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# Sydney News

Newsletter of the Sydney Branch, Cake Decorators' Guild of NSW Inc

## Saturday, 30 March 2019 Notice of Branch Meeting 12.30pm

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**Door Fee:** \$15.00

**When:** 9:30am for demonstrations to start at 10:00am  
*Ensure you sign in on arrival. This is necessary for insurance purposes.*

**Where:** Concord Community Centre, 1A Gipps Street, Concord NSW 2137

- Remember:**
- ❖ **Bring your own lunch and a mug for tea/coffee.**  
If you do not have your own mug, paper cups will be available for a donation of 20 cents each.
  - ❖ **If your surname begins with A - E**, please bring a plate for morning tea.
  - ❖ Only still photographs may be taken at branch meetings. Taking videos of demonstrations is strictly prohibited.
  - ❖ If you sit in the front row for one demonstration, take your turn in the back row for the next demonstration.

**Note:** The Guild Shop, Library and Committee Table will be open until lunchtime. Please ensure all transactions are completed by that time.



Source: www.istockphoto.com

### Demonstrators

**Vesna Plesko** (Camden) - Butterfly (Skinner method)  
**Rosemary Brett** (Golden West) - Snapdragon  
**Tina Thornhill** (Golden West) - Waratah  
**Sylvia Fitch** (Sutherland) - *Phalaenopsis* - Two Ways

### Visiting Shop



NK Centre, 12/450 High St, Penrith T: 02 4722 9580

## President's Message

*Hi Everyone*

Firstly, I would like to thank our outgoing committee members **Brenda Braun** and **Maureen Economos** for all their hard work. And **Elizabeth Ivory**, our outgoing President, for a job well done.

Welcome on board to our 2019 General Committee members, **Lyne Fuller**, **Jeannine Ashby** and **Elinha Chatterjee** and to **Elizabeth Ivory**.

I took on the role of President as there were no other nominations for the position. **Jeannine Ashby** has kindly agreed to fill the casual vacancy of Vice-President. **Sharon Barker** has tendered her resignation as Secretary and **Jennie Kenyon** will generously fill this casual vacancy.

A huge thank you also for the invaluable contribution from members who help behind the scenes and on meeting days. We welcome anyone able to offer a helping hand so if you can assist in the kitchen or help put away a few chairs at the end of the day, *remember that every little bit makes a difference!* There are details within of some assistance we'll be requiring in the coming year so I hope you'll put your hand up!

Wow .. what a year ahead we have in store! It's hard to believe Sydney Branch is celebrating 40 years. An exciting time ahead and of course a birthday party to organise! We'll require some help with this, so if you have ideas and time to spare,

please contact any of the Committee members.

We have a great line up of demonstrators for 2019, which I know you'll enjoy and learn from. It's been a challenge for all our branches to get demonstrators so do consider giving a dem at our meetings. We all have knowledge that can be shared, however small or insignificant it may seem. There are many members who've done the dems and will be only too happy to guide you.

The State Roster Days are also being posted up. These are always a great day out and branches go to a lot of effort for these events that are all about being around friends in a happy, caring environment. So think about piling into a car for a drive to another branch to show your support!

To those of you who are entering the shows, be they local or the Sydney Royal, we wish you well.

This is *your* branch members and your input is always welcome so if you have a suggestion, comments or even a criticism, leave a note at the Committee desk or call or leave me a voicemail.

I'm really looking forward to catching up with you at our next meeting on 30 March.

