

## **BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP**

Club membership rates vary, depending upon the subscription levied by each individual Club. From the NAFAS Affiliation Fee of £5.85 per capita, VAT has to be deducted, leaving £4.88 to the charity as at 2018.

Training/Testing:

- Areas run Training and Testing programmes for Area Demonstrators, Judges and Speakers.
- NAFAS runs Training and Testing programmes for National Demonstrators, Judges and Speakers
- A Training and Testing programme for Adjudicators and Instructors for Demonstrators, Judges and Speakers
- A Teacher Training Course is available for Tutors
- Certificated Flower Arranging Courses are held in many parts of the UK

Qualified Instructors and Adjudicators go on to coach Trainee Demonstrators, Judges and Speakers both at National and Area level.

**Residential Courses** and **Refresher Days** are held regularly for all disciplines, which Area qualified members are encouraged to attend.

The **NAFAS Educational Charitable Fund** has been established to benefit new and existing Clubs, through Courses, training and other such related subjects.

In 2018 NAFAS launched a Recruitment Initiative Scheme to support new workshops/groups for non-members (please contact your Area Chairman for details)

NAFAS Enterprises Ltd is the trading arm of the Association and administers Publications and *The Flower Arranger*.

The numerous **handbooks** written by NAFAS members are not available other than through the Association.

A privileged subscription rate to *The Flower Arranger*.

**INSIGHT**, an educational magazine produced by NAFAS 3 times a year.

Access to the **NAFAS Library**. Members are welcome to visit Headquarters (by prior arrangement) to do research in the Association's extensive Library, most of the books have been donated by members over the years.

**National Show**, a bi-annual event often held in a different part of the country, although also open to the public, members have the opportunity of competing at the Show.

A members only **Residential Event**. This will become bi-annual, in alternate years to the National Show and offers members the opportunity to join with like-minded people to enjoy all things floral for a few days.

A **National Photography Competition** is usually held annually for members.

**Westminster Abbey**. The Association is fortunate to be invited throughout the year to arrange flowers in the Abbey. Last year over 100 members from all corners of the UK arranged the flowers for the many Services the Abbey holds. Areas are encouraged to put members' names forward.

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**RHS.** The RHS hold Shows throughout the year at their halls in London and around the country. Areas are invited to put members' names forward to participate and each Area has, over the years, staged the NAFAS Exhibit at Chelsea. Members can also compete in the Design Studio for a coveted RHS medal.

**WAFA** - The World Association of Flower Arrangers – hosted by a WAFA Member Country held every three years

NAFAS members have automatic membership of WAFA. This allows members to put their name forward to attend the Seminar and also allows them to enter the World Show as a competitor.

Besides the National and International events that take place, each Area hold amazing festivals and shows, all of which members could be involved with.

**NAFAS Guidelines.** NAFAS produce a range of guidelines from 'Forming a New Look Flower Club' to how to put together a Risk Assessment. These are available to download from the NAFAS website [www.nafas.org.uk](http://www.nafas.org.uk) (password for the members areas nafasweb16), or from Headquarters.

**OASIS® Home & Hobby.** Through the NAFAS partnership with OASIS® *Home & Hobby* members are eligible for a discount on purchases through their online shop.

The wheels of the Association is kept turning from its Headquarters at Osborne House, London by five members of staff. All National Committee meetings are held at Headquarters, which saves on costs and accommodation is available for Committee members, which is another huge saving on accommodation costs. Following the refurbishment in 2018 Osborne House is now used for training, testing, photoshoots for *The Flower Arranger* and YouTube.

A full break down of the income and expenditure of the Association is given in the Annual Report, which is available from headquarters.

*As most of us have been members for a good number of years we perhaps tend to forget what the benefits are – I have attempted to give a resumé of these benefits, they are all of the above and much more.*

*Belonging to a Flower Club and NAFAS has helped us all to build a circle of friends with a common bond. To remember how the love of flowers and the art of arranging them have enhanced so many places and touched so many people's hearts and how many opportunities it has given us all, from placing a simple posy in a hospice, to inspiration by the many demonstrations we all enjoy, to arranging flowers in a church, cathedral or stately home – flowers fade but NAFAS brings friends forever.*

*Sue Brinton  
National Chairman 2013-2015*

Updated by Jan Law, National Chairman 2017-2019.

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