup>th</sup> January  
Theme is Artistry



Elaine Meredith (Chair of Tarporley Flower Club writes:

#### **Tarporley Flower Club encourages Members to Enter Local Competitions**

For many years Tarporley Flower Club has encouraged members to enter the monthly competition with the emphasis being on having FUN at home creating a design. The fun continues transporting and carrying it to Tarporley Community Centre in one piece for display on the Competition Table!! Each year careful consideration is given to choosing the title themes by Competition Officer Dianne Ouseley. The Demonstrator is invited to Judge each entry and there is a token system in place for every member and guest to also choose a winner.

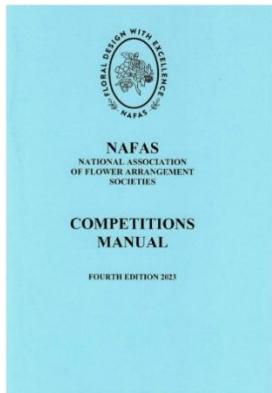
Photos show me presenting the well-deserved trophies:

Winner of the first prize cup in 2024 / 2025 was Carole Chia and winner of the Daphne Bridge Rose Bowl cup was Ann Schubert

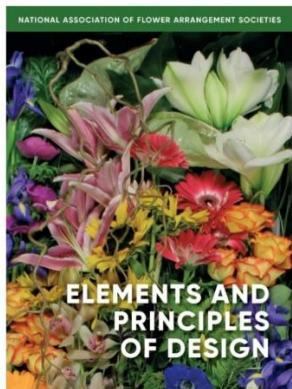
All the entries are created with enthusiasm so that the Competition Table delights members and guests and hopefully appeals to the Judge !!

# NAFAS Publications

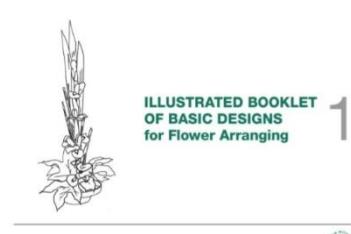
Flower Clubs of Cheshire have these books in stock and can be bought / collected at our meetings to save postage. Alternatively, email [administration@nafascheshire.org.uk](mailto:administration@nafascheshire.org.uk) and we can arrange to post one to you.



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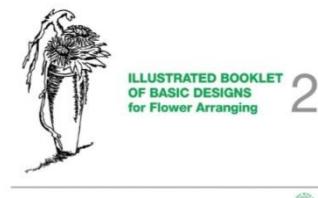
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A NAFAS Educational Booklet



£5.50



£4.50

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**Blue Forms** are available from [treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk)  
priced £1.50 for 10 plus postage

## Flower Arranger Magazine 2026

Spring Issue has been delivered!

Please place orders for additional copies via your Club Flower Arranger Officer



Our Flower Arranger Magazine co-ordinator is Sharon Hooper. Sharon can be contacted via email on: [flower.arranger@nafascheshire.org.uk](mailto:flower.arranger@nafascheshire.org.uk). If you would like to increase your order or have a change of delivery address to advise, please let Sharon know as soon as you can.

NAFAS News which used to be included inside the Flower Arranger magazine can now be viewed online, on the NAFAS website.

[www.NAFAS.org.uk](http://www.NAFAS.org.uk) / About / NAFAS News

# Are your Club details up to date on our Website?

Don't forget to send your latest **2026 Club Programme** to Mike Gallagher (or Vanessa our Area Secretary) 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](mailto:webmaster@nafascheshire.org.uk)

## Refresher & Education Days in 2026



### DEMONSTRATORS' CERTIFICATED REFRESHER DAY

TO BE TAKEN BY ALAN BEATTY  
NAFAS DEMONSTRATOR INSTRUCTOR AND ADJUDICATOR

TO BE HELD AT  
TARVIN COMMUNITY CENTRE, MEADOW CLOSE, TARVIN, CHESHIRE CH3 8LY  
ON SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY, 2026  
STARTING 10 AM – FINISHING LATEST 4 PM

(Open to all demonstrators, trainee demonstrators and any NAFAS member who has a strong interest in demonstrating)

£25.00 payable to secure your place

Please make application to: [berylcotton06@gmail.com](mailto:berylcotton06@gmail.com)  
Flower Clubs of Cheshire Area Demonstrators' Representative who will send further information and details of payment



### SAVE THE DATES

#### Competitor Support Group Zoom

10<sup>th</sup> Feb – 'A walk through the Cheshire Show schedule'

