

Saturday, 5 December 2015

December Dem Day & Christmas Lunch



PRE-BOOKING IS NECESSARY FOR OUR CHRISTMAS LUNCH
BOOKINGS AND PAYMENT DUE TO DIANNE CASSIM
NO LATER THAN 23 NOVEMBER 2015

DETAILS ON PAGE 4

When: 9:30am for a 10:00am start. Lunch will be served at 12.30pm

Where : Concord Community Centre, Gipps Street, Concord

Getting There: Bus #464/466 from Burwood Station or #439 City to Mortlake

Remember:

- ❖ **Bring a mug for tea/coffee.** Please ensure that mugs provided, are cleaned and replaced on the table.
- ❖ Only still photographs may be taken at branch meetings. Taking videos of demonstrations is strictly not permitted.

Demonstrations: **Evan Jones - Christmas Theme**

Christmas Decorations & Gift Ideas

Melissa Ross - Make n Take Yummies

Other: The **Guild Shop**, Library (open for **returns only**) and the Committee Table will be open until 11.30am. Please be mindful of the time and get any business out of the way early.



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President's Message

Dear Members,

What a fabulous year we have had! Thank you to everyone who has contributed in any way to make our branch the successful, happy place that we love to come along to.

Our demonstrators during the year have provided great dems. All of our members and visitors have thoroughly enjoyed your skills and creativity.

Thank you to Mary Anne Loveridge and the enthusiastic group of members that help her run the Junior's days. The children have a great time and are very skilled. Royal icing was part of the November day and there are some promising young decorators among them.

Our branch would not run smoothly without our great committee members. Thank you for their huge effort in ensuring all meetings have run well throughout the year. Without all the hard work of

the committee none of the meetings and their preparations would happen. Without their efforts our members and visitors would have nothing to enjoy, and no reason to return. Thank you.



How many times have you watched a demonstration and thought "I'd like to give that a go" with all the intentions of going home and doing just that. How long was it before you did it or, as in my case, it's still in the planning stage! Well, that's the thought behind the workshops for next year. A fun day with something to take home. Please read more on page 8 and if you have any questions, please contact me.

I hope you all have a safe, happy, healthy and Merry Christmas and that Santa brings what you need.

See you at the meeting, or if you're unable to attend, see you next year.

Be kind to each other and to yourself.

Lyne



Committee 2015

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e-Newsletter

Sydney News is available by email!

If you have an email account and have access to a printer, please consider receiving an electronic copy of our newsletter. It is much more efficient for the Committee and will save us the postage!

General Notices

Dates for the Diary

Sutherland Shire Branch SRD	21 November
<i>Demonstrators: Trish Beasley, Linda Colligan, Helen Dissell, Sally Ryan & Vanessa Wardell. Contact Kerry Carrigan 9528 4269 by 14 November. Entry \$30 Guild members, \$35 visitors.</i>	
Goulburn Branch Meeting	28 November
December Dem Day & Christmas Lunch	5 December
<i>Catered lunch - bookings required - details Page 4</i>	
Membership Fees Due	31 December

2016

February Annual General Meeting	6 February
April General Meeting	2 April

Juniors' Meetings in 2016

5 March ♦ 7 May ♦ 2 July ♦ 3 September ♦ 5 November

Please email cdg.sydney@optusnet.com.au with the number of children attending. It will help with catering and organisation.

Birthday Wishes

Happy birthday to everyone who celebrates their birthday around this time of year, including **Helen Salarmis, Julianne Debattista, Linda Kasih, Moyra McHugh, Maureen Martin, Florrie Quinton, Girija Puvirajan, Lucie Priestly, Caroline Baudille, Mary Singham, Heather Boyce, Ann O'Neill, Deborah Hyde, Madelin Sinclair, Sandra Stebbings, Thea Cubis, Gwen Wheatley and Ivy Puterflam.**

And a happy belated birthday to **Lola Bleakley!**

Get Well Wishes

Lily Ma is recovering from a recent hospital stay and we wish her all the best for a full recovery.

Insurance

Small Business Insurance Policy for **home-based** Cake Decorators is available. Contact Dianne Woollard on 8814 7317 or 0425 373 170 if you wish to get insured or renew your policy.

