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Winter Events 2008

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News

Well, what a year! We've been thrilled to have been rushed off our feet with a fantastic year of orders for wedding flowers, from fairytale castles, rustic chic marquees and smart hotels, to shooting lodges, boats and country house hotels – we've travelled the length and breadth of three counties.

Despite the stories of financial doom and gloom in the news, we've got lashings of bookings for wedding flowers rolling in for next year and the future's looking rosy.

The only downsides to such a busy year has been that we haven't had a chance to push on with the re-location of the studio and so it's slightly bittersweet that we'll be hosting the open days and some of my own courses at our old studio at Crannaford, just outside of Broadclyst (the above address). We'll be aiming to be at our new studio for Christmas of next year (note the keyword there – aiming!). In addition to this our lovely family of dogs (Kipper, Maisie and Stanley) have opted for a campaign of direct action and are systematically taking our sitting room apart. So, after deliberation, I've decided to take some time off this Christmas in order to lavish some attention on the poor lovelies and put some serious work into discipline (hmmm – wonder if that might work on Chris too)

I'm still knee deep in the research stages of a new book and aim to move this project through in the early part of next year in the hope that it will be published next year. Please do have a look at our new web site – with news, forthcoming course dates and much more.

I'm delighted to say that I've been asked to teach so many new classes for the National Trust, the RHS and Trebah Gardens that I've added a section at the end of my course dates giving you a flavour of some of the courses that I'm teaching at their various properties with a web site link and contact number in case you'd like more information or to make a

booking.

Thank you for all your support over the years and I look forward to welcoming you for festive frolics this winter.

Best Wishes



Calendar of Sarah's Events

Saturday 8th November 2008 from 10am till 5pm – Winter Open Day at our Studio at Crannaford, just outside of Broadclyst (we've not yet moved to our new studio yet!)

Come along, browse and get yourself in the mood for winter. We've decorations galore and lots on unusual gift ideas – join us for a glass of mulled wine and spiced biscuits. From wire wreath frames to ribbons, tree decorations to candles and everything in between. No booking required, everyone's welcome.

Sunday 30th November 2008 from 10am till 12.30pm – Advent Rings at our Studio at Crannaford. Come along and make a gorgeous Advent Ring to enjoy over the festive season using candles, long lasting fresh foliage, ribbons, cones and dried fruits and spices. The course fee of £25.00 includes all materials, use of our tools, tea/coffee and spiced biscuits

Monday 10th November, Monday 17th November, Monday 24th November, Monday 1st December, Monday 8th December and Monday 15th December from 7pm till 8.45pm Winter Crafts – My Studio at Crannaford. Back by popular demand! This year the



courses will be held at my studio just outside of Broadclyst, except for Monday 10th December when we'll be making festive door wreaths in Victory Hall or Broadclyst Pavilion due to the likely increase in numbers. We'll be getting ready for Christmas by making sloe gin, blackberry quencher and cordial, orange and clove pomanders, pot pourri, rolled beeswax candles, gift boxes, fresh foliage door wreaths, Christmas Decorations, mantelpiece decorations and table sprays. With a selection of different projects each session. Course fee of £4.25 per session for the evening classes includes use of our tools and tea/coffee but you'll need to bring your own materials/or can buy them from us at the classes. Please contact us if you'd like to know which projects we'll be making on each evening and to order a free resource list.

Saturday 6th December 2008 from 10am till 5pm – Christmas Open Day at our Studio at

Crannaford. The studio will have become a winter wonderland crammed with all things Christmas, including candles, ribbons, gifts and goodies galore. Mulled wine (very strong



and not recommended for drivers!) coffee and mince pies will be at hand whilst you indulge your senses with spices, dried fruits, ribbons and more. Put the sparkle back into your festive planning. No booking required, everyone's welcome.

Sunday 14th December from 2pm till 4.30pm – at Killerton House, Broadclyst hands on Christmas Flower Workshop in The Study. 2pm till 5pm. Enjoy a guided tour of the stunning decorations at Killerton with descriptions of how we made the decorations before making your choice of a traditional fresh mantle decoration, garland or kissing bough to take home. We'll show you how to achieve a beautifully dressed mantle using a choice of fresh foliage, fruits, beads & ribbons that should last over the festive season. This arrangement can be up to 4 long (and can be made in two sections so that you won't need to charter a small bus to get it home safely!) or a garland style decoration to

hang. Fee of £37.50 includes materials, use of our tools, coffee and a mince pie

Sunday 16th December 2007 – Mistletoe Madness from 10am till 12.30 at our Studio. Choose your design from a contemporary door wreath of a heart shape of mistletoe, ivy and trimmings or a short swag of evergreens & mistletoe to hang above your door frame, then stand back and let the festive frolics begin! We'll provide all materials, our tools, coffee & mince pies for £25.00

I hope that you and your families have a wonderful Christmas and a New Year filled with hope.

