

Claygate Floral Club

May 2024 Newsletter

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WELCOME TO THE MAY EDITION OF YOUR NEWSLETTER



I am really looking forward to seeing this month's Demonstrator, Barbara Caldecourt once again. Barbara was one of my Tutors when I was preparing for my Level 3 Diploma in Floristry at Merrist Wood College.

In **June**, I will be taking our summer workshop - entitled "Summer Cottage Garden". I will demonstrate an arrangement in foam and one using chicken wire. Then you are welcome to have a go yourself. Please bring along summer flowers together with a suitable container such as a favourite dish or vase (well wrapped). You can make your arrangement in pre-soaked floral form or using chicken wire taped into the container. Suitable flowers include Roses, Delphiniums, Eryngiums (Thistles), Alstroemeria, Dianthus (Carnations), Antirrhinum, Peonies and Mathiola (Stocks). Please also bring along well conditioned (cut and given a drink for ideally at least 24 hours before arranging) garden foliage. Here are some suggestions - Ivy, Spotted Laurel (Aucuba), Portuguese Laurel, Strawberry Tree, Hebe, Fatsia leaves, Bergenia leaves, Phormiums and Eucalyptus.

I will be on hand to give help, guidance and comment, if you would like me to.

WEDNESDAY 1st MAY CLUB NIGHT



This month we are delighted to welcome Barbara Caldecourt who will presenting her “Calendar Moments” demonstration. A little bit about Barbara – she is a National Teacher, Area Demonstrator and Member of New Visions. After training florists and teaching floral leisure courses for the last 25 years, Barbara is keen to continue enjoying flowers with like-minded folk.

Other interests are gardening, dog walking, church flowers, spending time with family including flying in light aircraft (as a passenger!) and more recently learning machine embroidery.

MAY’S CLUB COMPETITION – “MAYPOLE’



This month’s club competition is “Maypole”.

Flowers have long been associated with maypoles and many May Day traditions date back to the Middle Ages.

On the 1st of May, English villagers would rise at the break of day to wander the countryside gathering blossoms and flowers. A tall pole known as a “maypole” would be set up on the village green and villagers would decorate it with the flowers they had collected at the start of the day and dance and celebrate to welcome warmer days and summer.

Here are some ideas which we hope will inspire you to enter. Please have a go especially if you have not entered before. In April, there were **no** Novice category entries. Your entry does not have to be elaborate - you can just use primary colours, ribbons and your imaginations!!



APRIL'S DEMONSTRATION

Helen Hare's "Travelling Down Under" demonstration was amazing as were her 'down under' stories about her family in Australia and pearl diving father.

Thanks to all of you who entered the competition "Upside Down". I'm afraid we cannot fit all the amazing arrangements we enjoyed into this newsletter but here are a few to remember the evening by.



IMPORTANT CHANGE TO COMPETITION IN JUNE AND JULY

There will now be a competition in June alongside the Summer Workshop

Wednesday 5th June - Workshop - Vivien Withers - “Summer Cottage Garden”.
June competition title: “I Love My Garden”

There will not be a competition in July, to enable everyone to have time to sort out their entries for the Claygate Flower Show

Wednesday 3rd July - Demo - Lucinda Knapman - ‘More Fabulous Flowers’
No competition

SUMMER TRIP 2024

We are really excited to confirm our Summer Trip 2024 to Borde Hill Garden and Nymans House and Garden.

Please see all the day’s details in our flyer below.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

YOU CAN RESERVE YOUR PLACE ON THE SUMMER TRIP AT MAY’S CLUB NIGHT. PAYMENT IS BY CHEQUE SO PLEASE BRING YOUR CHEQUE, CLEARLY WRITING YOUR NAME ON THE BACK.

THIS YEAR, FOR EASE OF ADMINISTRATION, WE ARE REQUESTING EVERYONE COMPLETE A SIMPLE FORM WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE ON MAY CLUB NIGHT. YOU WILL THEN BE ASKED TO SUBMIT YOUR CHEQUE AND FORM TOGETHER.

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BORDE HILL GARDEN

&

NYMANS HOUSE AND GARDEN

THURSDAY 15TH AUGUST 2024



8.45am	Leave Claygate by coach (opposite Claygate Co-op)
@10.00am	Arrive Borde Hill Gardens <i>Enjoy the Grade II* listed English heritage parkland and garden described by Country Life "as one of the country's truly great gardens"</i>
12.30pm	Depart for Nymans House and Garden
12.45pm	Arrive Nymans House and Garden <i>Set in the rolling hills of the Sussex Weald, Nymans is a gardeners' delight and a National Trust gem</i> Lunch Bring a picnic or enjoy one of the two cafes. Hot and cold food available
4.45pm	Depart for Claygate
@6pm	Arrive Claygate

You can secure your place on this fabulous trip at our next club meeting on Wednesday 1st May. Guests welcome too.

Please remember to bring your cheque made payable to 'Claygate Floral Club'.

£45.75 per person
or the discounted rate of

£29.50 for National Trust Members*

**Please note you must bring your NT membership card for entry to Nymans House and Garden*

SATURDAY 13TH JULY - CLAYGATE FLOWER SHOW - CLAYGATE RECREATION GROUND

This has traditionally been a big event for the Claygate Floral Club and we will need a helping hand from as many members as possible, before and during the day so that everything runs smoothly.

We would love as many members as possible to submit floral exhibits to the show (you can use the club competition for practice). Don't forget, there are cash prizes! We will let you have further details of the competition categories once we have them.

UPCOMING EVENTS THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST

Saturday 1st June 2024 (NGS): Chelsea Plant Sale - Chilworth Manor, Chilworth, Surrey 10am to 5pm
[Click Here](#)

Thursday 6th June 2024: Walton and Weybridge Flower Club's Open Meeting: Alison Penno Presents 'Floral Idols'



Saturday 8th to Sunday 9th June 2024: London Open Gardens Weekend. To find our more [Click Here](#)

Saturday 13th July 2024: Surrey Area Show (Staging on Friday 12th). The show schedule is detailed on Surrey NAFAS website. [Click Here](#)

Surrey Area of NAFAS
Presents the
Area Show 2024

GREEN PLANET

12th - 13th July 2024
at **The Dell Centre**
Park Lane, Ashtead, KT21 1EJ

Staging 12.7.24, 8am – 12noon
Preview evening 12.7.24, 7-9pm **£12**
Tickets will be available at the Council meeting in March
Show Open 13.7.24, 10am – 4pm **£5**



Schedule now available on the Surrey NAFAS website Surreynafas.com

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MEMBERS NOTICE BOARD

Don't forget to bring your £1 coins for the raffle and to purchase any goodies from the Debra table. So far this year we have raised approximately £60 for Debra and this is just across two club nights! So every little really does help and goes towards supporting the important work carried out by the charity. It's great to know we can make a difference. If you want to learn more, take a look at their website: <https://www.debra.org.uk>

Please bring your cups for refreshments!

Thank you

