



LOOKING FORWARD NEWS

I think we all hope the change of date will herald better times ahead. Certainly, sometimes in our minds a change or good news can give our hopes a boost. I understand fully why anyone misses the regularity of a life before COVID; habit and ritual (even the regularity of a flower club meeting) are ways humans handle crisis in life and community. Even the ceremony of a flower club meeting or class gives us stability.

A question was asked in an indirect way from a member; I was made aware of it after I returned home from my last college evening class before Christmas. The gist of the question was 'why do we bother to invest in the organisation?'. I did not have to worry about that question as I had already had affirmation of why we bother with our organisation and invest in it. As she left my class that evening one of my students said, 'can I say how glad I am I could attend a class and I look forward to joining a club, I love flowers and the class has made all the difference to my week. Something I could aim for and give me reason. I cannot wait to visit a club.' That is why we are all helping to ensure there are events and clubs to return to.

Onwards to my Challenge 'A Festive Gift'. Thank you to those Areas that entered, a special thank you especially to all members who created the masterpieces. There was a super and varied range of entries. I am delighted to announce the winner is the Dorset and Guernsey Area and the designer Sandra Taylor from the Gillingham Club. She is also their Area Chairman. The Area gets a point towards the final result. The entries will soon be available to see on our website and Facebook.

My next challenge is 'Burns Night', entries in as usual by midnight on the last day of January 2021. I do not mind how you source your entry but please, only one entry per Area and try not to put it on your Area Facebook page until we have seen them as a Board. Make sure you send the designers name and club and that they are happy for those details to go on the website and Facebook. Thank you.

I hope you are all busy thinking about our Virtual National Show. Plenty of classes to choose from. The entries are flooding in. Let's hope we can have every class full.

More news soon, keep safe all, best wishes.

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