Regards

*Denise Fuhrmann*

President

## Committee 2019

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President	<b>Denise Fuhrmann</b>	9822 9642
(& Public Officer/Demonstrators)		
Vice-President	<b>Jeannine Ashby</b>	9744 2981
(& In-bound calls) (casual vacancy)		
Treasurer	<b>Dianne Cassim</b>	0414 435 685
Secretary	<b>Jennie Kenyon</b>	9636 3814
(casual vacancy)		

### CO-OPTED

<b>Helen Barton</b>	Guild Shop	9476 3078
<b>Iris Boxsell</b>	Mail Out	9481 8425
<b>Mary Anne Loveridge</b>	Juniors	9744 2732
<b>Annu Mishra</b>	Delegate	0409 826 213
<b>Sandra Page</b>	Social Media	0402 035 425
<b>Melissa Ross</b>	Library	9890 2246
<b>Margaret Tesoriero</b>	Welfare Officer	0438 360 840
<b>Susan Thomas Rajan</b>	Newsletter Editor	0404 178 990

### GENERAL COMMITTEE

<b>Sharon Barker</b>	Web Manager	
<a href="mailto:info@cdqns-sw-sydneybranch.org.au">info@cdqns-sw-sydneybranch.org.au</a>		
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<b>Lyne Fuller</b>	Mail Out	9680 4096
<b>Elizabeth Ivory</b>		0425 364 229
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## Membership Reminder

If you have yet to renew your membership, **please do so immediately**, remembering to add an additional \$10 State-levied late fee.



## General Notices

### Birthday Wishes

Happy birthday to our members who celebrate their birthday around this time of the year, including **Anita Ansell, Iris Boxsell, Cheryl Constable, Jacky Davidson, Maureen Economos, Doy Gevini** and **Mary Anne Loveridge**.

### Get Well Wishes

Our thoughts are with **Iris Boxsell** who is recovering from a parathyroid operation.

### Lucky Membership Draw

**Tasha de Mel**, having paid her membership fees before 31 December 2018, was the lucky winner of the membership draw at the February meeting. Congratulations Tasha!

### Calling for Volunteers

Are you a whizz at throwing together some sandwiches or whipping up salads? If so, we need you!

Volunteers are needed to make the lunches for our demonstrators and staff of the visiting shop, on meeting days when we BYO lunch. All related expenses will be fully reimbursed. With enough volunteers, you may only need to do it once a year!

For more information or if you would like to help, contact **Jennie Kenyon** on 9636 3814.

### Sydney Branch Birthday Comp

Time to get your creative thinking caps on and come up with your best work for our 40th birthday competition!

The topics are:

- ♦ **Open Section:** *Movie Icons*
- ♦ **Novice Section\*:** *Food Festival*
- ♦ **Seniors (over 70 years):** *Flowers*

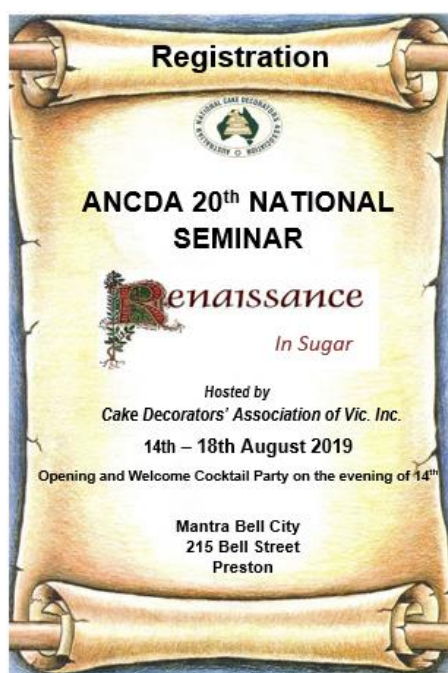
**More information in the next issue of Sydney News.**

\* Entrants who have not won a prize in this or other cake competitions eg Challenge.

