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**BAFA meetings are scheduled for the fourth Saturday of each month. However, as the fourth Saturday of April 2012 is a bank holiday the meeting will be held on the third Saturday.**

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## BAFA In Transition

by Jessica Cadogan and Maurice Webster



**Jessica Cadogan**  
Out going President  
BFAS

The Barbados Flower Circle (BFC) and The Barbados Flower Arranging Society (BFAS)

agreed, a number of years ago to form BAFA - Barbados Association of Flower Arrangers.

The main reason for this was to facilitate the two members' participation in the World Association of Flower Arrangers (WAFA) Show, as attendance to any WAFA Show could only be under one umbrella organization. All the WAFA shows we have attended since 1996, we have attended under BAFA.

BAFA had agreed that membership would be made up of 10 delegates from each of the two clubs and these 20 persons would elect their own

Committee of Management and would function as a separate and distinct entity concentrating

on WAFA matters as set out in its constitution. This has continued up to now.

Two things happened in the recent past that are worthy of noting. The first is that BAFA contemplated submitting a bid to host WAFA, and therefore felt it would be wise for BAFA to be registered as a non-profit company in Barbados, as the mandate to fulfill the obligations for hosting WAFA was of such a magnitude that this change of status would be warranted and justified.



**Maurice Webster**  
Out going President  
BFC

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# Creativity Unleashed



**David Yearwood**

The notice of the March 2012 meeting of BAFA promised the introduction of an innovative design technique, an opportunity for hands on experience and a few surprises. The meeting delivered much more than that!

BAFA club member, David Yearwood who is an internationally known floral art designer demonstrated the swirl using man-

dolino sticks. Genoise Bowen and Erica Grainger volunteered to work alongside him to produce their own swirls. The swirl was popularized by the Association of Irish Floral Artists (AOIFA) in their honorary national exhibit at the last World Show.

It was also a treat to watch four other volunteers participate in an imposed foliage class.

White ginger lily plants were presented to the volunteer floral artists.

Thanks to Marjorie Saunders for the donation of the plants.

What a lovely evening it was as members stayed on for refreshments and to chat.



**BAFA Members**



**Erica Grainger (r ) assisted by Anita Yarde (l) working on a swirl**



**Arranged by Lera Clinton**



**Arranged by Lucille Greaves**



**Presentation of prizes by President A.T. Maurice Webster far right L—r Wendy Lavine, Yvonne Robinson and Genoise Bowen**

## Membership Renewal

If you are reading this, chances are you were a member of one of the parent clubs of BAFA and therefore you are a member of BAFA.

Many of our members have already participated in the membership renewal process by completing a Mem-

ber Profile form and making an annual subscription of \$100.00. If you have completed the process, thanks! If you have not please do so as soon as possible.

Member profile forms are available at all BAFA events or on request from

Etwyn Humphrey, Director with responsibility for Member Relations, via email to [bafamemberrelations@gmail.com](mailto:bafamemberrelations@gmail.com)

**Annual  
subscription  
\$100.00**

## Agro-Fest Show Results

Members of BAFA participated in a competitive floral art show held during Agro Fest February 2012. Prizes were presented to the winners at last month's meeting of BAFA.

The results were  
**Sun Ripened** - *an exhibit of fruit, vegetables and flowers*

1st  
Etwyn Humphrey  
2nd  
Jackie Ferdinand

3rd  
Jessica Cadogan

**Wind Force** - *a foliage exhibit*

1st  
Jackie Ferdinand  
2nd  
Etwyn Humphrey  
Honourable Mention  
Dorothea Pierre

**Water Power**—*an exhibit to include water*

1st  
Jackie Ferdinand  
2nd  
Lucette Trotman



**1st Sun-Ripened**

3rd  
Etwyn Humphrey  
Honourable Mention  
Megan Weekes

Good work ladies!

