



LOOKING FORWARD NEWS

Christmas lights seem to have cropped up earlier in gardens, windows and on house fronts. It's so nice to see their familiarity giving a sense of anticipations towards Christmas.

I hope all Areas are working towards my December challenge, the title is 'A Festive Gift'. I have been interested to hear how some Areas are approaching the year full of my challenges - appointing a Challenge Officer, drawing club names out of a hat, the list goes on. Don't let your Area miss out, I look forward to viewing the entries. Remember the closing date is the last day of the competition month. A selection of the entries will be put on media platforms.

We are pleased to welcome Chris Brown, Surrey Area Chairman and Louise Jones, Cheshire Area Chairman to the Articles of Association Sub-Committee. We also have welcomed Suzi Castle (South West Area) and Debbie Wadge (Wessex and Jersey Area) to the Finance Committee and Pip Bensley (Wessex and Jersey Area) and Janet Schofield (Cheshire Area) to the Strategy Committee.

I know several Areas have successfully explored Zoom festive demonstrations. I was touched to hear one Area spent considerable time after the event delivering the flowers, once collected from the demonstrator, to members in the Area who needed a treat and surprise.

By now you will all have received the NAFAS Virtual National Show Schedule and Entry Form. Do circulate it to clubs, let's make this a welcome back to creating together and enjoying what our members have to offer.

Below is a press release for clubs. Please feel free to use the wording to advertise the event on your various news outlets:-

Looking forward to next year and the NAFAS Virtual National Show April 2021
The Spring.... The Happy Time of Singing Birds is Come

This is our first Virtual Show, and it will have everything you would expect. Each week for the first three weeks of April there will be a demonstration, talk and 'how to' session viewable on all our various media platforms including the new website. These will be provided by our National Demonstrators, Speakers and Teachers. The full list of these platforms will follow nearer the time. During the last week of April all the judged competition entries will be on view. The Schedule 'Springtime' created by our National Judges Committee has a wonderful variety of 12 classes. A feast to look forward to.

Media update: Steven and I have met with the Director of Magic Bean Media, they are to take over all parts of our social media i.e. Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, and Pinterest. They start working with us on January 1st. We will be having monthly meetings with them.

Keep safe all, best wishes.

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