### Dates for the 2019 Diary

<b>April General Meeting</b>	<b>30 March</b>
Goulburn Branch SRD	30 March
\$30 members / \$35 non-members RSVP Judy McDonald - 6226 2582 / edenbraesouthwell@gmail.com	
Sutherland Shire Branch Meeting	6 April
Newcastle Branch Meeting	13 April
Sydney Royal Easter Show	12 - 23 April
Illawarra Branch SRD	27 April
\$30 members / \$35 non-members RSVP Roslyn Hamilton 4284 1942 / Jill Crossley 0414 461 770	
Newcastle Branch Meeting	18 May
<b>June General Meeting</b>	<b>1 June</b>
<b>August SRD &amp; Birthday Competition</b>	<b>3 August</b>
<b>October General Meeting</b>	<b>5 October</b>
<b>December Dem Day &amp; Christmas Lunch</b>	<b>7 December</b>
<b>Juniors' Meetings (1.30pm)</b>	
♦ 4 May ♦ 6 July ♦ 7 September ♦ 2 November	
<b>Sydney Branch Workshops (9.30am)</b>	
♦ 4 May ♦ 6 July ♦ 7 September	

### ANCA 20th National Seminar



The theme for this year's Seminar is *Renaissance in Sugar* and the topic for the National Guild display piece is *Jewellery and Jewellery Boxes from the 13th to 17th century*.

If you can help with our display piece, please contact **Elizabeth Ivory** on 0425 364 229.

More details about the Seminar and the branch display will be provided at the next meeting.

More information: [www.facebook.com/renaissanceinsugar](https://www.facebook.com/renaissanceinsugar) or email: [registrar.ancda@gmail.com](mailto:registrar.ancda@gmail.com).



## A Look Back on 40 Years - Mysteries in Springtime 2002

In September 2002, Sydney Branch was tasked with organising a Branch Friendship Weekend by our then President, **Margaret Tesoriero**. The Committee groaned in unison but took up the challenge with gusto, coming up with the topic ***Mysteries in Springtime!*** The Orange branch had organised a Friendship Weekend in 2001, an event attended by almost 200 people, and this was the genesis for our own idea for 'Mysteries'.

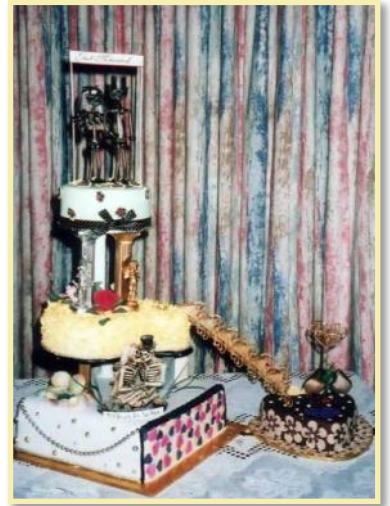
In keeping with the 'mystery' theme, no prior information about the demonstrations or demonstrators were provided to the over 100 participants until they arrived for the fun-filled weekend in Mulgoa. There were 7 demonstrations on Saturday and 6 on Sunday. Blank books were distributed and displays at each of the dems were kept under wraps until the dem commenced!

On Saturday evening at dinner, the murder mystery

played out. Working along the lines of 'how to host a murder', participants had to work out who had murdered the Bride from Hell.

**Thea Cubis** made the Bride from Hell wedding cake which had every element imaginable on it because the bride from hell, naturally, could not make up her mind as to what she wanted on her cake!

The weekend took lot of organising, many hours of plotting and preparing the costumes and props but it was a great event, enjoyed by all who attended!



**The father of the bride arrives** (L-R: Coral Hilton, Jan Sambrook, Barbara Newton)



Source: www.dreamhouse.com



**Mysteries Committee**

**Front L-R:** Iris Boxsell, Debbie Varnay, Jacky Davidson, Margaret Tesoriero, Lyne Fuller, Dorothy King

**Back L-R:** Jan Sambrook, Pat Freeman, Denice Fuhrmann, Dorothy Apps, Helen Barton, Georgina Yan, Coral Hilton, Jeannine Ashby, Lily Ma



**Margaret Tesoriero, President, opens the seminar** (L-R: Jeannine Ashby, Lyne Fuller, Lily Ma, Margaret Tesoriero, Helen Barton, Dorothy King, Jan Sambrook, partially obscured)



**The murdered bride** (Lyne Fuller)



**The happy couple!** (Barbara Newton & Lyne Fuller)



**The mother of the bride arrives** (Debbie Varnay & Margaret Tesoriero)



**Bernice Vercoe addresses the delegates**

## Spotlight on a Cake Decorator - Regina Prasad



**How long have you been decorating cakes and what inspired you to get started?**

I was encouraged by a friend to try some cake decorating lessons, suggesting I'd enjoy it. I took some lessons in 2015 with Macquarie Community

College and am so glad I did!

