

The National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies Newsletter, March 2025



**Hello, and welcome to the March 2025
NAFAS Newsletter.**

The National Show 2025

Competition Schedule

Competitors applications are to be made between **1st - 15th April 2025** via the website. Any member wishing to use paper format, forms are available to download from the NAFAS website via the link below together with the Schedule and the Rules and Information.

- [Schedule](#)

- [2025 Competition Rules and Information](#)
- [2025 Individual Entry Form](#)
- [2025 Club Entry Form](#)
- [2025 Area Entry Form](#)

[Click here for The National Show Competition Schedule](#)

Tickets

Tickets for the National Show are on sale through the [Trybooking Website](#).

Tickets for the Autumn Appassionato Demonstration are now available to purchase from the Gloucester Guildhall.

Preview Evening - £20

Thursday 18th September, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Guests receive a glass of bubbly or soft drink and trading stands will be open.

Ticket does not include access to the prize giving.

Day Tickets

Friday 19th & Saturday 20th September

One Day Ticket: **£30**

Group Ticket (min 10 people): **£25**

Two Day Ticket: **£50**

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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**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




[Click here to get your tickets for the National Show](http://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM)

[Click here to get your tickets for the Guildhall Demonstration](mailto:guildhall.boxoffice@gloucester.gov.uk)

Saying Hello & Waving Goodbye

Sylvia Loader | Secretary

It is with great sadness that we said goodbye to Sylvia this month. Sylvia has been with NAFAS for 18 years and played a key role in supporting the Education Committee and Editorial Team. Sylvia's well earned retirement was marked with a lunch attended by the National President and National Chairman. We wish Sylvia all the very best in her retirement.





Helen Lund | Finance Manager

A warm welcome to Helen Lund, our new Finance Manager. Helen shares that she is excited to be part of the NAFAS family and is looking forward to working alongside the Head Office team, ensuring the finance functions remain efficient and compliant.

Demonstrators Symposium

The recent Demonstrators Symposium went off with a bang thanks to the hard work put into organising this event by the National Demonstrators Committee (pictured top right), the generous sponsorship of Smithers Oasis and Flower Vision Birmingham, and administrative support from NAFAS Head Office.

Head over to the NAFAS website to see the full story and gallery by clicking on the link below



^ An arrangement from Cherie Nummy's "Galactic Harmony" workshop



^ L-R: Cherie Nummy, Lucy Ellis, Beryl Cotton, Margaret Rumens, Delyth Price, Elizabeth Gordon (Trustee) & Vanessa Wellock

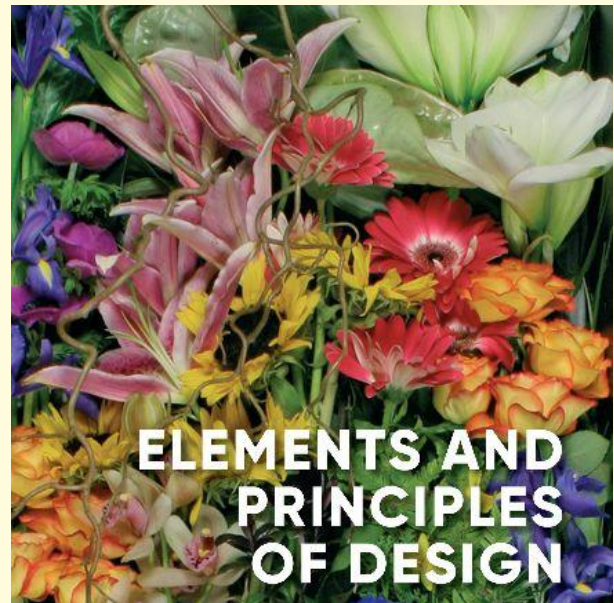
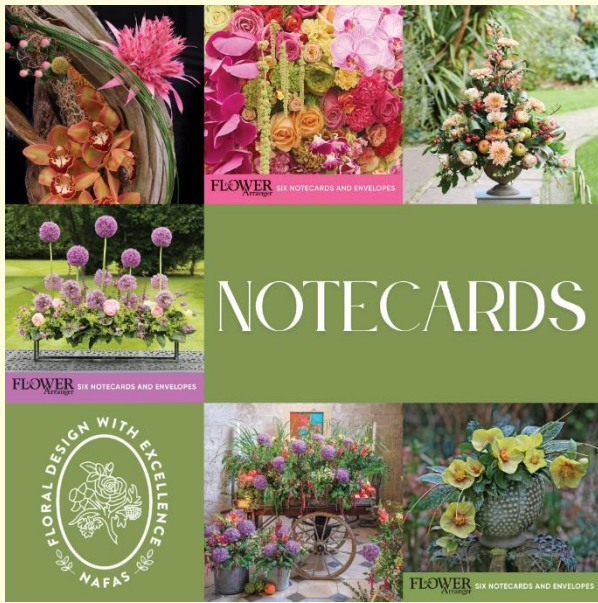


