



EAST OF ENGLAND AREA OF NAFAS

Chairman's Chat



Here we are again, time certainly does fly, after a busy few months. Our newly qualified demonstrators are filling their diaries to show their talent and skills to our clubs.

After a very successful Area Day at Isleham, I would like to say, on behalf of the Executive Committee, thank you to all the members who came along and supported us. We had such a good time, with a fantastic and interesting Speaker, Amanda Sutherland, followed in the afternoon by the skills and talent of National Demonstrator, Vanessa Wellock.

We can now look forward to the opportunities that JDS&E are organising, starting with a two day Basic Teachers Training Course, tutored by the Education Rep. Linda Knights, on Saturday 14th and Saturday 21st September 2024, at Mildenhall. This will be followed by The Foundation of Floral Artistry Courses that will be held around the Area and a Taster Day on Wednesday 13th November at Mildenhall for potential Judges. Why not consider any of the training which is being offered by popping along to Mildenhall to see what is involved, you won't know unless you give it a look. If anyone is interested in any courses that are available please contact the JDS&E team or any Area Officer including myself and we will guide you to the correct person. All this information is available on our website nafas-east.com. The National Speakers Committee are hosting a PowerPoint Training Day for NAFAS Speakers on Monday 30th September at NAFAS HQ in London which I understand is a sell-out.

This brings us to the Area President's Day on Saturday 5th October at Mildenhall, before we say farewell at the AGM to our own Sue Brinton who has steered the Area for the past four years, I think we can all agree she deserves to put her feet up and take a well earned rest; however, I doubt that will happen. The application for tickets is now online and has been circulated to all clubs

Finally, In Greek mythology, flowers held significant symbolism.They were more than just beautiful blooms, they carried deeper meanings associated with Gods, Emotions and Destiny.

Crocus was a lover of Hermes, they engaged in a duel, which unfortunately ended fatally, the Crocus Flower represents this tragic love story.

Lotus is associated with deities Hera, Aphrodite and Athena, the Lotus symbolises beauty,grace and divine power.

The Greek Gods believed that you could hear flowers speak when you climbed high mountains. The North Wind carried their messages, each flower had its own traditional symbol, revealing its meaning during the blooming season.

So next time you see a flower, remember it may hold a hidden story.



Thought for the day :

A smile is a curve that can set everything straight

and

You may be one person to the world, but you may be the world to one person

Best Wishes

Gloria