**Becoming a NAFAS Area Speaker**

**Have you a story to share? Have you knowledge of a topic of interest to others?**

Then you might like to consider training to become a NAFAS Area Speaker

In order to be considered for training you must be a member of a club or society or individual affiliated to NAFAS

**NAFAS Speakers** are expected to inspire, enthuse, captivate and entertain audiences with topics of interest to flower clubs.

Presentations may add variety to club programs, entertain post AGM or after a Luncheon or Dinner.

To become qualified you must take a Mock Test and Test which consists of a presentation with or without visual aids and/or slides (PowerPoint) lasting thirty minutes.

**Visual Aids –** Items which can be revealed on stage to help explain what you are talking about – might be pictures, props, self-crafted items are always well received. Flower Arrangements may be included, not normally more than two and are presented pre-done.

If visual aids are used they should be of a suitable size to be seen at the back of an audience. They should be relevant and pristine.

**Slides/photographs** should be of a high standard, well presented and appropriate to the presentation.

You will be required to produce a synopsis of the presentation you intend to give at the test.

At the end of your 30 minute presentation you will be given a subject on which to talk for 3 minutes (The Impromtu)

Candidates will be expected to complete a training course, which includes a minimum of threetraining days with a certificate signed by the qualified Adjudicator or Instructor who has given the training. Candidates mustalso take a Mock Test before final acceptance for the Area Test.

**Fees** will be charged for training and the Tests. The cost will depend upon the number of candidates training at any particular time. Training and test are unlikely to cost less than £200 (2023) The whole cost of training and test is usually paid up-front.

It is recommended that candidates practice speaking to small group at training sessions and accept bookings at small Clubs and groups to gain confidence and experience.

During training you would probably charge a minimum fee, to cover your expenses.

Once qualified your fee is likely to be £50/60 upwards – most presenters charge according to size of anticipated audience. You may find you are booked by non NAFAS clubs; Garden Clubs/WI’s are always looking for new talent/presentations. (If topics are appropriate)

You may wish to charge up to 45p per mile for travel.

Those qualified as Demonstrators will be used to speaking to an audience and may like to train/present as Speakers alongside their current work.

Most Demonstrators find Speaker Training to be invaluable to their presentations on stage.

Demonstrators may also find they cross over to being speakers as they wind down their careers.

Speakers would normally charge a lesser fee, than demonstrators, once a presentation is set up less work is required each outing.

**If you would like to know more** contact your Area Speakers Representative who will have information about training available either in our area or elsewhere.