

SUMMER PAINTING DAYS



Newhall Mill open day

Chris Bowden will be arranging a number of Summer Sketching and Painting days out. Working outdoors is a great way to develop your painting and drawing skills as well as enjoying a day out with fellow artists, so why not give it a go this time.

Details will be announced once the venues have been confirmed, look out for the email from Chris and remember to diary the dates so that you don't miss out on some great days out.

For further information contact Chris on 0121 378 1009.

Letter From the President

After a rather wet start to the year spring has finally arrived and our next exhibition is only a few weeks away!

The Spring Exhibition will be held at the Bedford Suite in the Town Hall as before and your entry papers will be sent out with this newsletter. The hand in day is Friday 12th May and the Exhibition will run from Saturday 13th to Sunday 21st May, with the official opening on Saturday morning. Remember to diary the key dates so you don't miss the deadline for submission and hand in.

I hope you have found time to prepare new work for the exhibition and will be successful with your submissions. The selection panel is made up of two independent judges together with one of our own members to provide a fair balance in the selection process. If you are uncertain about the standard required and how best to present your work, then please contact one of the committee members who will only be too pleased to help and advise. We will also be holding an



'appraisal' session on Saturday 22nd April for those of you who would like some expert advice from Mary Griffiths.

Looking ahead, Chris Taylor is arranging a coach trip to Patchings on Sunday 16th July and Rachel David a Trip to the RA for the Summer Exhibition on Sunday August 13th. Remember to put your name down and diary these events so that you don't miss out.

Help is still needed to run the Society, we still have a vacancy for Vice President and Exhibition organiser. So please let me know if you are able to contribute in any way.

Be creative....

Geoff Stubbins

SPRING EXHIBITION AWARDS

This year the external selectors will be Stanley Houghton, Carol White and Mary Christodoulou for the Society. Stanley Houghton will also be the awards judge.

The awards are as follows: -

1. The Ratcliffe Award for Best Painting (*in any medium*) This includes a £20 prize.
2. The Artifex Award for the Best Landscape. This includes a £50 gift voucher from Artifex.

3. The Ashwood Veterinary Clinic Award (silver salver) for the Best Animal Painting.

4. The Turner-Hilton Award for the Best Craftwork. This includes a £20 prize.

5. The Vesey Art & Crafts Award (silver salver) for the Best Flora Painting. (*This award covers not just flowers but the whole plant kingdom*).

6. The new Emily Smith Award for the Best Watercolour Painting. This is a glass trophy.

Remember that the paintings submitted (apart from those for the browser) should be framed to a good standard. Box canvases will be allowed unframed if the sides are painted accordingly.

The official opening and presentation of awards will be on Saturday 13th May at 10.00am.

Remember you can view last year's prize winners on our web site:

www.suttoncoldfieldsocietyofartists.co.uk

SATURDAY DEMONSTRATIONS

Our recent painting demonstrations at Mere Green Community Centre featured a Seascape in oils by Richard Crabtree, and an wildlife painting of a Moorhen in pastel by Sarais Crawshaw.

Both artists gave excellent demonstrations and provided some very useful advice for those looking to try pastel or oil for the first time.



Richard Crabtree , oil seascape.



Pastel Artist Estelle Robinson

Arts Festival

Curborough Craft Centre near Lichfield will be holding an Arts Festival over the May Bank Holiday, 29th April to 1st May. This year the 3 day Festival will feature more Artists and be their biggest event to date.

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Your Art Society is now on Facebook so to see the latest news and events go to our Facebook site and remember to click 'like'.

SUTTON COLDFIELD ART TRAIL

Following the success of last years event the Art Trail is to be held again in Sutton Coldfield over the weekend of 24th and 25^h of June between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m., This time it will feature thirty seven Sutton Coldfield artists over 10 venues who will be inviting you into their studios or to public spaces, so that you can watch them at work, talk to them, find out about the ways in which they work, and perhaps try out some of their techniques.



There will also be work for sale. There will be painters, sculptors, textile artists, potters and jewellery-makers. A leaflet with a map of the locations and details of the artists involved will be widely available.

For more information contact Petra Rohr-Rouendaal 0121 355 5631 or Deborah Hodgson 0121 355 8467.

Art Holiday in Spain - September 2017

Would you be interested in a painting holiday in rural Spain, based in the World Heritage city of Caceres, with visits to other beautiful towns and a national park where vultures abound.

A visit to the famous Prada Museum and perhaps some sight seeing in Madrid en route from the airport.

A Spanish qualified art teacher who speaks English. Accommodation, most meals and transport in Spain included.

If you are interested call Derek or Pat Mottram on: 0121 353 3411 or email: mottramp@hotmail.com

Looking for somewhere to paint?

Why not join a small group of artists that meet together at The Streetly School on a Wednesday night from 7.30 to 9.30 pm, to paint and give each other help and encouragement.

For more details ring Geoff Stubbins on 0121 323 2694 .