Coventry and Warwickshire Society of Artists

Brushstrokes Bulletin

January 2020

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR MEMBERS

Editorial - Cliff Vince

The start of another creative year, lots to get involved with this winter. We have a new venue for workshops and events at the Westlake Room in Balsall Common. There's a good line up of workshops and events already organised and then we have a refresh of the exhibition space at Littlehurst Nursery tea room, which resulted in a sale by Virginia Murphy – Well Done! And of course, there's the ongoing drop-in meetings at the Criterion Theatre.

If any of you fancy creating any 3D Garden Sculptures there's a great exhibition at Kingham Lodge, I've attached details, it's a good day out, beautiful gardens with an interesting Exhibition of sculptures. I've added a few pictures of when I exhibited there in 2018.

I will be back in the UK later in the year, not much artistic work being done out here in Vietnam. So, I'm looking forward to working with my hands for a change, give my brain a rest! Let the creative fun begin, Cliff

Society News for 2020

New meeting hall at Westlake Room, Balsall Common Village Hall.

This room will be booked on a regular monthly basis on the second Thursday of each month. 10 - 3 pm. The room is booked Feb and March. The room is light and airy, often used by artists, so no worry if you spill paint! Please email Susan to confirm you will be coming. Bring your lunch, and your own mug. Tea and coffee provided.

Tina will shortly be sending members a questionnaire via SurveyMonkey within your email for feedback about what you would like the CWSA to provide. This Survey is a well-known and respected method of creating a review so don't worry that it is spam. Please spend a few minutes completing the form when it arrives. Any concerns email Tina tina.watkins@ntlworld.com.

2021 - Coventry City of Culture is something to look forward to. Unfortunately, the meetings I/we attended gave little information about what the City is actually organising or providing for visual artists. We have the facility now to borrow (indoor) exhibition stands. Please keep a lookout for places and events we can exhibit in. All ideas welcome. susan.k.moore@btinternet.com

Programme Dates for your Diary

Saturday 18th January: Fish & Chip lunch at Stoneleigh Village Hall. Fish & Chips, plus chat, plus bring in your work in progress for support and crit. Also bring in your old (unwanted) **Art Books for Book Exchange**.

Tuesday 21st January 3pm. Take down exhibition at Littlehurst Garden Centre, Keresley.

Tuesday 28th January 3pm. Hang new exhibition at Littlehurst Garden Centre. You will have already received submission forms but due to the shortage of time - please email susan.k.moore@btinternet.com phone:01676 541866 with details a.s.a.p., and bring your submission form with you on Tuesday 28th January.

Tuesday 4th Feb. BEGINNERS: Portrait Workshop in Fillongley. £8. to include model.
This will only go ahead if there are enough members to support. Please email Susan if you want a place.

Thursday 13th February. PAINTING DAY - Pastel workshop, 10am - 3pm. Westlake Room, Balsall Common. £6. (+ materials if required). We don't need you to book - but please confirm your place by emailing

Thursday 12th March. PAINTING DAY - Portrait workshop, 10am - 3pm Westlake Room, Balsall Common. £6. (+ contribution to model). Please confirm your place by emailing

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How you can help your Society

SHARING:

Most experienced artists have skills and knowledge they can pass on. If you are prepared to help run a workshop or do a demonstration, please let Susan know susan.k.moore@btinternet.com

WORKING TEAMS - We need more help. Please volunteer for a team.

You don't need to be on the committee, and just occasionally when you can.

EXHIBITION TEAM

Committee Member: Jacqui Smithson jacqui.a.smithson@gmail.com

Help organising and hanging exhibitions. Look for new places to exhibit. Let's take our art to unusual places!

EVENTS TEAM

Committee Member: Paul Chokran paulchokran@hotmail.com

i.e. Christmas lunch, Fish & Chip lunch, Criterion drop-ins. etc.

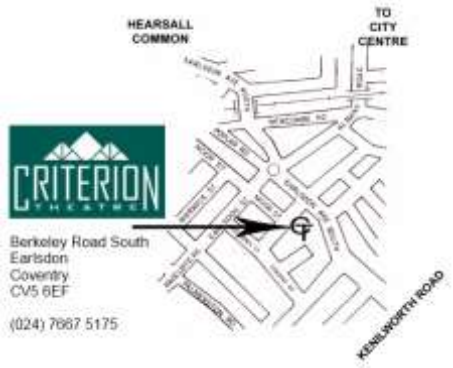
ART WORKSHOP TEAM susan.k.moore@btinternet.com

Help to organise, make tea/coffees on workshop painting days at Westlake Room, etc.

