



# Coventry and Warwickshire Society of Artists

## Brushstrokes Bulletin

Editor - Cliff Vince August 2020

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As we move on in this ever-changing environment we are adapting as an arts society. Zoom Workshops have been well attended and we are learning what works best and we will be continuing to adapt and try and bring the best available content to the members in these difficult times.

Tina has sent out to our members a request for entries in our first virtual exhibition (details below) and many art societies are also taking to the internet to give their members as much exposure as possible

Coventry City Council is collating an artist register, the specifics of which are detailed below, get yourself registered if you want to actively join in and help construct art for the City of Culture year.

The CASE exhibition for early next year has the go ahead from the Herbert, a bit of good news, but probably there will be a few changes, especially the opening night, and probably Zoom orientated. We will send out details later in the year.

The CWSA Annual's usual venue East Lodge in Leamington. is closed until next year so we on the committee are looking at other options.

The Littlehurst Garden Centre Cafe is now open, we will update you if there is to be a change-round of the art currently on display.

There have been a few painting & sketching mornings out at Fillongley and Berkswell, and there are more to come. Any member who would like to recommend a venue, just get in touch with us and we will arrange it. I have put a piece in on the Jane Powell Graphic Art Award, and my vision on the creation of the Award.

### CWSA Poster Competition

There is still time for you to enter the 'CWSA Poster Competition' for the best poster design. A £50 Art Gift Voucher to be awarded to the winning entry. (Judge's decision to be final.) **Cut off date is 30<sup>th</sup> September!**

We are preparing for 'post' lock-down with a new poster design that can be reproduced (print on demand) as A3 and A4 posters, and reduced in size for smaller leaflets/cards we can leave on tables at exhibitions. It should include the CWSA logo of elephant and bear.

The text below is for guidance only and you may change / improve. We look forward to your ideas and designs

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- 1) *Coventry & Warwickshire Society of Artists*
- 2) **BOLD: ART EXHIBITION**
- 3) *Leave space for venue and dates*

*Small Text*

- 4) *If you wish to purchase a work please contact: (SPACE)*

*The Coventry and Warwickshire Society of Artists welcomes new members of all abilities.*

*Free membership 16-21 year olds.*

*We exhibit in Art Galleries and Unusual Places, hold Workshops and Demonstrations.*

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## Update on current Exhibitions

Criterion Theatre <https://www.criteriontheatre.co.uk/> and the Talisman Theatre awaiting an update. <https://talismantheatre.co.uk>. The Talisman Theatre will be closed for the rest of this year, so planned exhibitions will be on hold.

## City of Culture 2021

*Improving spaces in Coventry city centre - artist database callout*

If you are interested in getting involved yourself or just want to be identified as a working Artist in Coventry and Warwickshire then add yourself to the City of Culture art database.

Having read the pdf (link below) it looks like by registering you are offering to help out if what they want creating suits your skills, you will be asked if you are able to participate and help out. So, if you are interested in putting yourself out there, have a go! Here's the [link](#)

*Arts project grants*

*Small project grants for public facing arts and culture activities*

**Deadline: 11 September 2020, midday.**

Coventry City Council has the objective to increase access to cultural activities, especially amongst those least likely to participate. To support this objective, the Arts and Culture team are launching a new grant scheme for organisations in the sector to deliver projects that will enable more Coventry residents to participate in the cultural life of the city in 2020/21.

The fund has a total value of £72,000 and grants ranging from £5,000 to £12,000 will be awarded.

Projects must be primarily for the public delivery of arts and culture activities and enable all members of our community to access and participate in culture. Applications for projects that will reach those who are already under-represented in the cultural life of Coventry will be prioritized, as the City seeks to ensure that cultural inequality is addressed. Here's the [link](#)

## What's On and Things of Interest



Professional visual artists from around the UK will be showing their latest work in the UK Artists Exhibition 2020 [Arts Trail Gallery venue](#). UK Artists provides an exciting opportunity for its members to showcase their talents in this annual exhibition. On display at the Arts Trail Gallery, Royal Priors, Leamington Spa will be an eclectic mix of contemporary and traditional artwork: painting, sculpture, printmaking, mixed media, pastel, photography and ceramics. All artwork is for sale. There is over £300 worth of prizes for the best artworks as judged by an independent panel. Visitors to the exhibition may also choose their favourite artwork.

<https://broadwayartsfestival.com/art-competition/> 2020 ART COMPETITION & ONLINE SELLING EXHIBITION

<http://www.whobidarts.co.uk/exhibition.html> Westward Ho! & Bideford Art Society 98th Annual Exhibition 16th May - 31st Dec 2020

<https://www.artsy.net/show/uk-artists-solitude> Solitude

An exhibition conveying the many different situations and emotions brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic. Curated from work on the UK Artists online gallery [ukartistsonline.com](http://ukartistsonline.com) by Tammy Woodrow Artist/Curator.