^ Dawn Weaver's "Forms in Space" demonstration receives a standing ovation.



^ Mark Entwistle's ' "Ready Steady Lift Off"'

[Click here to see the full story on the Demonstrators Symposium](#)



Spotlight on Speakers

Peter Mathers

National Speaker | North East

It's often been said that the two greatest fears in life are going to the dentist, and public speaking.

Whilst NAFAS can't do much to counter dentophobia, there is plenty of opportunity in the Association for training to be a speaker which Peter fell into almost by accident in the North East Area about ten years ago. He had actually gone to the training to help with the technical aspects of PowerPoint but after a prompt by one of the candidates he ended up passing the Area Speakers' Test. In August 2023 he was able to add the National qualification to his CV.

Peter now has eight talks in his portfolio; all are themed talks about gardens and are illustrated by PowerPoint images. The above picture shows Peter delivering his latest talk "*An American Connection*", a talk about English gardens with connections to the United States that was premièred at the North East Area Members' Day in October 2024, complete with a very suitable waistcoat!

Since becoming a NAFAS speaker Peter has found himself travelling all over the UK from his home in York to entertain and inspire a variety of audiences.



[^] Photograph of Peter delivering his latest talk "*An American Connection*"

Book your next Speaker!

[Click here to message Peter about his availability](#)

[Click here to find more Area & National Speakers](#)

Dates for the Diary

15 May 2025 @ 6:30 pm: NAFAS Webinar

Have your voice heard! An opportunity to pose your questions to the National Officers,
Trustees, and CEO

20 June 2025: National Flower Arranging Day

NATIONAL FLOWER ARRANGING DAY **Friday 20 June 2025**



Save the date

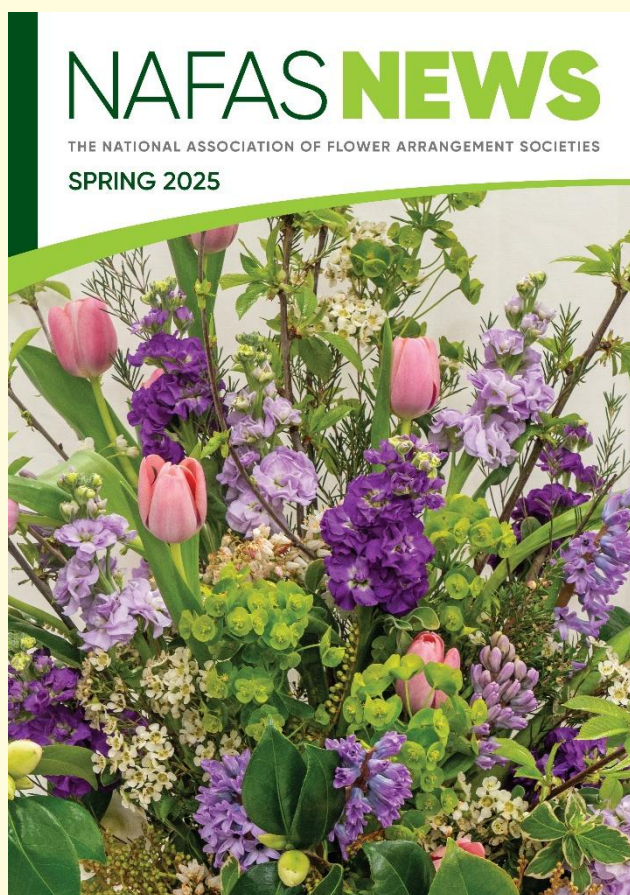


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