Parking

With Council booking out all areas of the venue, it can be difficult to get parking but we cannot park just anyone in. If you know you are going to be at the meeting all day, put a notice in your car window to show you are a cake decorator who does not mind being parked in. Please consider others who use the Community Centre car park and make sure there is enough room for other cars to drive around you.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISHES TO LILY MA!

Lily recently chalked up another birthday and we all join in to wish her a happy and healthy year ahead.



Kitchen Policy

Jugs of water and a basin for rinsing mugs are available on the table outside the kitchen. If you use the mugs provided, please wash and put it back on the table when you are finished with it.

Platters/containers and any leftover food can be collected from the tables outside the kitchen at the end of the meeting.

Thank you to all the Committee members and others regulars who help out at every meeting. As you all know, it takes quite a bit of effort to get everything organised on the day and it would be great to have more people volunteer to help in the kitchen. **If you have not helped out in the past, please consider giving some of your time at the next meeting so that the regulars have the opportunity to watch the demonstrations.**

If you are able to assist at the next meeting, please go up to the kitchen and let yourself be known.



Membership Renewal

Membership renewals for 2016 are due by 31 December 2015.

The 2016 fees is **\$62** for continuing members and **\$82** for new members (this includes a \$20 one-off joining fee).

If you have yet to renew your membership, you can do so at our Christmas lunch.

Lucky Membership Draw

As an incentive to renew your membership **by the end of the year**, all those who pay their fees by 31 December will go into a lucky draw at the February meeting. The winner will have their 2016 fees refunded in full or transferred to 2017.

Direct Deposit Details (Westpac)

Acct Name: The Cake Decorators Guild of NSW Sydney Branch Inc

BSB: 032170 **Account #:** 355054

All deposits must be:

- ⇒ tagged with a suitable description (eg 2016 membership or Christmas Party).
- ⇒ followed with an email to treasurer@cdgnsw-sydneybranch.org.au with details of your payment so it can be reconciled in the books.



2015 Sydney Branch Christmas Lunch

If you have not confirmed your attendance at our Christmas lunch on 5 December, there are still a few places left!

Please complete the booking slip below and send it to **Dianne Cassim, 4 Keyworth Drive, Blacktown 2148** together **with your cheque** (payable to *The Cake Decorators Guild of NSW Sydney Branch Inc*) for the appropriate amount (\$25 members/\$30 non-members) by **23 November 2015**. You can also pay online but please email treasurer@cdgnsw-sydneybranch.org with the payment details.

We can only accommodate 100 people so do not delay! If you require a receipt, include a stamped, self-addressed envelope or you can pick it up on the day.

If you need to bring children who will participate in our lunch, please note that a fee of **\$15 per child** will apply.

We require that all payments for our lunch are made in advance and please note that if you commit to come, you will need to pay whether you turn up or not as this is a catered event.

2015 Christmas Party Booking Slip

Name: _____ Tel: _____

I enclose a cheque payable to *The Cake Decorators Guild of NSW Sydney Branch Inc* for

_____ member ticket/s @ \$25 each making a total of \$_____

_____ non-member ticket/s @ \$30 each making a total of \$_____



Spotlight on a Cake Decorator - Pat Freeman



How long have you been decorating cakes and what got you started?

About 39 years ago I looked up the price of a 3-tier wedding cake for my eldest daughter. With two other children yet to wed, I decided I had to learn cake decorating and fast! I was lucky to have Iris Boxsell and Lyne Fuller as my

teachers. My son announced his wedding plans soon after and having missed out on making my daughter's cake, I was keen to put my new skills to the test.

How long have you been a member of the Guild?

My first meeting, about 34 years ago, was held at North Sydney Gas Company, a great venue close to the station. I was on the Committee for a while then became a Co-opted Member and was given the role of ordering and delivering the icing to the meetings. I demonstrated many times at meetings and represented the Guild at seminars and workshops.



What do you enjoy most about the meetings?

It's a day to catch up with all my cake decorating friends. I love the demonstrations; enjoy learning all the new techniques and hearing of handy time-saving tips from other members.

Has cake decorating changed much in the time you've been doing it?

Most certainly! When I started we didn't use cutters and made our own fondant. Lace was made



by painstakingly piping delicate patterns onto a board covered with graph paper, overlaid with wax paper. The tiny pieces (when dry) were lifted off the wax paper and placed on the cake. My first lesson was piped flowers. Piped roses were my favourite and it felt such an achievement as a learner new to the skill.

