

Calling all Clubs in South West Area – September

National Chairman's Challenge

Thanks to all the Clubs who put in an entry for August. I was rather worried that there wouldn't be very many entries, as you would all be busy or on holiday, but as usual you turned up trumps & there was a very wide variety of very different Picnic/Beach based designs submitted, making it a very difficult task for our judges.

The results were;

1st – Fleur White - Langport

2nd – Sue Williams - Marshfield

3rd – Jean Drumm – Highworth

VHC – Liz Loze - Burnham

HC – Janet Willsmer - Melksham

C - Margaret Murray – Bradford On Avon



There has been some confusion lately, particularly as regards Clubs who haven't been regular contributors to this Challenge, as to who should be sending entries to me. As there are at least 10 different ways (that I know of) that clubs are selecting their entries, it is up to the individual Club as to how they go about doing this & it is also up to the individual Club to inform their members how they intend to go about it, when they forward this communication on to their membership. Thus, if the Club wants all entries to go via the Chairman/Committee that's fine, equally if a particular Club is happy for their representative to send their entry direct to me that's fine too – it all depends on the circumstances of individual Clubs - hope this clarifies any confusion.

September's Challenge is rather appropriately entitled 'Back to School'. Whether the entries for this will be mostly school days, based, or more along the lines of 'thank goodness they've gone back & I can put my feet up & enjoy a glass of something!' remains to be seen. **Whilst I appreciate that most of the keen competitors in the Area will be busy preparing for the Area Competitions, it may be an opportunity for Chairmen to approach less experienced members, who might prefer to compete by photo, to do this Challenge. As it seems we have quite a few members who are happy to compete by photo but are less confident about doing it 'in the flesh' so to speak, at the Area Competitions.** Please could you have your **entries in** to me, Sally Taylor, on ssjytaylor@hotmail.co.uk **by 24/9/2021**. Preferably on pdf or jpeg as we'd like to include them on the Area web & Facebook pages & these methods are compatible with the equipment we use.

Could the name of the person who did the exhibit, be included on the communication, so it can be correctly attributed to them. The entries will be judged by the Area Judges.

PLEASE COULD EVERYONE REFRAIN FROM POSTING THEIR EXHIBITS ON SOCIAL MEDIA, UNTIL THE AREA RESULTS HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED.

To give you plenty of time to think about them & who will represent your Club, each month, the titles are:-

December - 'A festive Gift' – winner - Lesley Hunt - Weston Super Mare F C
January - 'Burns Night' – winner - Alison Wilson - North Wiltshire Villages F C
February - 'Valentine Time' – winner - Lucy Ellis - Innovation Club
March - 'A Spring Bonnet' – Area & National winner – Fleur White - Langport F C

April-Mini Area Show – winner – 'Springing It' – Janet Singleton – Yeovil F C
April-Mini Area Show – winner - 'Spring Garden' – Ann Revell - Henleaze F C

May – 'Mayday Celebrations' – Paula Brewster – Yeovil F C
June – 'Wedding Time' – Area winner & National 2nd - Margaret Jefferies - Highworth F C
July – 'Happy Holidays' - winner – Margaret Stanford – North Wilts Villages F C
August – 'A Picnic on the Beach' – winner – Fleur White – Langport F C
September – 'Back to School'
October - 'Here Comes Autumn'
November – 'Remember, Remember the 5th of November'

'Sapphire Celebrations'

aka South West Area Day & Competitions 2021

will be taking place on Friday 17th & Saturday 18th September at the Civic Trowbridge, BA14 8WH with **staging on Thursday September 16th from 10am – 6pm**. We can still accept exhibits for a few of the classes, so if you are interested in putting in a late entry, just email Pam or Sally (see below) to check whether there is still a space for you. A copy of the schedule can be downloaded from the South West Area website www.flowerssouthwest.com or by emailing myself, sjjtaylor@hotmail.co.uk or area secretary Pam Wittcomb on secretary@southwestareaofnafas.org.uk to have one emailed to you.

Don't forget to get your tickets to see John McDonald's Area Day Demonstrations. Price £17.50, from Jenny Payne on jenn.pyne23@gmail.com. John lives abroad & hasn't been seen before in this Area, so don't miss this very unique opportunity to see him.

Whether you are competing or just coming to view the exhibits & watch the demonstration, there is free all day parking in a nearby car park, as long as you park in the upper levels.

Good luck to you all in all with your competition exhibits & looking forward to seeing your designs at the Civic

Sally

PS - If you've been entering the Chairman's Challenge Competition & I don't know who you are, please come & introduce yourself to me, as I'd like to be able to recognise those of you who've been entering