

## Letter From the President

As the Government starts to ease the lock down and allows more people to meet up outdoors, I am hopeful that we can find suitable venues close to home for our 'Summer Painting Days Out'. Our General Secretary Chris Bowden is looking at the possible venues and will advise you as soon as the details are finalised.

I know some of you, in the vulnerable category, will still need to stay at home and will not be able to take part, so I hope you will find other ways to paint at home and can take inspiration from the lovely paintings sent in as part of last months 'Garden Challenge'.

Because of the amount of interest we have received in our 'virtual' Spring Exhibition your committee have decided to leave it on the website until the autumn. By then we will know if the Autumn Exhibition in November will go ahead as planned at the Town Hall or if we will need to hold it online.

The 'Sutton Coldfield Art Trail', planned for June, will now also be held as a 'virtual' trail. A number of our members will be taking part so why not take an online tour of their studios and enjoy the work on display.



Last month, to help you pass away the time and be creative, I set a 'Painting Project' as a challenge by asking you to send in paintings of your garden or views from your window.

I am pleased to see that a number of you have put brush to paper and the excellent results are shown in this Newsletter.

Your painting challenge for this month is based on the artist's traditional 'Self Portrait', so look in the mirror and have a go. Just send a photo of your painting with title and medium used to my email address: [geoff.stubbins@btinternet.com](mailto:geoff.stubbins@btinternet.com) by the end of June. I will publish as many as I can in the next Newsletter.

Remember to stay in touch and if you need any artistic help your committee are there for you.

Be creative and stay safe.

*Geoff Stubbins*

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## Spring Exhibition Public Vote



The most public votes went to Shameela Yoosufali for 'Srilankan Stilt Fishing' in acrylic. Well done Shameela, a prize Certificate is on its way to you.



Close behind in the voting was Paul Davis's 'Dolphins at Sunset' also in acrylic. Debi Lane was a close third with 'Capt Tom Moore'.

# Painting Challenge: Members gardens or a view from your window.

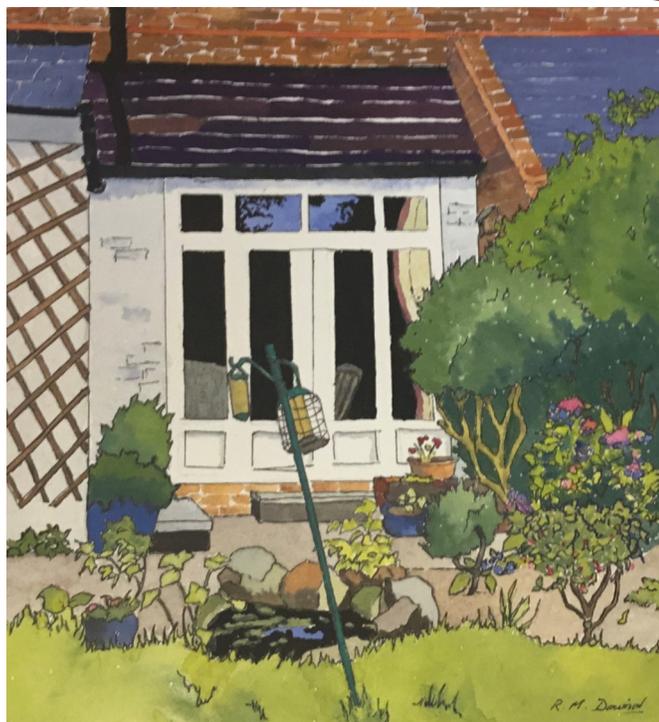
Well done to everyone who responded to last months painting challenge and sent in paintings of their garden or views from their window. Not too many sheds! ...see below:



'Corner of my Garden'  
Stitched fabric by Margaret Fairhead  
shown being creative with her sewing machine.



'From a Distance the Earth looks Blue & Green'  
Chris Bowden



'Bird Feeder'  
Watercolour by Rachel David



'View from Sutton Court'  
Watercolour by Pat Pagett



'My Shed'  
Watercolour by Keith Ripley



'Up to my Studio'  
Watercolour by Carol Kelly



'Flower Pots'  
Watercolour by Paul Bayliss



'Garden Shed'  
Watercolour by Jean Willis



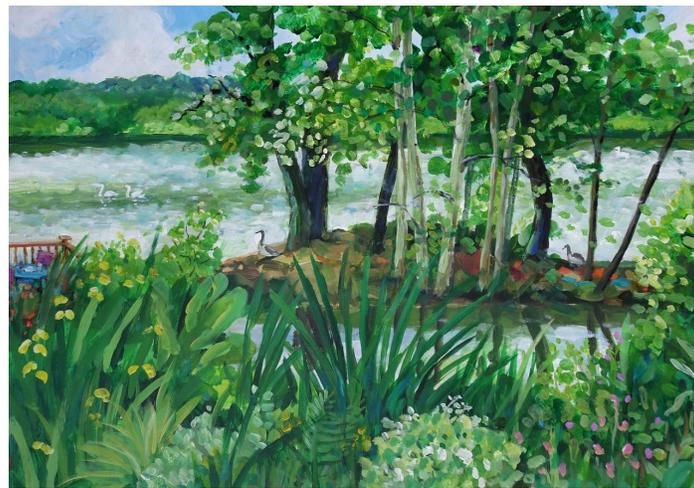
'View from my Window'  
by Helen Ricketts



'Quiet Corner'  
Watercolour by Geoff Stubbins



'Patio View'  
Acrylic by Sue Knights



'Bottom of my Garden'  
Acrylic by Petra Rohr-Rouendaal

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## Obituary: Sheila Partridge

21/8/1934 - 2/1/2020

Tribute from her husband Roy.



Sheila enjoyed her life and endeavour to improve her artistic skills in Water Colour. After joining the art class of Sylvia Taylor, over forty years ago, who we all know is an excellent water colour artist. Sylvia then encouraged Sheila to join the SCSA, from memory this was early part of the eighties, when the art exhibitions were held at the Library in Sutton. Over those many years she always supported the Society and submitted many pieces of art, with a fair degree of success from those interested in buying her work. During those many years she kept detailed record, with over fifty plus sold either at exhibitions or privately. The sad part of this memory for me, was once the Dementia Disease gathered pace, she could not cope with it all, but Pat and Bob Pagett will tell you how I was able to take Sheila to attend their Tuesday Afternoon classes and they and many others who attended always made sure she was very welcome and enjoyed the two hours with everyone. She was still going right up and until her serious fall in November 2019. I wanted the many friends she made as a member of SCSA to know, that she enjoyed all her life drawing and adding colour in its many forms, and to thank you all for being there.