Your most memorable piece/decorated cake?

Most memorable piece was the cradle I made for the top of my great



grandson's christening cake .. a reminder of traditional cake decorating ideals. My most memorable cake was Mum and Dad's 50th wedding anniversary cake. They were married at a small ceremony at the Registry office so my 10 siblings and I arranged a big surprise party and I made a 3-tier cake. Children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren turned up from all over Australia.



Needless to say a few happy tears were shed that day!

What is the most rewarding part of cake decorating?

A bride and groom's reaction, when they see the finished cake, is always priceless. Seeing a little one's face light up when their dream cake is carried in. And a

grown up's surprise on receiving a specially-created cake is always satisfying. I have received lots of lovely thank you cards over the years.

What was your biggest challenge as a cake decorator?

Probably my youngest daughter's wedding cake! It was a garden wedding and I made a tulle



gazebo topper. It was completed two days prior and looked stunning with lace piped work on the tulle and tiny pink roses around the top. Come wedding day, it starts to pour and the lace work and tiny roses began to droop! The gazebo roof had a notable lean to it and I had to repair it with just hours to go and all the hustle and bustle of the wedding going on around me. Not only did I fix it, I even managed to be dressed in time for pre-service photos!



If you had one piece of advice for a new cake decorator, what would it be?

Join the Guild and attend the meetings. The dems are always fantastic and there's always something new to learn. If you have any trouble or need advice, ring a friend from the Guild for help. If they can't assist, they'll most likely know someone who can. Attend seminars to learn new and exciting techniques. They're lots of fun and new friendships are often formed when swapping ideas and tips. Don't doubt yourself and be open to try something new.

2016 Branch Committee Positions for Election

Our next Annual General Meeting will take place in February 2016 and the following Committee positions will be available for election:

- ◆ Secretary
- ◆ Vice President
- ◆ General Committee (2 positions)

Being on the Committee involves attending Committee meetings (6 per year) and Branch meetings (6 per year). Do consider nominating yourself, and maybe a friend, for a committee position.



Cake Decorators' Guild of NSW Sydney Branch Inc. Nomination Form 2016 Committee

I, _____, being a financial member of Sydney Branch, hereby accept nomination for the position of Secretary / Vice President / Committee (strike out positions which do not apply)

Signed _____ Dated _____

Nominated by _____

Seconded by _____

Nominations to be returned by 8 January 2016 to:

The Returning Officer
Mr Greg King
11 Dowsett Road
Kingsgrove NSW 2208

Cake Boxes For Sale

The Guild Shop has various sized cake boxes for sale.

If you need cake boxes, ring Bev Smith on 9788 1838 and she will bring them for you to the December meeting.

8" x 8" x 4"	\$0.75
10" x 10" x 4"	\$0.75
12" x 12" x 4"	\$1.00
13" x 13" x 4"	\$1.25
<i>Boxes with separate lid</i>	
12" x 12" x 4"	\$2.75
15" x 15" x 4"	\$3.00



Fay Gardner Achievement Award 2015

The winner of the **Fay Gardner Achievement Award** for 2016 will be announced at our Christmas lunch!

Previous Recipients

2005 Dorothy King
2006 Lyne Fuller
2007 Helen Barton
2008 Margaret Tesoriero
2009 Lily Ma
2010 Jacky Davidson
2011 Iris Boxsell
2012 Jan Sambrook
2013 Denice Fuhrmann
2014 Mary Anne Loveridge & Bev Smith
2015 ???



Christmas is a Time for Giving

Meals on Wheels Cakes

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help bake and decorate fruit cakes to be donated to Meals on Wheels. Christmas is a special time to be celebrated with family and friends and our cakes bring a little cheer into the homes of those who are frail, unwell or disabled.

Each year we invite members to bake and decorate small fruit cakes (4" or 10cm diameter) or ½lb square cake cut into four or smaller if you like). We have been doing this since 1987 and the recipients are very grateful that someone is thinking of them.

We keep a register of your contributions and where it has been sent. We also need to know the ingredients in each cake so please use the basic ingredients list below. You can add to or cross off ingredients then attach it to your cake/s. Numbered stickers will be put on each cake which will correspond to the number on the register.