**How long have you been a member of the Guild?**

I'm a newbie .. a member since 2016.

**What do you enjoy about the Guild meetings?**

There are always new techniques and ideas for me to observe and learn from. It's amazing the number of tips I pick up just by watching demonstrators at work. My knowledge and skills have improved greatly since joining the Guild.



**Most memorable cake?**

I'm still fairly new to cake decorating and can't really say I have any outstanding cakes. Ask me again in a few years!

**One cake decorating tool you could not live without?**

When I had lessons with Jean Palmer, she gave me one of her blue modelling sticks – that's probably one of the tools I find most useful!

**What is the most rewarding part of cake decorating?**

As many others have noted here, nothing really beats seeing the joy and happiness on people's

faces (especially children!) when they set eyes on the finished product. It's a very special feeling!

**What is your biggest challenge as a cake decorator?**

Every cake I've decorated has had its own challenges. When you're a novice, there are many firsts - first giraffe, first geisha, first Olaf and each one is a challenge. I've spent many hours watching and learning from YouTube videos. It's been a huge learning curve!

**Do you have any other hobbies or interests apart from cake decorating?**

Now that I'm retired, I'm really enjoying travelling. Just back from a Dubai to Singapore cruise and



looking forward to our next trip to the Canadian Rockies plus the Alaska Inlet Passage cruise.

I also love gardening – mainly vegetables, African Violets and orchids.

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

Lots and *lots* of practise! It's a very time consuming hobby with a lot of trial and error but I've found that it's always worth the effort in the end. Hard to beat the sense of pride and satisfaction when you see the finished product!





## Photo Gallery - February Meeting



Thank you **Dianne Cassim** for providing the photos published here.



## Sydney Branch Workshops 2019

Registration for the first of our 2019 Workshops are due by **30 March 2019**. Complete the form below and book in early to make sure you get your spot to learn how to make large *Gerberas*!

### Workshop Details

**Time:** 9.30am (for a 10am start) to 1pm

**Skill Level:** Non-members and beginners are welcome but will need basic cake decorating skills.

**Registration:** Deadline for registration will be the

meeting before the workshop (April, June and August meetings).

**Supplies:** Dried pieces (eg centres) will be provided but participants are required to bring their own tools, pastes and other materials.

A full list of what is required will be provided when you confirm your booking.

Tea, coffee and lights snacks will be available to all participants but please bring your own lunch.

## Sydney Branch Workshops Booking Slip

I would like to attend the following workshop/s:

- ☐ **4 May 2019** - Large Gerbera
- ☐ **6 July 2019** - Royal Icing ~ Lace Work and Filigree
- ☐ **7 September 2019** - Native Flowers for Christmas



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Member:** ☐ \$45.00 (1 workshop) ☐ \$80.00 (2 workshops) ☐ \$120.00 (3 workshops)

**Non-member:** ☐ \$55.00 (1 workshop) ☐ \$110.00 (2 workshops) ☐ \$165.00 (3 workshops)

**Payment by cheque:** Mail completed booking slip and your cheque (payable to *The Cake Decorators Guild of NSW Sydney Branch Inc*) to **Dianne Cassim, 4 Keyworth Drive, Blacktown 2148**

**Payment by direct deposit:** Email completed booking slip and payment details to [treasurer@cdgnsw-sydneybranch.org.au](mailto:treasurer@cdgnsw-sydneybranch.org.au).

**Acct:** *The Cake Decorators Guild of NSW Sydney Branch Inc*, **BSB:** 032170 **Acct #:** 355054