



Guernsey Flower  
Arrangement  
Society

# GFAS News

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## Welcome to 2011

Happy New Year.

Following the wonderful celebrations of the 50th Anniversary of the GFAS which saw the sensational "Swinging Sixties" Exhibition at Beau Sejour and the truly wonderful demonstration by the talented Simon Lysett at the Dinner in July, with the year closing with the talented Neil Whittaker, you are probably wondering how can this be topped!

Well this year we have some talented and inspiring Demonstrators for you to enjoy.

The Committee is trying to plan a few days get away, for interested members, which will give an opportunity to visit Chelsea Flower Show and take part in a workshop with Chris Price in London.

The Garden Lunch is returning to the programme this year and we will be visiting another lovely garden. We hope to include a demonstration at the lunch and will provide further details as

they become available.

Following the AGM we are pleased to confirm the following appointments:

Tracey Ozanne—Chairman;  
Sheila Le Lievre—Vice Chairman;  
Angela de Garis—Treasurer;  
Sheila Ozanne—Hon. Secretary;  
Michaela Guilimoto and Carol Robert, Committee Members.

We are also pleased to confirm that Marguerite Paul has taken up the post of President and Christobelle Morgan as Vice President.

The AGM also saw the two resolutions proposed by the Committee approved, therefore the membership fee is now £50 per annum, this equates to £5.55 per meeting, with the visitors fee going up to £10. The second resolution proposed by the committee and agreed at the AGM was that the Monthly demonstrations would now start at 7.30pm.

**February 1st** — AGM

Speaker—Tamara Menteshvili, CEO of the Channel Islands Stock Exchange gave the members present an insight into her love of flowers with her entertaining talk entitled "It's a question of Style".

**March 2nd**— Tan Strong— National Demonstrator, whose love of flowers started from an early age and now really delights in her work as a National Demonstrator. She is always keen to encourage new comers to Floral Art and is a Teacher and Judge. She has competed at RHS Chelsea Flower Show and won a Gold medal in

2010. She has been accepted to enter the WAFA in 2011 in Boston in June.



**Tan Strong—National Demonstrator from Chilton Hills, west London**

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## Questions

On page 3 we have compiled a brief questionnaire to see if anyone is able to assist us with hosting, vote of thanks, what you want from the club to help motivate and encourage you in this beautiful hobby of ours. NAFAS are asking clubs to think about the age base of their membership and how new members can be introduced. At the AGM it was suggested that if each member could introduce one new member to the club this would help improve the

financial situation of the club which would benefit all members going forward as the membership fee could be reassessed. Alternative ideas or suggestions are always welcome.

**Membership Form**—to ease the congestion on the door we thought it might help if members could join the club by post to help in this manner we have devised a membership form on page 4 to be completed and sent to the Treasurer. The committee is also looking for alternative means to keep in

touch outside of the monthly meetings and are therefore asking members if they would like to provide us with their mobile numbers and e-mail addresses, this will also help reduce postal costs. We can also use this to keep non members informed of events coming up to encourage them to join, so if your friends are not yet convinced we would be happy to help. All Data held on members will be kept confidential and will not be passed on to third parties.



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## Oh no, Competitions and Church Flower Festivals

I know from my own experience how scary entering your first competition or putting your name down for a Flower Festival can be. I was very nervous the first time I entered the Guernsey Eisteddfod, but the other ladies who enter every year were so welcoming and encouraging, I had great fun.

The Eisteddfod is held in March at Beau Sejour Leisure Centre and I hope the titles inspire you to have a go, late entries will be accepted.

This year the Club Competition will be held, further details will be advised shortly.

2011 is the year we return to decorate St Saviours Church for their Flower Festival in June. The Festival Title is “Love Is”. I am sure we have all seen the cute little cartoons. Arrangers will have the opportunity to design their arrangement and can work on their own, with a partner or in a small team. If you do not think you have the experience to tackle an ar-

rangment on your own, we can team you up with someone to guide and encourage you,

We will be circulating a board to ask for volunteers to help with the Church Decorations, everyone is welcome we are looking for willing hands, and enthusiasm, which I know you all have as well as the love for flowers.

We look forward to seeing your names on the list for a fun few days of staging.

### What's On 2011

**2nd March**  
Tan Strong “Trading Places”

**6th April**  
Jean Allcroft “Floral Creations”

**4th May**  
Elaine Middleton “Title to be advised”

**2nd June**  
Nick Heal “Inspirations”

**16th –19th June**  
St Saviours Church Flower Festival

## NAFAS NATIONAL SHOW 2011

The NAFAS National Show will be held 22 to 24 September 2011 at the Riviera International Conference Centre, Torquay. Not only will there be the competitors’ exhibits to view but also the following demonstrations:

**Thursday 22 September—at 2.00pm—Barbara Collier**  
Floral Art Demonstration—‘Oh I do like to be beside the seaside’

**Friday 23 September— at 2.30pm —Katherine Kear**  
Talk—‘Ancestors, Antirrhins and Antics’

**Saturday 24 September— at 2.00pm—Carola Wilson**  
Floral Art Demonstration—‘Living the Dream’

Plus—NAFAS trade stands, shopping mall with trade and demonstration stands.

