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Newsletter for October 2023.

Our next meeting is October 26th at 7.30 p.m.

October meeting. This month we have Ruby Buffong demonstrating a Halloween Mask, we haven't had Ruby before so lets give her a warm welcome and hope you can all attend.

September meeting. Last month we had Carolyn Harvey to demonstrate a trio of cushions. She used patchwork cutters of small animals and alphabet blocks to make one suitable for a baby shower or christening. One was done with smocking and royal icing piped border suitable for an engagement or wedding cake, and on the other one Carolyn made a hippo model. It was a very interesting demonstration and showed how sometimes a simple idea can be very effective. See pictures on the website.

Jan Ferguson bought along the cake she had decorated for the Great Bentley Show which won first prize.

Programme for 2024-2025. Michala will be looking to book demonstrators for our next years programme around November 2023 so if you have any suggestions or know anyone who is available to demonstrate please let her know. We have some ideas but it is helpful to get feed back from members. If you have a skill you would like to pass on to members please come forward and do a demo. I know it can feel quite daunting but there is always someone around to help and give moral support, maybe team up with another member who is also willing to do a mini demo.

Website. We have a very good website which is regularly updated by Christine. If you have any pictures for the gallery, recipes or anything which is relevant please send to Christine Clark at wor.christine@gmail.com we also have a facebook page managed by Emma Barnes colchestersugarcraft@hotmail.com so please share photos of your work or let her know of sugarcraft events. Website www.colchestersugarcraft.org.uk www.facebook.com/colchestersugarcraft

Other news and events.

Cake International NEC Birmingham 3RD - 5TH November

Fund Raising Events.

Workshop for Bosted W.I. We have been asked to do a mini workshop for Bosted W.I. on the 14th November and we have two booked for next year as well. All the profits go to club

funds. If you would be interested in helping with these workshops please let me or Christine know. If you belong to any clubs who are looking for demonstrators please put our name forward as we enjoy doing them and it helps to raise our profile and funds.

Workshops. We have held mini workshops for about 6 people at Christines or mine in the past and we are still willing to carry on but need some ideas of what people would like to do. A few suggestions have been put forward, how to ganache and cover a cake with fondant, Christmas cupcakes, look for the list on the checking in table. The workshops are open to non members and would make a nice gift for birthdays or special occasions. We are flexible with days and times and ideas within reason and can also come to other places, so maybe get some friends together and have a fun few hours. We try to keep the cost low to cover materials and a small profit for the club.

Show and tell table.

Please bring in things you have made or photos of cakes with a brief explanation if possible so we can see how talented our members are. Also don't forget to send pictures to our website and facebook page.

Sales Table. Anne Reynolds has lots of patchwork cutters for sale. Anne will be at the meeting but if you are looking for a particular cutter please contact her. We have some equipment available at giveaway prices. If you are decluttering your sugarcraft equipment bring it along, we just take 10% for club funds, make sure you label and price and take home what has not sold.

Christmas Raffle. Brenda Lambert is organising and selling the raffle tickets for our Christmas Raffle which includes luxury hamper, fruit basket, bottle of port, pack of jigsaws, and box of chocolates. We will be selling the tickets in October and at our November meeting. Tickets will be £1 per strip so make sure you bring an extra pound or two and you may just purchase the winning numbers.

November Meeting. This is the month we have our Christmas Social Evening so a few things to remember 1. Christmas cake competition. 2 Cakes for charity, any cake can be made as well as Christmas cakes but NO NUTS OR MARZIPAN please. We will be donating them to the church in Clacton who look after homeless people in the area. A finger buffet will be provided and hot and cold drinks. We are going to make some marzipan fruits for you to take away, if you have a small board to work on please bring it, everything else will be provided. Visitors and guests are welcome to attend at the usual fee of £5.

Other Events.

January Meal. The post Christmas meal is going to be at The Cricketers Pub Eight Ash Green on January 11th at 7pm. Please put your name on the list if you would like to attend.

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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