



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

Newsletter for March 2023.

Our next meeting is March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m.

**February meeting.** Christine Clark demonstrated bas-relief for us. Christine explained what bas-relief was and showed us two different ways of achieving the two dimensional effect. Christine showed us some pictures of cakes that she had made using bas-relief method and we all agreed it is a very effective way of bringing designs to life.

**March Meeting.** In March we have our competition which will be 6 easter-themed iced biscuits. Preferably homemade biscuits and decorated by the person entering. They will be judged on decoration only by our demonstrator. Our demonstrator this month is Sally Brown who is doing an Easter Theme.

### **Other news and events.**

**Fund Raising Events.** Christine Clark with the help of Sue and Ann Skeggs are doing a mini workshop for Wivenhoe W.I. on April 4<sup>th</sup> making a duck using a cream egg.

We have been invited to have a table at the 5 Parishes Show on August 6<sup>th</sup>, 11 - 5 pm at Peldon. We are organising an hourly rota for different sugarcraft activities for children or adults to have a go or to watch, if you would like to take part please add your name to the list which will be on the check in table. Ideas: cupcake and cookie decorating, making a small model, making a flower.

**Workshops.** March 22<sup>nd</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> are the dates for our Cupcake Bouquet Workshop which Ann Skeggs is doing. All places are booked but she is willing to organise an additional date if anyone else is interested. The cost is £8 and non refundable.

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.

**National SugarArt Association.** The date for the AGM is Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup> at 1.30 via zoom, followed by a demonstration by Debbie Cox. If you would like to attend please let me know before 20<sup>th</sup> April as I have to let the secretary know numbers. It is a good opportunity

to see a free demo by a demonstrator we will never be able to book and also to get an insight into the association we belong to. They are also looking for new committee members and if you wish to propose a Resolution. See attached file.

**Sales Table.** Please bring any unwanted equipment to our sales table 10 % of money goes to the club.

**Raffle prizes.** Thank you to members who supply raffle prizes it is greatly appreciated. It is getting more difficult to find raffle prizes at a reasonable cost and the raffle does help to raise funds. If you are able to help out with prizes please pass them on to Ann or Michala Carey. If edible please make sure they are still in date and any equipment is new and unused.

**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 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 their 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 it goes to voting. 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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