



# Coventry and Warwickshire Society of Artists

## Brushstrokes Bulletin

January 2019

### January Editorial

Happy New Year to all our members! We welcome the new year, full of things that have never been and remember.. the beginning is the most important part of the work!!

Your committee would like to thank you for all your support during a very successful year for CWASA. There has been increased membership, interesting monthly meetings and the culmination of the year - our annual exhibition at East Lodge Gallery in June, with increased visitor numbers and sales of work.

We have a very interesting and wide-ranging programme for the coming year and we look forward to seeing you at our monthly event where committee members are always open to suggestions for future events and demonstrations. So warmest good wishes to all our members for a happy and healthy 2019 from **Nancy Upshall** and all **CWASA Committee Members**.

### Our Programme for 2019 – so far!

**January - Fish and Chip Lunch.** This will be held on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January 12.30 - 3.00pm at Stoneleigh Village Hall. Your menu and response form has been sent and needs to be back with Paul by 20<sup>th</sup> January so that he can place our order.

**February – Virginia Murphy Needle Felting Workshop** at Stoneleigh Village Hall on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February. This is a full workshop in which you will be completely introduced to the process and should be well on the way to creating a finished work at the end. For further details please contact Virginia Murphy direct at [virginiamurphy53@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:virginiamurphy53@yahoo.co.uk)

**March AGM** will be at Stoneleigh Village Hall but have no confirmed dates yet.

**New for 2019 - 'Drop-in' Sessions.** Starting shortly, we are going to be holding 'drop-in' sessions at a venue in Earlsdon, Coventry, once a month alternating between Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We will be open from 1pm until 4pm, where members (and guests) can drop-in at any time to meet each other, have a chat and a coffee and share their artwork. Further details and a map in the next issue of Brushstrokes.

Still awaiting confirmation for:

**Tuesday 15th January**

**Wednesday 13th February**

**Tuesday 12th March**

**Wednesday 10th April**

**Tuesday 14th May**

There will be a small charge to cover teas etc and for the theatre, probably £2 (£1 each).

### Warwickshire Open Studios

**Warwickshire Open Studios** (WOS) event will take place from 15<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019. Since it began in 2002 it has always been open to all – from passionate amateurs to professional artists. It is a FREE event, which in 2018 attracted over 33,000 visits to the 138 venues and in excess of £300,000 in art sales. As a celebration of the variety, range and quality of visual art that can be found across Coventry and Warwickshire, it includes paintings, photography, textiles, installations, ceramics, glassware, stoneware, jewellery, drawings, printmaking and metalwork. **Registration is now open** for the 2019 Summer Open Studios. You can sign up for this – and pay for your 2019 membership – any time until 31st January 2019. Visit the website and follow the instructions at: [www.wostudios.org](http://www.wostudios.org).

### CWASA Annual Exhibition

A date for your diary. The Annual is booked for August 2019. It will be on 28<sup>th</sup> August to 22<sup>nd</sup> September at East Lodge Gallery in Leamington Spa. Full details will be available soon.

## It's the CWSA CHRISTMAS Lunch



This year's Christmas lunch was held at the **Clarendon Arms, Kenilworth** in their downstairs Snug Room and a good time seems to have been had by all!



## Talisman Theatre

Collection from the Talisman theatre is this Thursday (10th Jan) at 10 am. We are not putting up a new exhibition this time so don't worry, you haven't missed anything. It is just collection. We will be back with another show around March/April time. Details to come soon.

## Warwickshire Art – What's on Locally

**LSA** LSA Members' work is on show in the beautiful and relaxed surroundings of Temperance Café during January.

**The Farthing Gallery** is a contemporary Craft Gallery and workshop space. It is set in the beautiful old 'High Street', Kenilworth just a stone's throw away from the Historic Kenilworth Castle. Selling high quality British designed and made, craft and art work.

**Art in the Park** - Applications are now open if you're thinking about exhibiting at Art in the Park in August. You have until 1st February to get your application in. So to help you decide, we've come up with some 'festival facts' about last year. Be Part of It - apply at <https://www.artinpark.co.uk> #AITP2019 Please share with anyone who you think may be interested.

- Almost 7000 people follow us on social media
- In 2018 we welcomed over 40,000 people to the exhibition

## What's on at the Talisman, Kenilworth

**The Weekend** by Michael Palin. *Michael Palin's much acclaimed stage play invites us to a 'family gathering'. World-weary Stephen Febble does his best to be difficult. When his daughter, her dreary husband Alan, their precocious child and the dog come to stay for the weekend, it's enough to make him reach for the whisky!* Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February to Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February – each evening at 7.30 pm.

## Local Art and Craft Classes

Susan Moore, Art Classes and Workshops Tel 07745 144 922 [www.susan-moore.co.uk](http://www.susan-moore.co.uk)

Tanya Kozin, Art Classes and Workshops mail: [Tatiana.kozin@gmail.com](mailto:Tatiana.kozin@gmail.com) [www.tanyakozin.com](http://www.tanyakozin.com)

Jacqui Smithson, Felting Workshops. Mail: [Jacqui.a.smithson@gmail.com](mailto:Jacqui.a.smithson@gmail.com) [www.jacquismithson.com](http://www.jacquismithson.com)

Virginia Murphy, Art and Design Courses <http://www.virginiamurphy.co.uk> 07833 353872

For the latest information visit: <http://www.covwarsocart.co.uk>

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