Fri 23rd and Sat 24th January 2009 - Sale Weekend – from 10am till 4pm. End of Season Sale at the studio. We'll have loads of lovely Christmas Decorations at half price as well as lots of special offers on craft packs, containers, ribbons and stems of flowers.

This winter Sarah will be demonstrating and teaching workshops for across Devon and Cornwall – for further details please follow the links for information about dates and booking:-

National Trust Properties – just use the link below to find more details

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/events

Killerton House, Broadclyst includes wreath making, Norway sprays, gingerbread houses, Christmas gifting, Traditional Victorian and Edwardian Decorations, A greener Christmas (recycling and making inexpensive gifts and decorations), Decorating Workshops (to decorate the interior of the main house and exterior of the stable yard), Exclusive Reader Day (lectures, guided tour and demonstrations – 15 in total) Tel: 01392 881345

Saltram House, Plymouth includes Body Beautiful Day (demo and/or workshop to make pampering products including fizzy bath bombs, body scrubs, etc), Christmas flowers arranging demo and a table centre or swag workshop

RHS Rosemoor

www.rhs.org.uk/whatson/gardens/rosemoor/index.asp

Demonstration of Christmas garlands and table sprays on Saturday 6th December

Trebah Gardens, Nr Helston, Cornwall

www.trebah-garden.co.uk/contact.htm

Christmas flower arranging demonstration and a workshop to make a stunning preserved foliage and dried flower table centre on Friday 21st November

Whimble Village Hall, Whimble, Nr Broadclyst – Tel: Ali Tierney on 01404 822724

Two evening Workshops – Sunday 30th November (pampering products) and Sunday 14th December (festive door wreaths)

Afternoon Course – Sunday 21st December to make a fresh flower and foliage table centre

Studio Opening Times - By appointment at your convenience, evenings, weekends or weekdays. If we're off site or teaching you'll reach our answering machine so please leave your details.

Reserving Your Course Place - Booking for all courses is essential. We ask for the full course fee at the time of your booking and cheques should be made payable to Country Cottage Crafts. We would be grateful if you could supply a stamped addressed envelope if you would like a written acknowledgement of your booking by post. In the event of the course being cancelled you can choose either a full refund or a credit against further courses. Should you find it necessary to cancel your place through accident, emergency, or illness then a full refund will be given, for any other reason a handling fee of up to 25% may be payable.

Please do let us know if you have any special needs or requirements as we want you to feel as comfortable as possible and get the most out of your time with us.

Directions

Directions To Our Studio - From the Old A30 - We're next to Crannaford Railway Crossing, just outside of Broadclyst Village. Coming out of Exeter on the new A30, take the first slip road off after the second set of new traffic lights at the Sowton Roundabout, this exit is signed to Rockbeare & Sowton Village & will take you back onto the old A30. Stay on this road, passing through Clyst Honiton until you see Rockbeare Motor Services Garage on your right, at this point turn left (just after the thatched cottage called Stoney Villa) at the red signpost marked "Town & Country Supplies". This lane takes you over a humped back bridge & then a level railway crossing. Take the first driveway on the right after the crossing, signposted 'Old Barns' & 'Town & Country Supplies'. Come up the long driveway to the top where you will see ample parking spaces (don't turn off by the flag pole)

Or From Exeter via Broadclyst Village - Approaching Broadclyst Village from Exeter, you'll pass through Pinhoe and go over the bridge, after a few hundred yards on your right hand side you'll see a right hand slip road to Dog Village, take that road and carry straight on up over the slight hill (don't go around to the right by Clyst Vale Community College). Carry along this road but be careful as you'll have to follow the road straight ahead of you but this is in fact taking a right turn (if you miss this you'll reach the New Inn Pub and need to take the next right and then left to get you back onto the correct road). You'll go over a small humped back bridge then up and down a steepish hill. Ours is the last driveway on the left before the crossing named 'Old Barns' & 'Town & Country Supplies'. Come up the long driveway to the top where you will see ample parking spaces (don't turn off by the flag pole)