

Chairperson - Sue Albins. Secretary - Brenda Lambert. Treasurer - Christine Clark

Newsletter for November 2022. Our next meeting is November 24th at 7.30 p.m.

October meeting. Jan Chandler demonstrated for us and showed us how to temper chocolate and make chocolate bombs and other delicious chocolaty things. I think everyone went away inspired to have a go especially with Christmas fast-approaching as they would certainly make lovely Christmas gifts if you could bear to give them away! I was finally able to present Carol Rowe with her plaque for winning the novice section in the Christmas cake competition last year. Thanks to Christine Clark for organising this, it has been very difficult to find engravers and plaques so this year we will giving the winners certificates this year.

November Meeting. November is when we hold our Christmas Social Evening and this year Georgie Godbold will be joining us and will demonstrate one of her wobblies. Food and drink will be provided. Our competition is a decorated Christmas cake judged by members and for decoration only. There are 3 classes; novice, intermediate and advanced. If you have not won as a novice then you put your cake in the novice section, if you have won the novice class, you put your cake in the intermediate section and if you have won intermediate, you put your cake in the advanced section. If you want to donate cakes to the church in Clacton who work with the homeless they **must not contain nuts or marzipan** and please label them with the ingredients. They do not have to be Christmas cakes as any cakes or cookies would be welcome. We will have a blind raffle and social time. festive attire desirable but optional.

Other news and events.

Fund Raising Events. No fund raising events are planned at the moment.

Sugar In the Fens. Two-day workshop modelling two female figures £110 each day at Ely. See their facebook page or email Shell at sugarinthefens@gmail.com Date 19th / 20th November, places still available for both days.

Workshops. Christine and Sue are still doing workshops at their respective homes, please look on the table when you come in or are ask us what we are planning. If you have something you would like to do then put your idea on the list and we will try to organise it. Cost for each workshop is usually around £5 which includes materials.

Sales Table. Sugarcraft-related stock on our sales table is running low so if you have cupboards full of equipment you have bought and never used (like a lot of us) or you just want to downsize, then please bring the items along. Please price them and put your name on them and the club will take 10% of the selling price or donate them for the club funds.

Show and tell table. No show and tell table this month

Facebook and website. We have a website and facebook page which are regularly updated. Emma Barnes has taken over the administration of facebook and has set up an email address, <u>colchestersugarcraft@hotmail.com</u> so if you have pictures or you wish to post anything sugarcraft related send it to her and she will include it. Emma is going to look into linking our page with other businesses, groups or sugarcrafters in our area to maximise publicity for the club and hopefully get more members, and provide more information for our members. If you know of any groups to link to please let Emma know.

Emma is also collecting equipment which the club can use for demonstrating at various groups and Bentley Show. We are available to give a demonstration or small workshops to any group who may be looking to fill there programme for 2023, so please pass on our details to the programme secretary of any clubs you belong to. All the profits go to the club.

If you know of any other events that might interest our members please let me know and I can include them in the newsletter.

If you would like to contribute to the newsletter please contact me.

No meeting in December. Happy Christmas and New Year and we are looking forward to our January meeting.

Regards Sue.

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