



EAST OF ENGLAND AREA OF NAFAS

Chairman's Chat



Here we are again. It's Autumn and Mother Nature is doing what she does best, changing colour. This picture shows just how beautiful and magical nature is.

These past months have certainly been busy. We had a very successful President's Day, with an interesting talk on Faberge by Maria Pennington followed after lunch with a colourful and entertaining demonstration, Artistic Licence, by Dawn Weaver. Sue certainly had the day she deserved.

By now you will have received the information inviting you to a Free Informal Taster Day to learn about becoming a Judge, I wonder how many of you, do think about becoming a Judge. It's certainly a huge help for those of you who enjoy competing. Many members who do compete, have said how the training to become a Judge, gives them competitive knowledge of exactly what it is the Judge will be looking for.

This leads me onto the opportunities being offered by the education part of our flower arranging world, for us to make new friends at the classes that are popping up around our Area, while learning and enjoying new techniques of floral art. Not forgetting another opportunity for those members who would like to further their expertise and take on the role of becoming teachers. Sounds like 2025 will be about new opportunities for us all to take up.

Finally on Wednesday 23 October we had our last Council/AGM Meetings of 2024. After the Council Meeting, Sue Brinton Area President, presented our newly qualified Demonstrators with their well-deserved badges and certificates; they received a round of applause from the members for their hard work and dedication to increase the Area's number of Demonstrators. After the presentation Sue's final role as President was to chair the AGM; this went smoothly. On behalf of the members, I gave the vote of thanks to Sue for taking the meeting, and presented her with a beautiful bouquet of flowers and a gift to show the Area's appreciation of all Sue has done for the Area and members, with her dedication, commitment and support during her term of office.

I want to take this opportunity to let all the members know what a great and distinct pleasure it has been, to have Sue Brinton sit on the Executive Committee with her advice and guidance. We wish her all the best, and look forward to seeing her at future Area Events.

Thought for the day:

How far we travel in life, matters far less than those we meet along the way.



Best Wishes

Gloria