

Floral Roundabout

Winter 2026

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Chairmans Chat – Winter 2026

Hello and welcome to the Winter edition of our online Roundabout.

I do hope you have all settled back into the routine of having our monthly club nights to look forward to.

The first item I need to remind you about is the SAFAS AGM at 2pm on the 18th of November. All are welcome [not just chairman and secretaries] and it is a good chance to hear what is happening in SAFAS. This is an important event in the SAFAS Calendar and our constitution states that we must have an AGM. It costs a lot of money to hold the meeting so please do try to attend.

Your Club chairmen have been receiving emails from our CEO Richard Abraham, all through the summer and autumn period - giving updates on the NAFAS Reorganisation. If you haven't heard anything, please do ask your chairman for details.

This reorganisation will affect every member of NAFAS and therefore also us, in SAFAS. As I said in my Autumn Message the changes are coming - if you don't participate, what NAFAS and therefore SAFAS become may not be to your liking - it may not be anyway but at least if you have joined in your say will be noted.

So, what has happened over the Autumn?

Our final big event of our Anniversary Year was our Competitive Show, held again at the Corn Exchange in

Cupar. Disappointingly the footfall through the show was well down on the previous time. Despite this the standard of exhibits was extremely high, and our judges were well impressed with the standard. I think there may well be some photographs further through this edition.

We really do need you to support our events to make them a success.

You heard it here first ……September 2027 is when we are having our next Conference, and details will be revealed at our Council meeting on 18th November. Places for this event are limited this time – so it is a case of book first to reserve your place and save up later…. or you may find there are no places left.

Non-refundable deposits can be taken at the Council meeting / AGM & the SAFAS Card Machine will be there if you are like the King and don't carry cash!!.

I don't know where the time has gone as this is my first year nearly over. What a fantastic year I have had - Craft Fair, Flower Festival, Scone Palace Garden Show, 70th Anniversary Celebration Lunch & our Competitive Show, as well as helping clubs celebrate milestone anniversaries.

Please stay safe over the winter, look out for older club members and neighbours, especially if the weather is particularly bad. I wish you all a happy Christmas, and a healthy New Year and I really do hope to see you in 2027.

Warmest wishes

Shelagh Melvin SAFAS Chairman

Editorial



Welcome from a freezing Stonehaven. I don't know how the rest of you are getting on but here it has been cold. The garden is looking rather bereft although my trees are still bearing apples. I literally can't give them away. It has been lovely to catch up with everyone after being off for the summer. To have our cosy club nights with a lovely demonstrator or a wonderful workshop has been so good. I hope all of you are feeling the same.

Please remember to send in your articles about your club nights or events that you have held. I have found that the articles are not so bountiful as they used to be. Perhaps it is because you don't have a physical copy lying around to remind you.

On that note I will close with best wishes for a wonderful Christmas & New Year. (I know I used those words).

Yours in Fun, Friendship and Flowers

Sandra

Editor



Arbroath Flower Club

On the 6th and 7th November Arbroath Flower Club delighted people with an exhibition entitled Deck the Halls.

The was held at the Red Lion Leisure Suite and was well attended over the two days. Here are just some of the exhibits which were on display.



Candlelight



When Santa got Stuck up the chimney

Winter
Wonderland





Candlelight



The Holly and the Ivy

I'll be Home for Christmas



The Nightmare Before Christmas



Congratulations to all involved. What a wonderful display.

This is the 40th Anniversary year for Arbroath Flower Club and they will celebrate that later in the year with a demonstration by John MacDonald. There will also be an afternoon tea at the Red Lion Leisure Suite. The demonstration and tea will cost £35

Stonehaven & District Floral Art Club

The October meeting in Stonehaven was a workshop where attendees were provided with a Halloween basket to decorate as they wanted. Two of the committee provided some examples of what could be done and some tips on how to get the best out of what was available.

Members were then let loose with their flowers and foliage to make their own exhibit.















SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION OF FLOWER ARRANGEMENT SOCIETIES

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SAFAS Area Show 2026

The Area show was held on the 9th and 10th October 2026. It was in Cupar again. The level of the competition was very high indeed and it was a real treat to attend.



