



NATIONAL SPEAKERS COMMITTEE

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The National Speakers Committee

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Welcome

A special welcome to new Area Representatives. I hope that you enjoy your term in office.

Guidelines

Significant changes were made to the Guidelines last year. The A&B sections are available to download from the NAFAS website, NAFAS tab, Members Area. All out of date guidelines should be destroyed.

Speakers Representatives Day

The Representatives meet every eighteen months to share information, express views and receive updates. The next meeting is planned for Tuesday 24 April 2018. Please make sure that there is somebody from each Area present at the meeting.

At the last meeting I shared a handout on Reading Reports. If anyone would like a copy please get in touch.

NAFAS website

The NAFAS website member's page has a huge amount of information to help clubs and members. Take a peek at www.nafas.org.uk/members and spread the word.

Diamond Card

The purpose of this scheme is to allow NAFAS to share quickly, news, information on events and offers, directly with members. Please encourage members to sign up. An application form is on the members section of the NAFAS website.

YouTube Videos

Video's on Introductions and Votes of Thanks are available on the NAFAS YouTube channel. These can be accessed by doing a search on YouTube 'NAFAS Flowers Speakers Tips' or by clicking on the link on the Speakers page of the NAFAS website. www.nafas.org.uk/speakers. Further videos are planned.

NAFAS has a number of floral videos on YouTube too. To get notification of future videos all you have to do is open an account and subscribe to the NAFAS YouTube channel. It is easy and does not cost anything.

Adjudicators & Instructors Day 28 February 2017 10.30am

The committee met the Adjudicators and Instructors on the 28 February 2017. Speakers Instructors not only train and test Speakers but can also help with general speaking and self-confidence for all members.

Any National Speaker who has been qualified for two years can apply to become a trainee Adjudicator and Instructor by sending a letter to the National Speakers Chairman.

National Show 2017

The Festive Flower and Food Show returns to the fabulous Blackpool Winter Gardens on 9-11 November 2017. A great start to the Festive Season. Check out details at www.festiveflowerfoodshow.co.uk. Apart from the floral competitions there are a number of other events such as talks and demonstrations which are included in the price of your entrance ticket. A member of the Speakers committee will be in the talks area during the presentations so please watch a show and introduce yourself. If you or any of your speakers, (qualified or potential), would like to meet up for a coffee and chat at the show, please get in touch.

Tests and Training Days

The Speakers page of the NAFAS website is constantly being updated with training and testing opportunities. Please continue to keep me informed of training and testing happening in your Area.

Often it is possible for Areas to do joint training days or testing, so please communicate with your local Areas as well.

Next National Test

At the moment a date is not known for the next test. Pre-test advice and guidance is needed before doing the National test so potential candidates are advised to make the Chairman National Speakers Committee aware of their intentions as soon as possible. Any Area Speaker who has been qualified for two years and is interested in finding out about the National Test should write to the Chairman National Speakers Committee, at Headquarters, as soon as possible.

Speakers Residential Course

Following the success of previous symposiums we have started to plan for the next one in 2019. Further information will be published when we have it.

Acronyms

At a recent meeting one of the committee commented about the number of acronyms used. Here are a few you may hear:-

A&I	Adjudicator and Instructors
BOD	Board of Directors
NAC	National Advisory Council
NAFAS	National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies
NSC	National Speakers Committee
JDSE / JDST / JDSE&P	Depending on the NAFAS Area this is a committee that is responsible for Judges, Demonstrators, Speakers, Education or Teachers, and sometimes, Photography.

If there is anything that you think that needs explanation please get in touch.

Speakers

Speakers have a lot to offer NAFAS; presentations to inspire, enthral and inform; after Dinner Speeches; comperes at special events; after AGM entertainment and ambassadors for our organisation.

NAFAS needs members to come forward in all the disciplines, so please look around your clubs and consider who needs encouragement and support to step forward. If not you, who?