

JUDGES LINK

NEWS FLASH! Judging Matters

Reporting back – 1

An excellent Judges Conference was held at Nottingham University in August. Good to see so many National and Area Judges together honing their skills and exercising their minds.

Attention was paid to comment cards, contemporary and traditional exhibits, plant material, period work and schedule writing. In amongst the work there was plenty of fun and socialising. The next Conference is scheduled for 2020.

Congratulations to all who organised, entered or judged at the WAFB Show Barbados

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Areas that are planning judges training whether Refresher Days or for Tests, are urged to contact the Judges Training Officer, Christine Picton, to see if anyone is ready for the next stage of their Adjudicator or Instructor training. We need to make full use of every opportunity for furthering judging qualifications.

Reporting back – 2

It was a busy day at Osborne House for the Adjudicators & Instructors Day in September. Topics covered were J Forms, Modular Training, Marking Schemes/consistency, Competition Manual looking at Definitions, Area and National Tests including quality of exhibits and candidates, Comment Cards, and proposed period unit.

Next Adjudicators and Instructors Day

19 September 2018 at Osborne House.

Anyone on both the Demonstrators and Judges lists will be offered an overnight stay following the Demonstrators A & I Day on the 18 September. Please put the day in the diary and have every Adjudicator and Instructor present.

Reporting back – 3

What a wealth of beautiful exhibits challenged the judges at the Festive Flower and Food Show, Blackpool in November.

Competitors and judges alike had to contend with some poor and uneven lighting but NAFAS judges and competitors are experienced in being able to cope with problems and the resulting show was excellent. NAFAS Designer of the Year proved once again that flower arrangers are good at thinking on their feet and utilising what is given to stunning advantage – a joy to judge.

*Have you got your Diamond Card?
Apply to NAFAS to get information
hot off the press for NAFAS events
and news.*

Reporting back – 4

A lively and interesting Representatives Meeting was held in February – this is such a good line of communication between the Judges, Areas, and National Judging Committee. Items included an update on the modular training system, updated J forms, potential revision of the Plant List, a fun delve into the history periods, first thoughts on revisions to the Competitions Manual and an exercise on Comment Card writing.

We were much saddened to hear of the sudden death of Kevin Gunnell, National Judge and Area Chairman of Mercia & North Wales. He was a wise judge and knowledgeable Instructor and Adjudicator.

Looking forward to 2019 – we anticipate organising National Judges Training and Test – if you have been qualified as an Area Judge for a minimum of three years with plenty of judging experience then this could be the next step for you. Apply to Margaret Rumens - margaret.rumens@btinternet.com

National Judges Comment Cards are available from Sylvia Loader at NAFAS Headquarters £3 per 100 + postage.

Questions are often asked about fees for judging – there is no definitive answer.

The judging committee have suggested that for judging Area Shows – Area Judges £35 – National Judges £60.

However, remember all fees are negotiable

Two residential weekends have been organised to cover the four modules of the judges training

6/7/8 April – Introduction

Practical

6/7/8 July - Oral

Written

Taken by qualified instructors these weekends will be run at Osborne House at a cost of £130 per weekend.

Applicants will need to get themselves to London and obtain their own lunches and evening meals.

Bed and breakfast will be in Osborne House. Apply to National Judges Chairman Margaret Rumens on margaret.rumens@btinternet.com

These weekends have been devised to give training to those for whom nothing is offered in their own Area in the short term.

A period unit has been devised as a joint project between the Judging and Education Committees to be a teaching and learning aid. This period unit can be used by individuals, Clubs and Areas to further knowledge of the history of flower arranging.

There are also basic design books obtainable from NAFAS invaluable for teaching various skill levels

*Good luck to all who will be judging
in the forthcoming season*

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