#### Elements & Principles Workshop

8<sup>th</sup> Mar – Pam Fleming-Williams @ Tarvin (10am – 4pm) £25

#### Helen Hare Workshops

17<sup>th</sup> Oct – Experienced Members @ Plumley

18<sup>th</sup> Oct – Experienced / Teachers @ Tarvin

Contact Pam Mosedale;  
[Education@nafascheshire.org.uk](mailto:Education@nafascheshire.org.uk)

# Club Demonstrations in January & February

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](http://www.nafascheshire.org.uk)

Club	Date	Demonstration / Workshop	Demonstrator
Chester Flower Club	21st Jan	This, That and a Bit of the Other	Mark Entwistle
Chester Flower Club	18th Feb	Workshop	
Eddisbury & Sandiway Flower Club	10th Feb	Car Boot Collection	Lynne Sharp
Elworth Flower Club	19th Jan	Be Different	Dean Sharpe
Elworth Flower Club	16th Feb	Floral Magic	Wendy Graveston
Goostrey Flower Club	12th Feb	Tree of Life	Anne Russell
Knutsford Floral Design Club	21st Jan	It's a Disaster	Kathleen Williams
Knutsford Floral Design Club	18th Feb	Love is in the air	Dean Sharpe
Leek Floral Art Society	11th Feb	In-house Demonstration	Club Members
Lymm Floral Art Group	16th Feb	Hearts & Flowers	Judy Watker
Neston Flower Society	19th Feb	Fantasy	Penelope Harrison
New Brighton Flower Club	10th Feb	What a Wonderful World	Sioned Hughes
Romiley Flower Club	9th Feb	Flower Adventures	Lynne Rowlands
Rural Chester Flower Club	10th Feb	Demonstration	Kate Russell
Sale Flower Club	4th Feb	Tree of Life	Anne Russell
South Cheshire Floral Society	10th Feb	Showtime	Lorraine Simcox
Tarporley Flower Club	3rd Feb	Inspired by Ceramics	Jane Tully
Upton-by-Chester Flower Club	28th Jan	You're Invited	David Mason
Upton-by-Chester Flower Club	25th Feb	A Floral Delight	Sara Fenton
The Guild for Lifelong Learning (Wilmslow)	29th Jan	Lunch & Dem (See Poster)	Mark Entwistle
The Guild for Lifelong Learning (Wilmslow)	25th Feb	What a Wonderful World	Sioned Hughes
Wirral Flower Club	2nd Feb	Planting a Container	Karen Richards
Wistaston Flower Club	4th Feb	AGM followed by Signs of Spring	Jane Furey

## Club Events 2026



# News from National

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FLOWER ARRANGEMENT SOCIETIES



**National President's Northern Ireland Event FOR NAFAS MEMBERS**



**ENJOY A MIDWEEK BREAK OF FUN, FRIENDSHIP AND FLOWERS**

**Armagh City Hotel**  
**2 Friary Road, Armagh BT60 4FR**  
**Tuesday 18th – Thursday 20th August 2026**

**PROGRAMME**

**Tuesday**

- Afternoon arrival
- Evening meal and entertainment

**Wednesday**

- Breakfast
- Teaching demonstration
- Lunch
- Gala demonstration by two National Demonstrators
- Drinks reception, Gala Dinner and Ceilidh

**Thursday**

- Breakfast
- Talk by a National Speaker
- Close of Conference by NAFAS National Chairman

**Additional attractions**

- Traders/retail therapy
- Tombola and Raffle

**Full event cost**

Single room	£399
Two people sharing	£350pp

**Day delegate cost**  
(Wednesday)

Teaching Demonstration, Lunch, Gala Demonstration	£100
Above plus Gala Dinner and entertainment	£150

**To register your interest and reserve places**

Please provide your name, contact details and number of places to  
Email: [events@nafas.org.uk](mailto:events@nafas.org.uk)  
Tel: 020 7247 5567

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**Wishing you a very Happy & Healthy 2026**

**From All of Us**

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**Flower Clubs of Cheshire**

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## THEME – What a Wonderful World

### Class 1 – A NAFAS Areas class.

#### *Earthly Beauty*

An exhibit

- Staged on a base 30 cm high, painted sage green.
- Space allowed: not to exceed width 240 cm, depth 120 cm, height from floor including the base 240 cm.
- Background 210 cm high will be provided and painted sage green.
- Exhibitors may provide their own drapes/backcloth/base cloth and title.
- To be staged by up to five people.
- To be viewed and judged from the front.
- Limited to 9 exhibits.



*Please note – Area names may only be displayed after judging*

### Class 2

#### *Captivating Landscapes*

An exhibit.

- Staged on a round base, diameter 122cm, height 10cm, painted black.
- Space allowed: not to exceed diameter 122cm, height optional.
- To be staged by up to two people.
- Title may be included.
- To be viewed and judged all round.
- Limited to 6 exhibits.

