

Hello Everyone,

I hope some of you managed to get to the Harrogate Show. Nine of our members stewarded on staging day, my thanks to you all. Congratulations to Jas Clarke and Marilyn Kirkham who both received awards.

Thank you to everyone who competed at our last practice meeting and to our new Judges Steward, Evelyn.



National Flower Arranging and Lonely Bouquet Day, Friday 3 May

Peter Mathers the Nafas webmaster has requested that you take a photo of your lonely bouquet and send it to him via WhatsApp. His phone number is 07940 517442. Peter will put the photos on the Area website.

Alzheimers Collection

There will be a collection box on the signing in table at the meeting on Tuesday. Margaret Best's youngest daughter and eldest granddaughter have entered the Manchester 10k run on 19 May. The donations are going to Alzheimers Research.

Workshop with Ann Simpson, Tuesday 7 May

Ann Simpson is the tutor at our next meeting. Here is the worksheet with the list of materials you will need:

A flat dish preferably square or oval.
Oasis at least 7cm higher than the edge of the container.

6 pieces of straight Phormium. If the Phormium is wide, 4 pieces will be sufficient, 2 pieces will be split. Cordyline can be used, the design will be shorter.

3 different groups of flowers. Choose single stem flowers to create strong lines and groupings. For example: 1 bunch of Roses or Anemones; 5 x Gerbera or mini Gerbera; single Carnations **NOT** spray Carnations; single Chrysanthemums **NOT** spray Chrysanthus; small protea, calla lilies.

Two groups of plain large leaves (in proportion with your container)
3 x Ivy, Bergenia, Fatsia, Fatshedera, Arum.

Two or three types of filler material – Hebe, Conifer, Skimmia, Pittosporum, Euonymus, Eucalyptus, Ruscus. Optional: 2 Kentia palm leaves.

Tool box including small stapler, cover for table and black bag for rubbish.

If you have any questions please email a.simpson25@btinternet.com or ring 01904 761619.

York Gate Garden Visit & Afternoon Tea, Sunday 19 May

Twenty four members are going on a visit to this delightful garden in Adel, Leeds where we will also enjoy afternoon tea. There are 6 places remaining if anyone would like to join us, please see me at the next meeting. The cost is £17. The coach will pick us up at 12.30pm at Acomb Parish Church Hall, please park in Morrisons car park. We will arrive at 1.30pm, afternoon tea will be served at 3pm and we will leave around 4.30pm. The coach is being subsidised by the Guild. There will also be an opportunity for some retail therapy. York Gate garden in winter was featured on Gardeners' World a few weeks ago.

Large Scale Exhibits - A note from Janet

It is very exciting that the Guild have been invited to stage a non competitive exhibit at the Harrogate Autumn Show, 13-15 September 2019 and with this in mind it has been decided to hold two day schools on the challenge of large scale exhibits. Hazel and I will be working together so why not come along and join us? This will be a great opportunity to learn about staging large scale designs and most importantly the mechanics required as well as working together as a team

which is great fun. It will also be useful for future flower festivals, arranging in York Minster etc. The dates are Saturday 15 June and Saturday 29 June, 10am-4pm at Acomb Parish Hall. You need to attend both days. This course is open to members of all abilities. A sign up list will be on the information desk at the workshop meeting. Bring a packed lunch, coffee and tea will be provided.

NAFAS NE Area Luncheon, Saturday 22 June, 12 for 12.30pm

Seventeen members are going to the lunch at York Racecourse. I have the remaining tickets, which can be collected at the meeting.

Floral Art & Design Show 8-10 August

At the area council meeting an opportunity arose to change our sponsorship to link with one of the classes at the show and the committee agreed to do so.

North East Area Members Day, Saturday 7 Sept, Joseph Rowntree School, New Earswick

This is always a great day out. Tickets are limited to 150 this year due to a change of caterer so we need to book our tickets asap. Tickets cost £30. In the morning our speaker is Glennis Whyte from the Treasurer's House in York, telling us fascinating stories about the house and its occupants, the Greene family, who had royal connections.

Lunch is followed by a demonstration by Katherine Kerr from Gloucester who will take us on a walk through her Little Green Garden. A sign up sheet will be at the back of the hall, we cannot reserve tickets without payment so we ask for a £10 deposit when you put your name down and the balance to be paid no later than the July meeting please.

Thank You

Thank you to Chris Carrick, Enid Rayner, Marilyn Ingle and Jas Clarke for providing the raffle prizes for the May meeting. Please support this great source of income for the Guild. Barbara Sawdon, Jay Slater and Doreen Wykes are our raffle ticket sellers, who always sell the winning tickets!

Thanks also to Marilyn Kirkham for proposing the vote of thanks to our tutor; Evelyn Pennington and Ish Herd for helping with our refreshments; Anne Ryder, Mary McNiven, Catherine Green and Josie Barnett who look after the shop, the flower arranger and organise transport when required.

I look forward to seeing you all and all the lovely flower designs you produce next Tuesday.

Any help setting up, kitchen duties or clearing away is greatly appreciated.

Hazel

Diary Dates

21-25 May	RHS Chelsea Flower Show
5-9 June	RHS Chatsworth Flower Show
21-23 June	RHS Harlow Carr. Harrogate Flower Show
1-7 July	RHS Hampton Court Flower Show
9-11 July	Great Yorkshire Show
17-21 July	RHS Tatton Park Flower Show
20 July	North East Area Council Meeting
31 July-4 Aug	RHS Hyde Hall Flower Show
7 Sept	North East Area Council Meeting. Details to follow.
13-15 Sept	Harrogate Autumn Show.
9 Oct	National AGM Woking. Surrey
16 Nov	NAFAS NE Area AGM, venue TBA

Harrogate Spring Show - Some of the Winning Designs

(Photos by Chrissie Harten)

