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Newsletter for October 2025
Next Meeting Thursday October 30th 7.30 P

September Meeting. Last month Christina Georgiou demonstrated a mermaid for us. As always, we learnt so much especially about proportions for body parts and how to mould and paint faces from scratch by hand. Christina is also very entertaining and we are really pleased that she has come back to sugarcraft teaching after a short break.

October Meeting. This month we are looking forward to seeing Samantha Brown who is making mini Handbags.

Health and Safety. Just a brief reminder to be aware of where our coats and handbags etc are during our meetings and if you spot any hazards please take the appropriate action or let one of the committee members know. All of this is common sense but I have to comply with NSA and our insurers wishes. We are not responsible for equipment provided by the hall or anything else to do with the hall. Just to be aware of anything that may be a risk to our members which is why we carry out a risk assessment for each meeting and at workshops.

Other News.

Workshop. Natalie Porter did a workshop with us to make a peony. Unfortunately I was unable to attend but went along to welcome everyone (and take some cakes). Everyone gave positive feedback and made beautiful peonies - see pictures on the website and facebook page. This is the first time we have held a workshop for a long time as we are a much smaller club now and workshops are very expensive to undertake especially if we have a well known demonstrator. Thank you to everyone who supported us. Thank you to Anne and Christine for doing the refreshments and biscuits and committee members who organised the hall.

Christina Georgiou has offered to do a simple figure modelling workshop for us maybe April or May next year. It would be all day in the Tollgate Hall and we would need to have 12 people to make it viable and to keep the cost around £50 - £60 per person. Please add your name to the list if you are interested, we will have to charge the full amount at time of booking with no refunds unless we cancel.

Rice Paper Flowers. Carol Rowe has offered to organise a mini workshop to make the rice paper flowers, see list and add your name if interested. Other workshops are also available we just need to get some dates which will probably be next year except for the mince pie wobbly which hopefully will be in December.

We have two more mini workshops booked for Frinton Wednesday November 5th 2.00pm and Tiptree Thursday 20th November 7pm, which are always great fun. We have around 40 people taking part so please confirm if you have agreed to help, we will need at least 4 people for each event and car share is available.

NSA Update. The first zoom demonstration was with Cassie Brown who used an airbrush to colour the sweet peas she had made. She explained how to get different effects by how far away you spray and gave us lots of useful hints and tips. The next demo will be Alan Dunn around March/April - more details to follow.

Cake International Birmingham October 31st- November 2nd. The NSA 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 up 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.

Post Christmas Meal. We usually have a meal in January, The Harvester has been suggested but if there is another venue people would like to go to instead or you would prefer to go at lunch time instead of the evening please let us know.

Christmas Raffle. We will be selling raffle tickets for our bumper Christmas Raffle in October £1 per strip. This year we will have 6 smaller hampers and the draw will be at our November meeting.

November Meeting Christmas Social evening. Refreshments will be available and we will be making chocolate truffles, please bring an apron, all other equipment and ingredients will be provided.

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.

Regards Sue