TRIPS - SKETCHING OUTINGS TEAM

Help to organise, IDEAS for summer painting trips, minibus to other places and exhibitions.

Drop in @ the Criterion Theatre



'Drop-in' Sessions. Our 'drop-in' sessions are held at the Criterion Theatre, Earlsdon, Coventry. Future drop-in dates are:

Wednesday 12th February
Tuesday 10th March
Wednesday 15th April
Tuesday 12th May
Wednesday 17th June

The theatre is 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. The next session is on 14th January. Paul Chokran has arranged for future demos to be held on the informal drop-in days. Next demos are: Wed. 12th Feb: 2pm. Janet Cheary and Tues 10th March: Jacqui Smithson.

Local Exhibitions @ Talisman Theatre and Loft Theatre

TALISMAN Kenilworth.

Our next exhibition will run during February – more information shortly.

WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION; Monday 3rd Feb – Sat 8th Feb. A young man is accused of murdering a rich widow, the stakes are high with shocking witness testimony and impassioned outbursts from the dock as he fights to escape the hangman. The jury's verdict is only the beginning of this story in Agatha Christies gripping tale of justice, passion and betrayal.

LOFT THEATRE – Leamington Spa

Our next exhibition will run from **26th Feb 2020 to 7th March 2020**. Full details will be with you shortly

Coventry Open Exhibition @ The Herbert – call for entries

COVENTRY OPEN - HERBERT ART GALLERY

Entry forms have to be in to the Herbert by **15th February 2020**.

Maximum of 2 works. £5 per entry.

Work must have been made after Feb 2018.

The entry form should be submitted with your work and Entry Fee to the Herbert Art Gallery & Museum on **Saturday 15 February 2020, 10.00am – 3.30pm**.

Applicants: Artists must be aged 18 or over and living, studying or working in the West Midlands region: Herefordshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire, the Metropolitan districts of Birmingham, Coventry, Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton.

Eligibility of work: Work produced in any medium is welcome, including painting, drawing, print, sculpture, textiles, photography and film.

Work submitted must be original and the artist must undertake that they hold all moral and intellectual property rights in that work and that the work does not infringe the moral and intellectual property rights belonging to any third party.

Work must have been made after February 2018. Culture Coventry reserves the right to exclude work that poses a health and safety risk or is deemed inappropriate in content. Entry Fee: A **maximum of two works** may be submitted at £5 per work.

Sculpture at Kingham Lodge

Once again Sculpture at Kingham Lodge will take place during North Oxfordshire Artweeks, previewing on **7th May and running to 17th May** 2020 and we are delighted to invite you to exhibit with us.

During our 4 previous biennial shows we have been visited by thousands of people, selling over £310,000 of sculpture and raising over £150,000 for charity. We aim to continue building on this success with high profile media coverage and increased visitor numbers generating larger sales and charitable donations.

We will need details of exhibits by the end of March. We require all large pieces to be on site by Saturday 4th April and all smaller pieces by Monday 27th April. Search online or contact Cliff for further details. 313vince@gmail.com

CWSA Christmas Lunch

We all met up at the Clarendon Arms in Kenilworth to be ushered into our very private room! The meal was excellent as was the wine! During lots of Christmas Pud we all attempted to answer the quiz Jacqui had brought for our enjoyment – or rather our confusion!

Not sure any of us really knew many of the answers but it was fun and lovely to catch up with old friends. Cliff missed a good meal and a lot of Christmas amusement – next up is the fish and chip lunch on Saturday!

Local Art and Craft Classes

Susan Moore, Art Classes and Workshops Tel 07745 144 922 www.susan-moore.co.uk
Tanya Kozin, Art Classes and Workshops mail: Tatiana.kozin@gmail.com www.tanyakozin.com
Jacqui Smithson, Felting Workshops. Mail: Jacqui.a.smithson@gmail.com www.jacquismithson.com
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