<https://www.dronfieldartsfestival.co.uk/product-category/open-art/> Dronfield online Open art Exhibition

<https://paisleyartinstitute.co.uk/exhibitions/pai-132-online/> 132<sup>nd</sup> Paisley Art Institute Online Exhibition

## Plein-Air Painting & Sketching Mornings



We have been blessed with some lovely weather for our sketching mornings, so far Fillongly and Berkswell both venues had plenty of sketching subject matter here are a few of the photos of the sketching mornings. We will be holding more so if you are free get involved it's a bit of fun.



## Zoom Art Demonstrations

We had two 'Mark Warner' artist demonstrations on Zoom. Both sessions were well attended, Mark showed us how he uses Acrylic paint, very expressive the way he used colour and the texture of the paint, to convey features within a landscape painting. It was a very fresh way of painting, looking at extreme colours like bright orange and then paint over to lessen its intensity.

Looking at the picture he was painting in the demonstration, it looks the same as the finished painting I found on Google, when I did a search on his work. But from this snapshot of his work you can see his very colourful style.



## Art Offer



Great Art (supplier of art materials) have a special offer running from 17th August - 30th September. £10 off discount if you spend £49 or more.

Discount code: GREATART



[www.greatart.co.uk](http://www.greatart.co.uk)

## Jane Powell Graphic Arts Award by Cliff Vince

When we have our next Annual CWSA Exhibition there will be a new award presented for the best graphic/ draughted works of Art. Jane Powell had a long association with the CWSA and Jane taught art in the local community, Janes key area in art was in Drawing and Graphics, so it's quite fitting to have this award in her name. As I got to know Jane, I thought I would volunteer to create a sculpture that would be fitting for this Award.

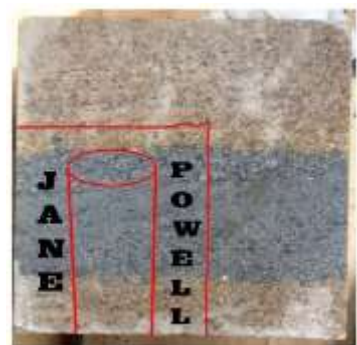
I will go through how I design the award and what I do to create a sculpture.

I did a small trophy last year for my Fantasy Football Trophy, which was well received it was of an American Football on a triangular base made from Ancaster weatherbed blue Limestone.



Here are the preliminary sketches of the Award along with a 3D model made from Modelling foam. The one that I made is missing the two side pieces where Janes name will go.

Then I looked at what stone would be suitable for the cup and pencil design. I need something that is hard, as the pencil form will be a little fragile, Alabaster would be ok but then the lettering will be difficult to read as most Alabaster in the UK is white. There is some coloured alabaster available in the UK, but it is rare and more expensive. Probably the cost of the stone that I need is around £10 in Blue Ancaster, then white Alabaster would be around £30, then a piece of coloured Alabaster £60. The size is quite small so I may be able to find a piece from one of the stone merchants around the UK. As a back-up I have this piece of Ancaster Blue Weatherbed, quarried in Lincolnshire. The blue band isn't long enough for the lettering as it is. But there is the depth of the material to play with so I can tip the block on an angle. The block needed is 15x12.5x7.5cm the density of the material is around 2.3Kg/mm<sup>3</sup> so the block will weight 3.2Kg



finished piece about 1.5-1.7Kg.

If I can get a piece of coloured Alabaster then this will reduce the time to make it as with the Alabaster, I could probably make this in 4-6 hours, but out of the Ancaster Blue probably 20-25 hours. This is due to the hardness of the stone and it is small and more tricky to hold while you're cutting. TBC! Cliff

## CWSA Virtual Exhibition – Awaiting your Entries!

We intend to create our own Virtual Exhibition. Once all the entries are received, we aim to have a members only Zoom meeting to launch a private view – your input to this will be very much appreciated. **Cut off date is 4<sup>th</sup> September** – don't be late!

The Exhibition would then be set up as a link to YouTube from our website and on Facebook, this means it would be available to the general public and who knows, potential buyers!

To maximise the chances of success, and to ensure fairness, please note the following points:

- Members can submit photos taken with a camera or mobile phone (or flat-bed scanned images) of a maximum of 2 pieces of artwork (can be paintings, sketches, sculpture, textiles) by email.
- There is no submission fee.
- Ideally each file should be named: "Artist Name - Title", for example "Tina Watkins - Blue Pig in Field", then the price, size (framed or unframed) and medium.
- If the photos are taken on a phone it may not be possible to change the filename, so please include the detail in your email, making it clear which Title relates to which image.
- Optionally, you may add one sentence of narrative. We reserve the right to shorten any sentences that are too long!



- Please email the files to Tina Watkins. Click [here](#) to email. You can send the 2 files on a single email, or send multiple emails.
- Each submission will be acknowledged.
- The cut off is [11pm](#) on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September**. Entries received after that time will be ignored.
- Depending on the number of entries, we may not be able to include all the items, but we aim to include at least one image for every member who submits.

If you need any help with sending files please contact Tina on the link above.

## Workshops and Art Classes

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