



DEMONSTRATORS NEWSLETTER
SPRING
2017

Welcome to news for NAFAS Demonstrators

Are You Ready??



Have been qualified as a NAFAS Area demonstrator for three years? Are you ready for a further challenge?

Have you considered becoming a National Demonstrator?

The first step is to register your interest by contacting the Chairman of the National Demonstrators Committee, Michael Bowyer. The next test is likely to be Autumn 2018. I already have a couple of names and those who were successful at the last test in Northallerton will be preparing for their National Test to be held on the following day.

Interested? *Contact me: Michael Bowyer michaeldst@btinternet.com 01722 321691*07703877184*

The Materials Allowance

You have probably read in the demonstrators column in the Spring Flower Arranger that the materials allowance for a club demonstration to an average sized club has been increased from £100 to £110 as from January 2017. If your materials allowance for a demonstration has not yet been finalised, when you are contacted by the programme secretary

three weeks prior, you may request this figure. If the allowance has been finalized on your blue form, you must keep to that amount.

Area representatives have been asked to include sessions on minimalistic and/or foliage designs at training/refresher days. Some demonstrators have limited access to garden foliage and must resort to purchased foliage. If a club is willing to supply a bucket of conditioned, good quality garden foliage more can be spent on flowers. This guidance is for a club meeting. The materials allowance includes the cost of all mechanics, containers wires, foam etc. used in the demonstration. Open meetings require a larger materials allowance. Please remember that good communication between club and demonstrator are paramount and a certain amount of negotiation is always possible. Demonstrators are reminded that the flower allowance agreed 3 weeks prior to a demonstration must not be exceeded and must not use part of their fee or travel allowance to subsidise the materials allowance.

We send our warmest wishes to those you receiving this newsletter for the first time, those who have recently become qualified at one of the Area Tests held around the country. We hope you will enjoy many successful years of demonstrating.

NAFAS Code of Practice

When you complete part B of a blue form you are signing to state that you are aware of the NAFAS Code of Practice.

As a committee we sincerely trust that you are in possession of a copy and are fully aware of its contents.

You can view a copy on the NAFAS website

As a committee we have recently had to deal with several queries and complaints regarding the cancellation procedure. Should this happen useful information will be found in the code of practice.

A Plea from the Chairman!

Please try to return blue form as promptly as possible. I know we are all very busy people but programme secretaries get very stressed at times. If you are unable to deal with a blue form straight away do try to return it within three weeks.

At the recent Adjudicators & Instructors day we looked at the following:

- What constitutes a stage plan
 - Marking of portfolios and plant IDs
 - Allocating marks for E&Ps
- Please note that D Forms Area D16 and Adj D10 have been altered to read` stated, applied and explained`.

**I AM CERTAIN YOU WILL JOIN ME IN SENDING
BEST WISHES TO CRAIG BULLOCK AND BILL DIXON
AS THEY PREPARE TO DEMONSTRATE AT Wafa
BARBADOS.**

I am delighted to inform you that the board of directors has just approved our budget for the Demonstrators Symposium in 2018.

The venue is the Marriott Hotel, Leicester – a superb modern hotel with excellent facilities. Booking details available later this year. Places will first

be offered to National Demonstrators, then to those wishing to take a National Test and remaining places will be offered to Area Demonstrators. We have an exciting programme lined up with a demonstration and tutorial with Stein Are Hansen, based in Oslo, Norway. Stein is an Interflora World Cup Champion. You will also have the opportunity to work with three UK designers: Tracey Griffin, Laura Leong and Lucy Smith.

Remember , we are here to represent you all. We would welcome your feedback.

Michael Bowyer Chairman

Elizabeth Graham Vice Chairman

Jacqui Arnold

Diane Fair

Pam Lewis

