



Newsletter

CHAIRMAN'S SPRING MESSAGE

It is an honour and a privilege for me to take on the role of Area Chair of the Three Counties & South Wales Area. I will look forward to visiting clubs and other special events in our Area and meeting all our members during my term of office during the next three years.

The present Flower Arranging Education modules are going to be phased out due to the very poor intake for the courses. It is hoped that these will be replaced by new courses that will lead to a NAFAS Diploma.

NAFAS National Flower Day is going to be held on the 20th June 2025 which coincides with the British Flower Week. NAFAS are hoping that all Areas will hold a special event or arrange a special display in their Area to celebrate this day. As an Area we are planning on staging a display outside Gloucester Cathedral. We are hoping to create a flower display of posies in Jam Jars that will promote both NAFAS and the National Show. Volunteers to help make and distribute posies on the day would be warmly welcomed.

There are some changes ahead within the members of our staff at headquarters. Steven Lane our CEO is retiring at the end of the year. Sylvia Loader who was one of our very competent secretaries retired at the end of March. Sylvia had worked in headquarters for the past 18 years. We do however have one new member of staff, and her name is Jo and she replaces Layla in the office. Paula McAlinden has been appointed as a new Trustee.



Chloe Bryan- Brown the editor of the Flower Arranger Magazine has requested for Area's to contact her if they wish to partake in a photo shoot for designs suitable for forthcoming issues of our Magazine. It is a very long time since our Area took part in a photo shoot. So, I have approached Chloe and I am awaiting a reply from her.

NAFAS are trialling a new way of ordering our Flower Arranging Magazine via the main NAFAS website and we await further information.

I have seen many of your club programmes for the year ahead on Facebook and our Area website and wish you all a successful year.

I hope to see many of you at the Area Day on Wednesday 30th April at The Courtyard, Hereford and wish Chris Lynch and her team every success.

Delyth Price - Area Chairman

3 Counties and South Wales Area of NAFAS

presents

"ALL THAT JAZZ"

Area Day 30th April 2025

Courtyard Theatre, Hereford, HR4 9JD

Guests:

Speaker – Brenda Dossett

Demonstrator – Jacqui Arnold

Tickets: (non refundable)

Early bird: £25

(£28 after 31/1/25)

Lunch ticket - £15

See overleaf for more details



THREE COUNTIES & SOUTH WALES AREA OF NAFAS

Summer Council Meeting
FRIDAY 23rd MAY, 2025 10.30am

The Larruperz Centre, Ross-on-Wye



To receive further details / an Agenda please email Emily : 3cswarea@gmail.com

THE FLOWER ARRANGER MAGAZINE

The Spring edition of The Flower Arranger is now available.

If you do not already subscribe, please contact
CHRIS LYNCH
07794 934091

or the NAFAS website
CLICK HERE



Area members recently enjoyed a fantastic workshop organised by the JDSE Committee and led by the very talented National Demonstrator Alison Penno.



Alison's designs 'Inspired by Leo' (Leopoldo Gomez) were very creative.



The JDSE Autumn Workshop will be led by Yolanda Campbell on 25th October at Banc-y-Felin, Carmarthen

GOOD LUCK to Lydney & Severnside club who are representing our Area at the RHS Malvern Spring Festival.

The show is open 8-11 May and tickets are available from

[RHS Malvern Spring Festival 2025 / RHS](#)



CONGRATULATIONS!

to all clubs celebrating an anniversary this Spring

In February, Brecon Floral Society celebrated 70 years, Bridgend Floral Society were 55 years old and Whitchurch Floral Society reached their 45th anniversary.

Llanelli Floral Art Society celebrate their Diamond Anniversary in March and in April, Bromyard Floral Art Club will reach their Golden Anniversary.



Julie has recently published 'Floral Design Innovation & Craft'. Copies can be ordered via the NAFAS website



Three Counties & South Wales Teachers Association
Workshop Programme 2025

The Larruperz Centre, Grammar School Close, Ross-on-Wye, HR9 7QD.
10.00 for 10.30 - 4.00

12 th April 2025	Bev Short	Hey Hey Hay!
14 th June 2025	Brenda Howell	Stability in free-standing mechanics for foam-free floral art
18 th October 2025	Kath Lee	Himelli structures for flowers

FRIDAY FLOWER FIX are looking forward to their next online demonstration and workshop with the very talented **JULIE PEARSON**

FRIDAY 11th APRIL
7pm via ZOOM

contact Kath Lee for details on how to join

fridayflowerfix@gmail.com



A reminder that Area Day is on 30th April 2025 at the Courtyard Theatre, Hereford.

Don't forget to ask friends who may not be flower club members to come along to the event too! See fabulous floral arrangements both in the foyer and created by our guest demonstrator Jacqui Arnold as well as the competitive exhibits!



Enjoy a talk about 'All that Jazz' by the new chair of the National Speaker's committee Bronda Dossett and meet our National President James Burnside. Visit the retail area for everything from scarves to chocolate! It's a great day out for everyone in 3 Counties & S Wales Area.

Tickets for entry (£28) and lunch (£15) are still available so if you haven't bought yours yet, contact Brigette Manton

For more details, see the Area website home page. Information about the day, ticket ordering and the competition schedule are all included via this link <https://tcandsw.org.uk>

On behalf of the team, I look forward to welcoming you to the Courtyard Theatre.

Chris Lynch - Area Day 2025 Team lead

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FLOWER ARRANGEMENT SOCIETIES PRESENTS

NATURE'S CHALLENGE

NAFAS NATIONAL SHOW 2025

SEPT 19&20 | GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL

PURCHASE TICKETS AT WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM

WWW.NAFAS.ORG.UK
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NAFAS NATIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

The countdown is on to the 2025 NAFAS National Show in Gloucester Cathedral.

The Competition schedule and entry forms are available on the NAFAS website.

[NAFAS National Show - Nature's Challenge » NAFAS](#)

Tickets for the demonstration are now on sale

[nafas - Gloucester Guildhall](#)

National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies

Autumn Appassionato

Inspired by a season - an evening of flower arranging and fun with innovative National demonstrators:

Emily Broomhead
Elizabeth Graham

Friday, 19th September 2025
at 7.30 pm
Doors open: 6.30pm

Gloucester Guildhall,
23 Eastgate Street, Gloucester GL1 1NS
T: 01452 503050
E: guildhall.boxoffice@gloucester.gov.uk

WWW.NAFAS.ORG.UK

20 June 2025: National Flower Arranging Day

NATIONAL FLOWER ARRANGING DAY Friday 20 June 2025

Save the date

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FLOWER ARRANGEMENT SOCIETIES
www.nafas.org.uk



The National Demonstrators Committee

Several of our Area and National demonstrators enjoyed a super few days at the National Demonstrators Symposium in Telford recently.

The event included workshops, talks, presentations from Smithers Oasis and David Austin Roses and a fun 'Ready Steady Arrange' using the brand new plant based oasis foam.

Read the latest digital version of the NAFAS News magazine.

Now exclusively available as a digital publication on the NAFAS website

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