### Class 3

#### *Live Life in Full Bloom*

A pedestal class

- Staged on the floor against a black background.
- Space allowed: not to exceed width 122cm, depth 122cm, height optional.
- Exhibitors may bring their own staging if desired.
- To be viewed and judged from the front.

*The use of plastic based floral foam is strictly prohibited*

#### Class 4

##### *A Dream Garden*

An exhibit.

- Staged on the floor in front of a white picket fence 92cm high.
- Space allowed: not to exceed width 120cm, depth 120cm, height optional.
- To be viewed and judged from the front.

***British grown plant material should predominate.***



#### Class 5

##### *A Patchwork of Colour*

A pavé

- Staged on the seat of a chair painted blue-grey (provided).  
Space allowed: not to exceed seat dimensions width 39cm, depth 40cm, height from floor 45cm.
- May be arranged on site or brought ready assembled at competitor's discretion.
- To be viewed and judged from the front
- Limited to 6 exhibits.

#### Class 6

##### *What a Wonderful World*

A contemporary exhibit

- Staged on cylindrical drum diameter 92cm, height 61cm painted Valspar X110R218E 'Glistening Aqua'.
- Space allowed: not to exceed width 76 cm, depth 76 cm, height optional.
- To be viewed and judged from all round.
- Limited to 6 entries.

#### Class 7

##### *A Timeless Masterpiece*

A miniature exhibit

- Staged on a blue-grey painted coaster on tabling 76cm high covered in forest green fabric.
- Space allowed: not to exceed width 10cm, depth 10cm and height 15cm.
- May be brought ready assembled.
- To be viewed and judged from the front.
- Limited to 15 exhibits.

NB: an entry in this class only entitles the competitor to one complimentary ticket (Sunday only).

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## Class 8

### *Jewels of the Sea*

A petite exhibit

- Staged on a block width 25.5cm, depth 25.5cm, height 9.5cm, painted blue-grey and displayed on tabling 76cm high covered in forest green fabric.
- Space allowed: not to exceed width 25cm and depth 25cm, height optional.
- May be brought ready assembled.
- To be viewed and judged from the front.
- Limited to 15 exhibits.

NB: an entry in this class only entitles the competitor to one complimentary ticket (Sunday only).

## Class 9

### *The Long, Hot Summer*

An exhibit

- Staged on a raised square base, width 122cm, depth 122cm, height 25cm, painted black.
- Space allowed: width 122cm, depth 122cm, height optional.
- Competitors may bring their own accessories
- To be viewed and judged all around.
- Limited to 14 exhibits.

## Class 10

### *In a Spin*

A craft exhibit

- Designed to be hung from a horizontal rail (provided) approximately 2m from ground level, hook provided.
- Space allowed: not to exceed width 60cm, depth 60cm, maximum drop from hook 100cm.
- May be brought ready assembled.
- To be viewed and judged all around.
- Limited to 8 exhibits.

NB: an entry in this class only entitles the competitor to one complimentary ticket (Sunday only).

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## Class 11

### *It's Coming Home?*

An exhibit

- To be staged on an uncovered table, width 75cm, depth 75cm, height 76cm. Competitors may bring their own table covering.
- Space allowed: not to exceed width 95cm, depth 95cm, height optional.
- Accessories allowed.
- Sides and corners of the table may be decorated.
- To be viewed and judged all round.

## Class 12

### *The Big Bang*

An exhibit

- Staged on a cube, width 61 cm, depth 61 cm, height 56 cm painted in black.
- Space allowed: not to exceed width 100cm, depth 100cm, height optional.
- To be viewed all round and judged from the front.
- Limited to 14 exhibits.

## Class 13 – Junior Class - Open to ages under 12 (Age to be stated on entry form)

### *Winnie the Pooh is 100!*

A craft exhibit

- Staged on tabling 76cm high and covered in forest green fabric.
- Space allowed: not to exceed width 76cm, depth 76cm, height optional.
- Natural plant material must be included.
- May be brought ready assembled.
- To be viewed and judged all round.
- **Not judged under NAFAS rules**

NB: an entry in this class only entitles the competitor to one complimentary ticket plus one ticket for an accompanying adult (Sunday only).

## Class 14 - Junior Class - Open to ages under 16 (Age to be stated on entry form)

### *Winnie the Pooh is 100!*

A craft exhibit

- Staged on tabling 76 cm high and covered in forest green fabric.
- Space allowed: not to exceed width 76cm, depth 76cm, height optional.
- Natural plant material to predominate.
- May be brought ready assembled.
- To be viewed and judged from the front.
- **Judged under NAFAS rules**

NB: an entry in this class only entitles the competitor to one complimentary ticket plus one ticket for an accompanying adult (Sunday only).