A limited number of schedules are available from Tracey Ozanne or information can be obtained from the NAFAS website <http://www.nafas.org.uk>



## Help Wanted

### HOSPITAL FLOWERS

Barbara Minta is the Chair of the Friends of Princess Elizabeth Hospital and they are looking for additional ladies to help with the flowers on the wards i.e. tidy them up, throw out the dead ones, add water etc. It takes approximately an hour a week and Mondays and Tuesdays are the best days for doing this task. If you are able to spare an hour a week and would like to help please contact Barbara Minta on [bminta@cwgsy.net](mailto:bminta@cwgsy.net) or tel: 247606

## Dorset & Guernsey Area

Area Day 2011  
Wednesday 23rd March,  
Digby Hall, Sherborne

Salisbury Cathedral  
Flower Festival 14th—  
18th June 2011

NAFAS National Show  
22nd-24th September  
Riviera International  
Conference Centre,  
Torquay

National Flower  
Arranging Day Friday 6  
May 2011

NAFAS Members  
Assembly 22nd-25th  
August, Nottingham

NAFAS AGM 12th  
October, Shrewsbury

## Guernsey Flower Arrangement Society



[www.nafas.org.uk](http://www.nafas.org.uk)

The GFAS encourages the art and enjoyment of Floral Design, via way of meetings, classes and workshops for members to enjoy and to improve their skills in flower arranging.

Monthly demonstrations are held at St James Concert Hall, St Peter Port and start at 7.30pm.

Membership is open to anyone—if you can flower arrange then you can find out new ideas from the demonstrators, if you do not but just want to know more and would like to do something

other than plunking flowers in a vase, then come along and see what the demonstrators can do with flowers and how their designs can be reproduced in your home, either down or up scaled depending on your venue.

You can join by coming along to a meeting and paying a fee as a visitor, which is then deducted from the annual subscription fee at your next visit or just pay the annual subscription from the start. You will receive a warm welcome.

We look forward to welcoming new, past and existing members throughout the year.

## Membership Form

First Name:

Surname:

Address :

Home Telephone Number :

Post Code:

Mobile Number :

E-mail Address :

This form can be completed and brought to a monthly meeting and handed in with your payment.

If you know of anyone that would like to join the GFAS or would be interested in receiving information about upcoming events, please complete the contact form on the website.

# Questionnaire

## 1. Hosting

To help keep costs down and therefore maintain a reasonable membership fee, it would be helpful to know if any members are willing to host one of the demonstrators. The hosting involves them sleeping in your home for two nights. On the Tuesday the Committee entertain the Demonstrator and Host at a local restaurant and then on Wednesday breakfast will be required for the demonstrator. They will be collected by a member of the committee or if you are able to drop them at St James for the day's preparation for the evening, a light meal would be appreciated prior to the demonstration and possibly a light snack after the demonstration, depending on the demonstrator.

Are you able to host one of the Demonstrators during 2011      Yes      No      Which Month \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Vote of Thanks

You've all seen a committee member or Honorary Member stand up at the end of the evening, and give a Vote of Thanks. If you would like to give a few words at the end of a Demonstration, you would be most welcomed.

a) Would you like to give a brief vote of thanks at the end of a monthly meeting?      Yes      No

b) Would you like to decide on which month now?      \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Garden Foliage

Each month the demonstrators use garden foliage to fill out their designs. If you have a garden that you would allow the demonstrators to pick from we would like to hear from you. As you know we have been using the lovely garden belonging to Jennifer Monachan but it is always nice to have a few more gardens that the demonstrators can access on a Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday morning. A Committee member always accompany the demonstrators to the gardens so if there is something special that you have that you do not want picked, we are able to restrict the demonstrators picking .

Do you have a garden that you would be happy to allow the demonstrators to pick from?      Yes      No

## 4. Containers

Each month the committee receives a list of containers from the demonstrators for their designs. It would be helpful if the committee had a list of members who have containers that they are willing to lend to the demonstrator for the evening, it will provide additional interest to the members to see different things being used and also may give you some ideas of how else to use your container.

Do you have any containers that you would be happy to lend the demonstrators?      Yes      No

If yes, are you able to provide a photograph with the dimensions of the container to help the Committee match the containers we have available to those the Demonstrators have requested. A member of the Committee will be happy to visit you and take the photograph for you if this would be of assistance.

## 5. Education / Workshops

Are you interested in attending workshops      Yes      No

What style or type would you be interested in:      Contemporary      Traditional      Craft / Construction

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. Any other comments:

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_