

NAFAS Newsletter November 2023

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The National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies

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Welcome to the November edition of the newsletter from the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies. We aim to keep you updated on our activities and events with a series of features that will also take you to our website for further information.

THE NAFAS 2023 AGM

Following the success of this year's Virtual AGM, we are very happy to report that its video recording has been viewed nearly 1,000 times since the meeting was screened live on 4th October and we would like to extend our thanks to those of you who viewed on the day, or after the event.

And a **BIG THANK YOU** to Emily Broomhead for hosting the Virtual AGM.

[Click here to watch a recording of the 2023 Virtual AGM](#)

[Click here to view the NAFAS audited accounts for 2022/23](#)

WELCOME!

Please join us in welcoming two new Standing Committee Chairmen - Alan Beatty, National Judge's Committee, and Jane Rickard, National Education Committee. We wish them all the very best in their respective roles.



Alan Beatty

Chairman of the National Judges Committee

Alan brings with him a wealth of experience and knowledge. He is a well-respected member of NIGFAS and was awarded a National Associate of Honour in 2020. He is a well-known figure in NAFAS. He is a National Judge and a qualified Adjudicator and Instructor for judging, National Demonstrator and Adjudicator and National Speaker and Teacher. Prior to taking over as Chairman he led the review and update of the Competitions Manual 4th Edition 2023 and played an integral part in compiling the competitions schedule for this years' National Show in Gloucester.

We wish Alan every success as he starts his chairmanship.



Jane Rickard

Chairman of the National Education Committee

Jane is a member of Surrey Area and is a National Teacher, she also successfully qualified as a National Judge this year. While on the committee, Jane was Course Consultant and has been heavily involved with the planning and writing of the new NAFAS Individual Courses in Floral Art and Design which have just been launched. She is now working towards having the courses Ofqual regulated.

Our best wishes go to Jane as she starts her chairmanship.

OUR THANKS TO

We would like to offer our thanks and appreciation to Joan Magee who recently retired as Chairman of the National Judges Committee. Joan has now joined the NAFAS Board of Trustees, and to Susie Barwick who recently retired as Chairman of the National Education Committee.

Their hard work and dedication has been exemplary, and we greatly appreciate the opportunity of working with them both in their respective roles.

We wish them both all the very best for the future.

EVENTS

TEACHERS CONFERENCE 2024

The Teachers Conference will be held at Woodland Grange in Leamington Spa from 5th-7th July 2024.

Booking forms for this event are available via email to layla@nafas.org.uk

HIGHLAND FLING

Our National President, Lillas Hoskins, is hosting a Residential weekend.

If you interested in attending, please email events@nafas.org.uk requesting an events booking form.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FLOWER ARRANGEMENT SOCIETIES



**Residential weekend event
for NAFAS members**



Highland Fling

**Golden Jubilee Conference Hotel,
Clydebank, Glasgow
Friday 26th – Sunday 28th July 2024**

- Arrive Friday afternoon
- Traders/retail therapy
- Tombola & raffle
- Friday evening – three-course meal and entertainment
- Saturday breakfast & lunch
- Speakers
- Superb demonstration
- Saturday Gala Dinner and entertainment
- Sunday morning – breakfast and Speaker
- Close of Conference by NAFAS National Chairman

**Enjoy a weekend
of fun, friendship
and flowers**

Cost £350 for a single room
or £300 per person based
on two people sharing

**To register your interest
and reserve places**

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

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THE FLOWER ARRANGER MAGAZINE, WINTER ISSUE

Another spectacular edition of the UK's leading floral magazine. This month there are over 20 wintry designs to try, plus many other features put together once again by Editor, Chloe Bryan-Brown, and our designer Amanda Hawkes.

The magazine is available through your NAFAS affiliated club at a heavily discounted price, or you can order direct from Head Office. A digital version is available through Pocketmags.

[Click here to purchase a copy of the Winter issue of The Flower Arranger magazine](#)

NAFAS INDIVIDUAL COURSES

We are delighted to confirm that the NAFAS Individual Courses in Floral Art and Design are now running in earnest and we have courses currently being run by two Tutors, one in person and one virtually.

NAFAS membership isn't mandatory for learners, so do feel free to share this information with anyone who may be interested in enrolling.

With the courses now available, we would like to encourage anyone with a teaching qualification and teaching experience to apply to deliver them.

To find out more about the courses either as a learner or as a teacher, please click the button below to visit the Education page of the NAFAS website, or by email to:

layla@nafas.org.uk

Alternatively the Course Consultant, Barbara Megarry,
courseconsultant@nafas.org.uk

[Click here to access the Education page on the NAFAS website](#)

FREE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COURSE

We have been advised that a completely free, certificated course in Environmental Sustainability is now available via Free Courses in England.

To find out more about this, click the link below.

[Click here for Environmental Sustainability Course Information](#)

NEWS FROM HEAD OFFICE

- **Christmas Orders** - Christmas is just around the corner and our Christmas cards and gifts are selling fast, with over 300 orders sent out by our Head Office team in October alone. If you are interested in purchasing some of the beautiful Christmas cards we have in stock, or buying gifts for friends and loved ones, please do not delay and order in good time for Christmas.
 - We welcomed Ian and Gill McGregor to Head Office, as they personally delivered copies of Gill's new book, "How to ... Festive Winter Foam Free Floral Designs"
Please see the link below to purchase a copy.
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Over 200 colour photographs and 25 different designs to unwrap.

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The Flower Arranger 2024 Calendar

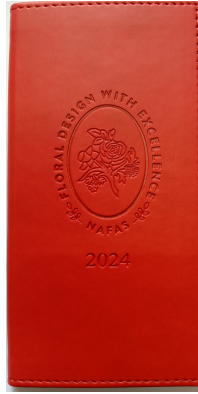
The 2024 calendar is available to purchase on our website, simply click on the image to place your order.

Or you may be able to purchase it through your Area or club.

It's the perfect present at only £5.99, plus £2.99 postage.

The NAFAS 2024 Diary

The 2024 diary is available to purchase on our website, simply click on the image to place your order or call 020 7247 5567 to place a telephone order. Each diary is priced at £5.25 plus postage.



SEASON'S GREETINGS



Christmas Cards

The NAFAS range of Christmas cards includes two new designs for 2023, and are available to buy on the website, priced from £1.99* to £3.99 per pack of ten cards.

*Discounted stock subject to availability

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