Ann Allan Best in Show



Madeleine Fraser – Runner up to Best in Show



Alison Shand - Best use of Colour

Linda Soutar - Best use of Foliage





Sandra Halket- Best use of Plant Material



Sandra Halket- Most Innovative Exhibit

On the Friday afternoon some of us were lucky enough to be treated to a demonstration by Linda Soutar. We watched a funny, expert demonstration. The main focus of the afternoon seemed to be around baskets and the apparently plentiful supply owned by Linda.





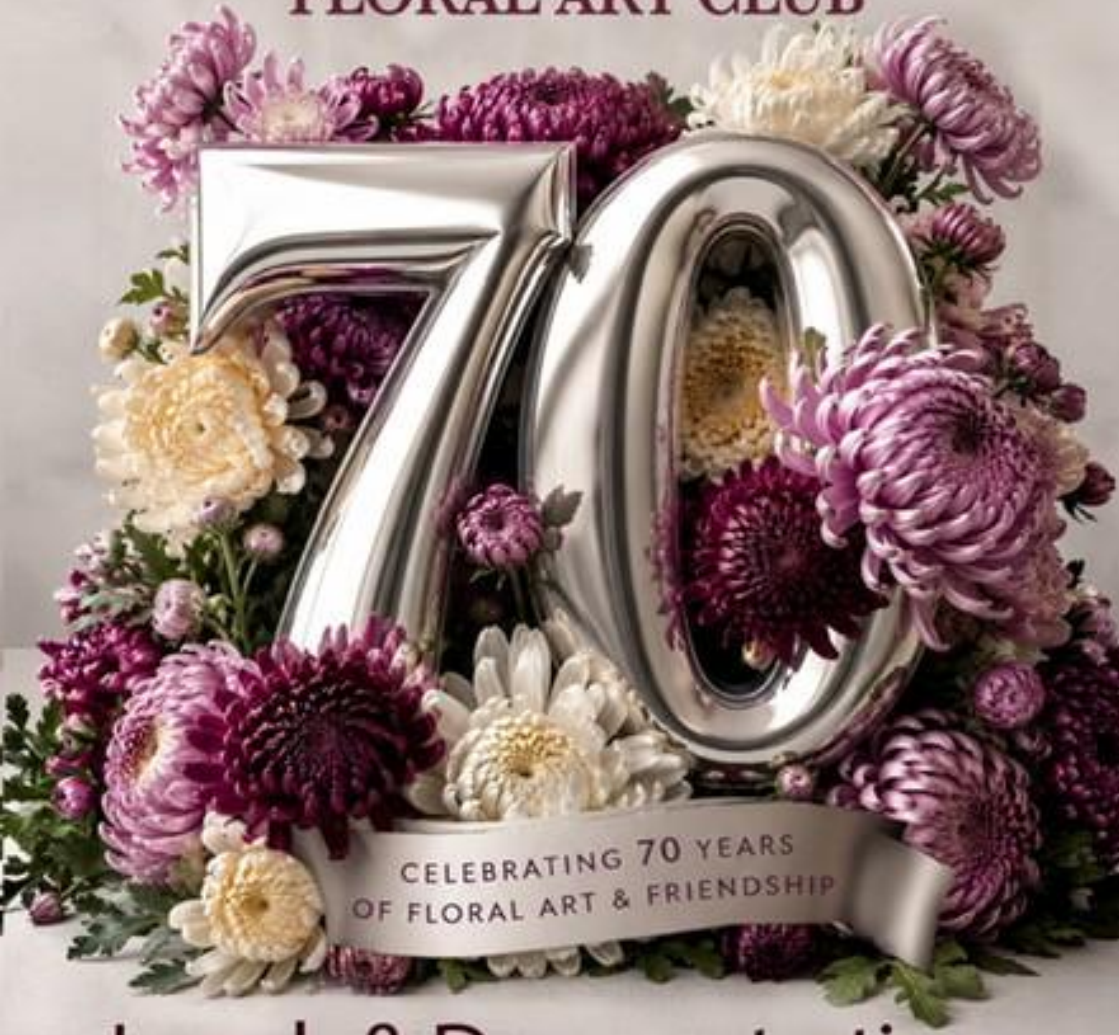






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FLORAL ART CLUB



Lunch & Demonstration

by Deb & Louise

Cupar Corn Exchange

Sunday 16th May 2027 at 12.30 pm

Christmas Quiz

1. How many ghosts visit Scrooge in A Christmas Carol?
2. What colour are the berries on mistletoe?
3. In which country did the Christmas tree tradition begin?
4. What is traditionally hidden inside a Christmas pudding?
5. Who delivers presents in Italy, according to tradition?
6. How many days are there in Advent calendars usually?
7. What vegetable is left out for the reindeer?
8. What is Boxing Day's date?
9. Which drink is traditionally left out for Santa in the UK?
10. What is the name of the reindeer with the red nose?