Microwave oven bags (the generic brand is the best!) are an easy way to wrap the cake which can be tied off with curling ribbon. A covered fruit box from your local fruit shop (mango, banana etc), deep enough to take the height of your cake, will make transportation easier.

If you took cupcake cases or cake boards at the October meeting, please remember to bring them all back, filled or not!

Raffles and donations are entirely voluntary!

Ingredients	
Dried fruit	
Nuts	
Plain flour	
SR flour	
Butter / margarine	
Eggs	
Brown sugar	
Jam	
Sherry / alcohol	
Mixed spices	
Icing sugar	
Glucose	
Gelatine	
Glycerine	

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Ronald McDonald House Raffle

This year we will donate the proceeds of our special raffle to Ronald McDonald House. The prizes are food hampers which are made up from the generosity of our members. **If you would like to contribute, please bring a non-perishable food item (with at least 6 months to the use by date please) to the Christmas lunch.**

Donation to "The Deli"

Every year, our members donate \$5 to a nominated charity. Domestic violence is a growing concern in Australia and this year we will send a donation to The Deli Women and Children's Centre, a domestic violence support group.

December Meeting Checklist

There are so many things to remember at this time of year – here's a list of what to bring to the December meeting:

- ♦ *Your mug for tea or coffee*
- ♦ *Library books to be returned*
- ♦ *Completed and signed committee nomination forms for the 2016 Committee*
- ♦ *Membership fees for 2016 (if not already paid)*
- ♦ *Meals On Wheels cakes with ingredients list*
- ♦ *Non-perishable item for the Ronald McDonald House hamper raffle (optional)*
- ♦ *Your happy smile!*

Sydney Branch Workshops 2016

Next year we will be conducting three workshops on 7 May, 2 July and 3 September. These will be run in conjunction with the Junior's meetings (small meeting room at the community centre). Numbers will be strictly limited. We anticipate having no more than 25 people at each workshop.

More details will be available in the February 2016 newsletter but what I would like is some input from all our members as to what you would like to do. We have limited the topic to a Sydney Branch dem or something from our Showtime Seminars (most people will have seen it and we already have the notes).

The list of 2014 and 2015 Sydney dems is shown below. The photos on our website (www.cdgnsw-sydneybranch.org.au) in the Gallery section or on our Google+ page (plus.google.com/+CDGNSW-

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| ♦ Animal Figures | ♦ Crying Babies | ♦ Flamboyant |
| ♦ Baby Shoes | ♦ Cupcake Ideas | ♦ Poinciana |
| ♦ Bottlebrush | ♦ Dahlia | ♦ Poinsettia |
| ♦ Bouganvillea | ♦ Easter Chooks | ♦ Poppy |
| ♦ Buttercream Flower | ♦ Easter Novelties | ♦ Presses & Moulds |
| ♦ Cupcakes | ♦ Gingerbread Baskets | ♦ Red Hot Poker |
| ♦ Carnation | ♦ Honesty Plant | ♦ Santa Bear |
| ♦ Making Moulds | ♦ Lace mats | ♦ Santa figure |
| ♦ Chocolate Baskets & ribbons | ♦ Lobelia & Petunia | ♦ Spring Fair Hats |
| ♦ Christmas Baubles | ♦ Owl | ♦ Stiletto shoe |
| ♦ Christmas Cake/Biscuit Pops | ♦ Panda Bride | ♦ Stylish Bows |
| ♦ Colouring | ♦ Parrot Tulip | ♦ Succulents |
| | ♦ Patchwork for Cakes | ♦ Underwater Wonderland |
| | ♦ Fringed Peony | |
| | ♦ Peony | |



SydneyBranchOrgAu) will remind you of the great dems we have seen these last two years. Feel free to choose something from earlier years as well.

Please make a list of your top **four preferences** and put it in the bucket provided at the Committee table at our Christmas lunch OR mail / e-mail them to me :-

Lyne Fuller, 23 Knightsbridge Place Castle Hill 2154 / president@cdgnsw-sydneybranch.org.au.

Any comments or suggestions are welcome, with or without your names. I am looking forward to being inundated with your ideas!

Lyne Fuller
CDG NSW
Sydney Branch President

CASTING CALL





WE WANT YOU!

The search is now on for cooking teams to take part in the next series. If you're passionate about cooking, then apply now...

[**mykitchenrulescasting.com.au**](http://mykitchenrulescasting.com.au)