

Letter From the President

Christmas Greetings



PUBLIC VOTE

At the Autumn Exhibition the most public votes went to Judith Truman's painting entitled 'Glorious Borrowdale' shown below.



'Glorious Borrowdale'

Next in the public voting was Brian Garbett's watercolour painting entitled 'Harbour Moorings' and Shane Wiseman's painting 'Busy Bee'.

Well done to Judith, who will receive a Public Vote Certificate and thanks to everyone who voted.

Please send your articles, letters and comments for the Newsletter to the Editor :

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I hope you managed to visit our Autumn Art Exhibition at the Town Hall. We had 162 entries of which 23 were unframed and 26 were 3D. Thanks to some good publicity in the Observer we attracted over 700 hundred visitors over the ten day period of the exhibition.

Our official guest to open the Exhibition was the new Major of Sutton Coldfield, Councillor David Pears. When presenting the awards he commented on the high standard of the original art work on display and said that the Society had become an integral part of our cultural heritage in Royal Sutton Coldfield and congratulated the Society on its 70th Anniversary .

It was a good turnout for the AGM which was followed by a display of members work from the summer painting days out and a buffet. Once again an appeal was made to members to join the committee and keep the Society running. However, there were no proposals from members to take over any of the committee roles including President so the existing committee agreed to stand again and were re-elected to run for another year.



Looking at the year ahead we have booked the Town Hall for our Spring and Autumn Exhibitions and put together a exciting programme of Saturday Art Demonstrations. In addition we will be holding an Art Taster day to encourage people to take up art and join the Society. We are also looking to purchase new exhibition equipment and lighting.

Membership fees are now due (still excellent value at £25), so please send your cheque to our Membership Secretary Wing Lien .

Wishing you and your family a very happy Christmas and creative New Year for 2018.

Geoff Stubbins

AUTUMN EXHIBITION 2017 AWARD WINNERS

- 1) Ada Wilkinson award for Best Painting any medium went to Deborah Hodgson for 'Snowy Walk from the Jamboree Stone'.
- 2) Artifex Award for Best Landscape went to Judith Truman for 'Glorious Borrowdale'
- 3) Doris Jackson Award for Best watercolour went to Brian Garbett for 'Harbour Moorings'.
- 4) The Silver Salver Award for best portrait went to Chris Bowden for 'Keith'.
- 5) Madge Oliver Award for the Best Pastel went to Hugh Heaven for 'Christmas Cheer'.

6) The Jean & Bob Dressler Award for Best Mixed Media Artwork went to Helen Willis for 'Aztec'.

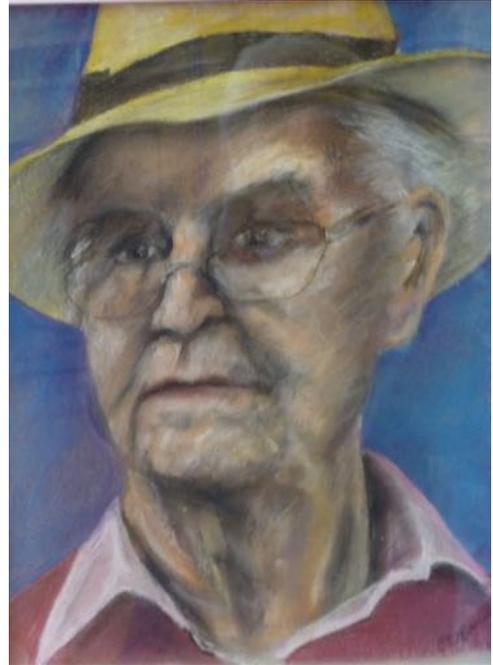
The selection panel for the exhibition comprised of awards judge Gill Beasley, supported by Nick Griffin and our own Society member Rachel David.

REMEMBER - These award winning pictures can be seen on the our Society Website: www.suttoncoldfieldsocietyofartists.co.uk Just go to the exhibitions page which also shows past exhibition winners. **Please note** the website is being redesigned and may not be updated for a few weeks.

Autumn Exhibition 2017

Thanks to the exhibition organisers and everyone who helped set up the exhibition at the Town Hall on Submission Day. The exhibition came together in record time, thanks to all the willing hands.

Despite a reduction in submissions, it was still a busy time for the receiving desk with 113 framed pictures, 23 un-framed pictures and 26 3D works submitted to the exhibition. The Award winning paintings are shown on this page.



The Best Portrait Award went to Chris Bowden for 'Keith'.



Best Painting: 'Snowy Walk from the Jamboree Stone' oil pastel by Deborah Hodgson



The Best Pastel 'Christmas Cheer' by Hugh Heaven.



Best Landscape 'Glorious Borrowdale' by Judith Truman .



The Best Watercolour 'Harbour Moorings' by Brian Garbett .



Mixed Media Award 'Aztec' by Helen Willis .

AWARD PRESENTATIONS

Our official guest for our Preview evening was Councillor David Pears, the Mayor of Royal Sutton Coldfield. In addressing those present at the preview he complimented the Society on the Exhibition and said he was very impressed by all the artists for producing such high-quality work. He was pleased to be asked to select his favourite piece of art work for the Society's 70th Anniversary Award and formally open the exhibition to the public.



**Deborah Hodgson receives the Best painting Award
'Snowy Walk from Jamboree Stone'.**



**Hugh Heaven receives the Madge Oliver Award for
Best Pastel.**



**Francella Jean receives a Highly Commended
Award for 'Standing Hare'.**



**Brian Garbett picks up the Doris Jackson Award
For Best Watercolour.**



**Alan Hunt receives a Highly Commended for
'Cretan Headland'.**



**Sue Knights receives a Highly Commended for
'A Walk in the Park'.**

Autumn Exhibition Awards Cont.



The Town Mayor Cllr. David Pears accompanied by our President Geoff Stubbins, stands by Judith Truman's painting he chose for the Societies 70th Anniversary Award.



'Sitting Hare' by Francella Jean.



'A Walk in the Park' Acrylic by Sue Knights



'Triple Portrait' by Rachel David

SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW DUE

It's time to renew your subscription to the Art Society so please send your cheque for £25 made payable to the SCSA, to our Membership Secretary Wing Lien 7 Kingsleigh Croft, Sutton Coldfield, B75 5TL. Thank you.

Looking for somewhere to paint?

Why not join a small group of artists that meet together at The Vesey Gallery 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 .