



Sutton Coldfield Society of Artists

Newsletter

June 2026

A Message from your President Deborah Hodgson

Dear Members,

I hope many of you had the opportunity to visit the Spring Exhibition. Once again, it was good to see some of our new members exhibit for the first time, adding to the diversity of the show. As always, a big thank you to everyone who helped set up and to David Griffiths who kindly took the exhibition photos.

Looking ahead, we will be heading outside for our summer sketching days in July and August. If you're new to the Society or just fancy coming along for the first time, these are very enjoyable with absolutely no pressure on producing finished pieces of work and coffee and cake is usually involved! If you're not mobile, we can always share lifts so please contact Chris Bowden, if required.

Deborah

Exhibition News

Our judge, on this occasion, was Mary Griffin RBSA who complimented us on the artwork.

We had 133 submissions from 44 members. The number of visitors was 468 which was slightly down on previous exhibitions. Unfortunately, the sales were also reduced to only £704, well below those of our last exhibition which were £1501. This has resulted in a deficit of £694.31.

We have already been warned by the Town Hall that the hire cost will increase once again next year. At the moment, we pay £1350 for the five days which was basically what we used to pay for nine days.

SPRING EXHIBITION
PUBLIC VOTE WINNER



Congratulations to Dianne Hughes for winning the public vote with her oil painting of Renna.



It was a very close call with Beryl Evans' painting of Cassy coming second.



And third was Ray Blundell's painting entitled Towards Cannock from Wychnor.

SPRING EXHIBITION PHOTOS



SPRING AWARDS

Ratcliffe Award for Best 2D Artwork in any medium:

Woman in Red – Deborah Hodgson

Highly Commended: Staffordshire Hoard by Linda Lewis

Mavis Mottram Award for the Best Landscape in any medium:

Algarve Cove – Jean Willis

Highly Commended: Bothy Nr Galway Bay – Dennis Harper

Ashwood Veterinary Clinic Award for the Best Animal Artwork in any medium:

Cassy – Beryl Evans

Highly Commended: Grumble Guts – Ian Van Zyl

Turner-Hilton Award for the Best Textile Artwork:

Colourful Sea – Margaret Fairhead

Highly Commended: Selfridges – Pauline Barnes

Vesey Art & Crafts Award for the Best Flora Artwork in any medium:

Stillness Within – Hossnieh Javaheri

Highly Commended: Poppies and Daisies – Ann Nicholls

Emily Smith Award for the Best Water-Based Artwork:

Towards Cannock Chase from Wychnor – Ray Blundell

Highly Commended: Gibbous Moon – Sam Revill

SCSA Award for Best 3D Artwork:

Scroll – Dennis Rollason

Highly Commended: Bird Dish – Petra Rohr-Rouendaal

Bob Pagett Award for the Best Mixed Media Artwork:

Blocked Landscape – Kathryn Sawbridge

Highly Commended: S Caleus – Simon Walker

Judge Discretionary Award: Renna – Dianne Hughes

Judge Discretionary Award: Teazel Tangle – James Ware

Judge Discretionary Award: Watching – Sue Bates Asher

Dates for 2026 Diary

June Saturday 13th

AM: Practical Art Morning

PM: Demo by Nick Logan – Portrait in Sanguine

June Saturday 27th – Sunday 28th

Sutton Coldfield Art Trail 10 am – 4 pm

July and August

Summer Sketching Days:

Chris Bowden will be sending out a notice soon with all the details. In the meantime, please mark your diaries:

Thursday 9th July: Castle Bromwich Gardens

Wednesday 15th July: Calke Abbey (National Trust)

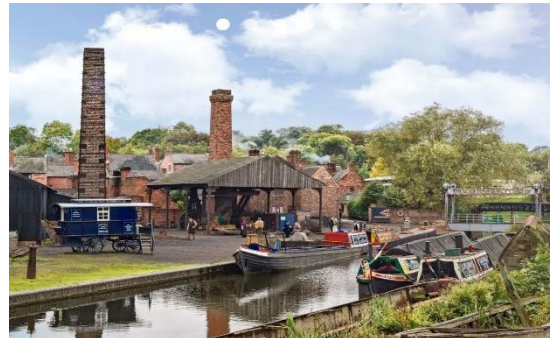
Thursday 23rd July: Lichfield

Wednesday 29th July: Black Country Museum

Thursday 6th August: Moor Hall Hotel

Wednesday 12th August: Moseley Old Hall (National Trust)

Thursday 20th August: National Memorial Arboretum



Shenstone Community Library Exhibitions 2026

Open: Tuesday – Saturdays

Times: Coffee shop open 9.30 am – 12 pm

June: Helen Appleby – Textiles

July: Trustees' Open Charity Month entitled: This Green World

August: Colin Low – Mixed Media

Sept: Sutton Coldfield Society of Artists – Members' Exhibition

The logo for the Sutton Coldfield Art Trail features a circular rainbow-colored border. The words "SUTTON COLDFIELD" are written in white, uppercase letters along the left side of the circle. In the center, the words "Art trail" are written in a black, cursive script font. Below the logo, the dates "27th & 28th June 2026" are printed in a bold, red, sans-serif font, with "10am-4pm" in a smaller, red, sans-serif font underneath. The text "Join us for a weekend of artistic discovery in the Royal Town of Sutton Coldfield" is written in a black, sans-serif font. At the bottom, "ADMISSION FREE" is written in a bold, red, sans-serif font, followed by the website address "www.suttoncoldfieldarttrail.wordpress.com" in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner of the poster.

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