



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

Newsletter for February 2023.
Our next meeting is February 23th at 7.30 p.m.

January meeting. Ann Skeggs demonstrated how to make a cupcake bouquet, which was very attractive and a lovely way to present cupcakes. A big thank you to Ann who has offered to run a workshop for us at her home so we can have a go. We have 7 people interested but if you would like to join us please put your name down on the list. Date to be announced but hopefully in March. Ann is willing to do more than one date if you are unable to attend or there are too many people interested.

February Meeting. Christine Clark is going to demonstrate bas-relief for us, we haven't seen this for a while so please come along to show your support.

March Meeting. In March we have our competition which will be 6 Easter-themed iced biscuits. They can be any flavour as they will be judged on decoration only by our demonstrator

Other news and events.

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

Workshops. Christine and Sue are still doing workshops at their respective homes, please look on the table when you come in or 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. The cost for each workshop is usually around £5 which includes materials. The cost for the cupcake workshop will include cost of materials such as box, cellophane, bows, tissue paper and buttercream. I will let you know the price once costed.

I will continue to pass on any information I receive about workshops especially if they are fairly local to us. The recent workshops with sugar in the fens are very reasonably priced and if we can organise to share a car that makes it even more cost effective. Christine Clark is going to the Baby workshop in April and is willing to take anyone else who may be going. Contact her on 01206 82400. If you see anything which may be of interest please let me know.

Sales Table. The sales table has provided the club with a good income this year mainly from equipment donated from members who have unfortunately passed away. I would like

to thank Dawn Rose and Emma Barnes for storing the items and manning the 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 than 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 you can donate them for the club funds.

Show and tell table. We are always interested to see what people have been doing so bring along photos or the items and display them on the table with your name and a brief description

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, colchestersugarcraft@hotmail.com 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 give 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 the Gt. Bentley Show. We are available to give a demonstration or small workshop 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.

A.G.M. April is the end of the year for us and when we elect our committee, all the committee members are willing to stand again but if you would like to join the committee please fill in the nomination form attached to the newsletter and return it to Brenda Lambert either by email or at the meeting. Our current constitution states no more than 7 members but if we have more nominees then it goes to a vote. We have a meeting roughly every 2 months via zoom which lasts about 1 hour. Please give it some thought as it is always good to have new blood on committees. We are always open to ideas from members and will do your best to initiate them if they are of benefit 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.

Regards Sue.

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