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Newsletter for July 2025 Next Meeting Thursday July 31st 7.30 PM

June Meeting. Last month Estelle Mann was our demonstrator, she made a simple male model which would be suitable for many occasions. Estelle also explained how to make it more sophisticated by making the torso and doing separate clothes and different hairstyles and also how to do a standing model.

July Meeting. This month we have Sarah Jane Soggee and she will be making an owl model. Sarah Jane has not been to our club before. She is a committee member for the N.S.A. and will be at Cake International demonstrating on their stand. Please give her a warm welcome as she has come all the way from Bexhill on Sea.

Other News.

August Social Thursday 28th August 12.30 for 1pm. Please add your name and an item of food from the list if you are coming to the August Lunch at Angela Howard's Wivenhoe garden.

NSA AGM. Forms are now available for anyone who wants to join the N.S.A. as an individual member. This will allow them to join any zoom demonstrations that clubs or the organisation put on. They are hoping to book at least four demos starting in September. These demos will also be open to all club members. Please contact me if anyone requires a form. The cost is £20 per year.

Cake International Birmingham. The NSA will have a stall again and will be doing hour long mini workshops on all 3 days. You can book a workshop on the day, spaces are limited to 8 people per session and are free. If you are going and have an hour to spare they would appreciate some help to promote the association and just generally talk about the benefits of belonging to a club.

Workshops. Natalie Porter Peony Workshop. Please sign up and pay this month if you want to attend as I need to let Natalie know numbers. We need a minimum of 10 people maximum 16 for it to go ahead and there are still spaces available. Price £47.50 members, £60 non members. I will request an equipment list and send out to everyone who is going nearer the time. Contact Carol Rowe, b15hie@hotmail.co.uk for payment details.

We have two more mini workshops booked for Frinton and Tiptree in November, which are always great fun.

Don't forget to send pictures and sugarcraft news to Christine and Ann for our website and facebook, or like, comment and share via the facebook page. Please ask the permission of anyone featured in photos and keep personal details to a minimum for these sites which will help to keep everyone safe from scams etc. I know that we have permission to have personal data on our members which we do not share with other people and is only available to me and the secretary, but if we post photos from club meetings or workshops please let us know if you do not wish to be in the photo.

Sales table. Don't forget to look on our bargain basement sales table, we accept donations or if you have equipment to sell we take 10% commission. Please label with your name and price and take home anything that does not sell. We do not take large cake tins, cake stands or books as we have nowhere to store them.

Special offer of attending. One meeting for free for visitors still applies so please spread the word as we would love to see more people at our meetings and hopefully show people our craft.

We have posters available if anyone can display them or distribute to various locations e.g. libraries or village magazines.

I would like to extend our very best wishes for a speedy recovery following surgery to Anne Reynolds. We look forward to seeing you again at the club when you are fully recovered.

I will not be at the July meeting but might see you in August or, if not, September for the workshop. Don't forget the Great Bentley Show on August 30th, we are resting this year from our usual commitments but it is a really lovely show with stalls and entertainment and only costs £1 to go into the marque. No newsletter in August just a reminder for the lunch with the address.

Regards Sue