## Logo Competition

As BAFA Inc. looks forward to hosting WAFA 2014 - 2017, one of its legacy goals is to become a household name in Barbados. The Board of Directors is therefore seeking a suitable symbol which the public will associate with a floral art organization of excellence.

Members and friends of BAFA are invited to submit original designs for a logo for BAFA. A prize will be awarded for the adjudged best design.

Designs should be sent to the Secretary of the Board, Julie Alleyne, on or before 30 April 2012. Entries maybe sent by e mail to [alison071446@caribsurf.com](mailto:alison071446@caribsurf.com), handed in at the next meeting of BAFA or posted to BAFA Inc., C/o Mr. Maurice Webster, 46 Violet Circle, Oxnards, St. James BB23 019.

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This process was started in 2009 and has been accelerated over the recent past as BAFA has been successful in its bid to host Wafa during 2014-2017, and we would therefore wish to have things well in place before the start of 2014. BAFA Inc. is now the registered entity.

Secondly, the Barbados Flower Arranging Society in early 2010 approached the Barbados Flower Circle about amalgamating the two clubs. This was accepted and the Flower Circle agreed to dissolve at December 2011. The Flower Arranging Society accepted this same approach.

As a result of these developments it was further agreed that BAFA, having been registered as a not for profit company, BAFA Inc., would instead of having its membership made up of delegates from the two clubs, now accept all the individual members of the two clubs as members of BAFA Inc.

In order to facilitate the legal process of registration, a number of directors had to be appointed as proposers of this new company. BAFA, at meetings of delegates, agreed to the appointment of our first seven members to the board of Directors, and to their positions and their functions/portfolios on the board. These are Maurice Webster, Jackie Ferdinand, Julie Alleyne, Jennifer Weetch, Trevor Inniss, Carol-Anne Brancker and Etwyn Humphrey. The Board

also agreed that each director would be assisted by a small committee in order to facilitate the work of that particular director.

What is important for all of us to note is that we are operating as one Flower Arranging Club, BAFA Inc. We will continue to have our monthly meeting as one club when we will improve and showcase our skills in flower arranging and floral art.

Another activity that we will be undertaking is the hosting of Wafa and the World Flower Show in 2014 - 2017. The Board has already agreed that a Special Committee will be appointed at a date no later than June 30, 2012 in order to facilitate our hosting of this event.

The Memorandum and Articles of Association to manage the affairs of the club, which will replace the constitution under the old arrangement is now to be vetted by an attorney on our behalf to ensure that we cover all our legal obligations and this will be signed by our first set of directors. As soon as this is completed, all members on record will receive a copy.

The Memorandum and Articles of Association will set out particulars about Annual General Meetings, election of Directors, etc., as would have been outlined in our constitutions. We therefore look forward to your support and solicit your assistance as we move forward on this exciting journey toward 2017 and beyond.

## Wafa News

World Association of Flower Arrangers-Ireland is ten months into its three year tenure. The Management Committee has published its first newsletter giving details of the Seminar and whetting the appetite for the 11th World Show.

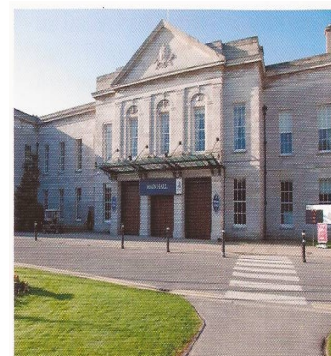
The Seminar, "A Celtic Journey" is scheduled for 10 - 19 May 2012 starting in Cork where Honorary Exhibitors will

stage their exhibits. From there, the Seminar will move to Killarney Co Kerry and through Limerick and Clare.

A few delegates from each Wafa member country have been invited to attend. Three delegates from BAFA will attend the seminar. They are A. T. Maurice Webster, David Yearwood and Etwyn Humphrey. They will participate in an exciting pro-

gramme of workshops and visits to gardens.

