

Chairperson; Sue Albins; Secretary; Lorraine Dunn; Treasurer; Christine Clark

Our next meeting is Thursday 22nd February 2018. 7.30pm

JANUARY MEETING; we had ANURDHA BHOGAITA demonstrating an Orchid. It was a very interesting evening. ANURDHA went through each stage very meticulously. The Orchid itself was very intricate and time consuming. We hope you all enjoyed the evening.

The committee would like to thank ANURDHA for being our first demonstrator to use the microphone, and we hope that the members were able to hear the demo.

FEBRUARY MEETING; we have JACQUI KELLY demonstrating a Mouse in a Tea Cup. This we hope will be a popular demonstration. We can always rely on Jacqui for a brilliant evening.

MARCH COMPETITION; in our March meeting we always have an Easter Themed competition. So for this competition we are looking for 6 CHOCOLATE CUPCAKES DECORATED IN AN EASTER THEME. We shall be asking Liz Ungles to do the judging for us. The judging will be judged on taste and decoration/design but must be EASTER THEMED. Can we ask members to have nut free cupcakes please? As we are not sure if any off our tasters have allergies. Thank you.

LIBRARY; due to storage shortage and there doesn't seem too much interest in the library, the committee has decided to start closing it down. It takes a lot of time to set up and put away. We shall be going through the books and DVDS and start selling them at the club meetings.

SALES TABLE; you can sell any unwanted goods on the table. It must be in good condition. Please list any items for sale with your name and the price you wish to sell for. 10% of all sales go to the club.

We have a Quilling Workshop with Estelle Man set up for 21st April 18 at Tollgate Hall Stanway. If you are interested the details will be available at the club and on our website <u>www.colchestersugarcraft.org.uk</u>

Could members who wish to attend the workshop please hand in their forms with cash/cheque made out to 'Colchester Sugarcraft Association' for £35 at February's meeting please. If we have any spaces left we shall be opening it up to the public.

Region 7 BSG are holding a workshop with ALAN DUNN in Milton Keynes. Alan will be doing 'WATER LILLIES, ORCHARD, WATER HYACINTH AND BERRIES'. You can do a 2 day course for £200 or 1 day for £100. 3 spaces left. Dates; SATURDAY 17 AND SUNDAY 18^{TH} MARCH. You have to bring your own equipment and paste. You do not have to be a BSG member.

NSA DEMO DAY; Swale are organising a day of demos in September organised by Liz Ungless. Liz is demonstrating for us in March so she might give us more information.

We are looking for members to join the Committee as Kimberley will be stepping down in April. All the jobs have been taken so we are just looking for members who can come onto the committee and help with running the club and give new ideas for demos and fund raising.

We are also looking for members to help on the night of the club meetings. If you would like to help, please see a committee member. Thank you.

Anne Reynolds received a letter from the Salvation Army thanking us the Christmas Cake donations and apologises for the late response.

Anne is also collecting used postage stamps for Headway. So please start saving!!

We shall not be making any announcements at the meeting regarding events unless it comes up after the newsletter has gone out. So please make sure you read the newsletter in case you miss anything that you wish to attend. We shall endeavour to make sure we put in items members will be interested in.

Also, could members please wait until the video equipment has been put away before you approach the demonstrators table. The cable we have is the only one we have and we can-not replace if damaged. Thank you.

We would like to welcome 2 new members our club Leanne Campbell and Claire Humphrey. We hope you enjoy the demos coming up.