SAFAS Teachers' Association

The Scottish Teachers' Association is a group open to all members of SAFAS. We meet three times per year. Two of our meetings are held in Edinburgh and one is held in Perth. Visitors are very welcome.

The September 2026 meeting was a presentation by Regina O' Regan, from Perth and Kinross, entitled 'All Kinds of Everything'. In the morning, Regina created very effective wall hangings using plant material such as paper plates, cake cases, wallpaper and coffee filters. Several wall hangings had stories behind them, e.g. one was made from bark collected during the 'Spirit of the North' celebration in Northern Ireland, and therefore this exhibit was meaningful to those who had also attended that

event.

In the afternoon, I had expected Regina to take one or more of the morning exhibits and use it as a starting point for a floral arrangement. Instead, Regina created the afternoon arrangements from scratch. One design was created within a honeypot, accompanied by a teddy bear made from a wire frame, infilled with moss. It was very effective. Other designs were equally creative, and very desirable, too. The day showed us that Regina is an extremely creative, innovative, floral artist.

As always, the completed designs were raffled at the end of the afternoon. Lucky members enthused over the design that they then took home.

This is but one example of the very exciting programme we have arranged for Session 2026 – 27.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 25th November 2026 at St Thomas's Church, Corstorphine, Edinburgh, 11.00 am – 3.30 pm. Our Demonstrator will be Linda Soutar whose title is 'Parcels, Baubles and Sparkle'. Tea and coffee will be available from 10.30 am. Please bring a cup/mug and a packed lunch.

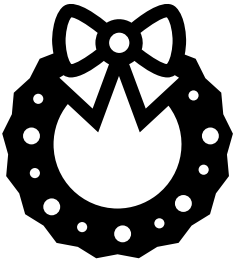
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Chair

SAFAS Teachers' Association

Quiz Answers

1. Four, including Marley
2. White
3. Germany
4. A coin (sixpence)
5. La Befana
6. 24
7. A carrot
8. 26th December
9. Sherry or Milk
10. Rudolph



What's On

2026

18 Nov SAFAS Council Meeting and AGM

25 Nov Teachers Association Meeting in St Thomas's Church, Corstorphine, Edinburgh. Presenter: Linda Soutar. 10.30 for 11am please bring a cup and packed lunch.

25 Nov Girvan Flower Club. Open evening with Julia Loudon. I In Girvan Academy Theatre, The Avenue, Girvan. Tickets £10 from Edna Gardner, 07484136813

26 Nov Campsie Floral Art Club. Open night with James Gemmell in Campsie Memorial Hall, Lennoxtown, Tickets £10. Refreshments and Stalls

29 Nov Musselburgh Floral Art Club. Demonstration with Jane Gordon, 'A touch of Silver'. Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh, EH21 6UU at 2pm. Tickets £15 from Margaret 0141 6656686.

10 Dec Arbroath Flower Club 40th Anniversary Celebration with John McDonald. Demonstration by John McDonald followed by a 40th Anniversary celebratory meal. Red Lion Leisure Suite, Dundee Road, Tickets £35.00 from the Secretary Lesley Nicoll Tel no. 07596 558726

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2027

Apr 11 Edinburgh Floral Art Club. 75th Anniversary Lunch and Demonstration by David Ryland, Braids Hotel, Edinburgh at 12 Noon.

Apr 14 Teachers Association. Presentation by Julia Loudon. St Thomas Church Hall, Costorphine, Edinburgh 1030 for 11am. Please bring a packed lunch and cup. Visitors Welcome.

May 16 Cupar Floral Art Club. Lunch & Demonstration

Deadline Dates for Floral Roundabout	
February Council	1st February
May Council	29th April
September Council	29th August
November Council	29th October

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