The Seminar is limited to only a few but the World Show is open to all so start planning for it. The 11th World Show "A Floral Odyssey" will be held in Dublin 18-22 June 2014. The venue is the Royal Dublin Society situated on 45 acres a few minutes outside the city centre. See you there!



Royal Dublin Society

## International Shows 2012

**24 - 28 May**  
England's most famous floristry event, the RHS Chelsea Flower Show, at London's Royal Hospital.

**12 -14 July**  
NAFAS National Show at Southport Theatre and Convention Centre.

**August**  
The Danish National Floristry Championship at the city of Odense in the middle of August.

**17 - 18 Aug**  
German Championships of Floral Design in Berlin.

## Local Show

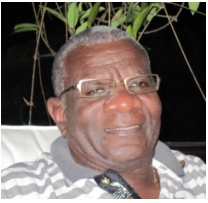
**4 - 6 May 2012**  
St. Patrick's Anglican Church, Christ Church is hosting a Flower Show under the theme "To Everything There is a Season".

Some BAFA members have been invited to arrange some of the floral art designs. The coordinator is Mrs. Joan Linton.

## MONTHLY MEETING OF BAFA INC.

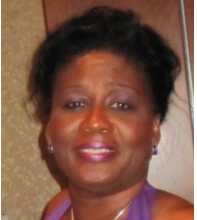
**Donald Henry**  
**Auditorium**  
**Bethel Methodist**  
**Church**  
**Bay Street,**  
**St. Michael**  
**Saturday 21 April 2012**  
**at 4:00 p.m.**

# Meet The Interim Board of BAFA INC.



## **A.T. Maurice Webster - Chairman. Finance**

Maurice has been "working with flowers" for over forty years having started at church as part of the altar guild. He has participated in local competitions for several years with some success. He has attended Wafa World Shows and has assisted in setting up Barbados' honorary exhibits. Maurice is the immediate past President of Barbados Flower Circle.



## **Jacqueline Ferdinand - Deputy Chairman. Education and Training**

Jackie is a floral artist and a visual artist who paints in oil and acrylic. She has competed successfully in floral art competitions winning several prizes locally. Jackie is a past member of Barbados Flower Circle's Committee of Management.



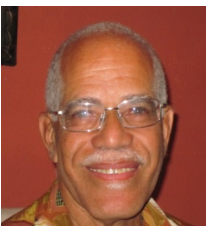
## **Julie Alleyne - Board Secretary. Administration**

Julie is a floral hobbyist. She is a former President, Secretary, Treasurer and Librarian of Barbados Flower Circle. She has been entering floral art competition since the 1990s and is the winner of many prizes in the local competitions.



## **Jennifer Weetch - Shows and Exhibitions**

Jenny is a floral artist who has won Gold and Best in Show at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show in Floral Art. She is a past President of BFAS and BAFA and is currently President of The Barbados Horticultural Society (BHS). Jenny led the BHS' team to a Gold Medal Award at the 2011 Chelsea Show in the cut flower section.



## **S.G. Trevor Inniss - Property Management**

Trevor is a well known locally as a coordinator of flower festivals. He served the Barbados Flower Arranging Society in many capacities including that of President on two occasions. He has judged floral art shows and is a floral art silver medalist of the RHS Chelsea Flower Show.



## **J. Carol-Anne Brancker - Public Relations**

Carol-Anne Brancker has been involved in Flower Arranging since 1989. She has won several awards locally in Flower Arranging and is a Gold Medal and Best In Show Award winner in Floral Art at the Prestigious RHS Chelsea Flower Show. She was a member of the BHS' team which won a gold medal at Chelsea last year.



## **Etwyn Humphrey - Member Relations**

Etwyn has been involved in competitive floral art since 2007. She has won several prizes locally, a silver gilt award at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show and a third award at the 10th World Flower Show in Boston last year. She was a member of BHS' team which won a gold medal last year at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show. Etwyn has served BFAS as librarian and as treasurer.