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COVENTRY AND WARWICKSHIRE SOCIETY OF ARTISTS

PERFECT WEATHER FOR ART IN THE PARK

Art in the Park, Jephson Gardens, Leamington Spa, 1st /2nd August was as promised a weekend of Art, Creativity, Inspiration and Fun, and, what's more, two days of sun!! From 10am 'til 6pm each day a crowds emerged representing a wide range of ages and ethnicity eager to join in activities such as drumming, dancing, community painting, clay pot making. Over 85 Exhibiting Artists with a high standard of artwork kept people's interest and many came back to buy items on the Sunday, including from our tent. We were also



pleased to make contact with artists for future CWSA workshops.



Our CWSA exhibition drew plenty of interest and was successful in selling several pieces of artwork, including many of the very attractive greeting cards. We had been grateful for the help from our Kenilworth Rotarian friends to put up the display stands. In return we shared our surrounding space with their charity collection for the Disaster Shelter Box.

A constant flow of children, with help from family members, enjoyed cutting, colouring and folding animal shapes with the card, templates, scissors and crayons freely provided. Once their offspring were engrossed many parents were able to peruse the artwork inside the tent. Method in our madness?

A lot of hard work planning and organising but, all in all, we felt it was a well worth involvement. Sheila Karran

THE COVENTRY ARTS CONSORTIUM

By now you all should have received your submission form for this year's Coventry Arts Consortium exhibition at the Herbert Art Gallery. This is a very prestigious event and is the thirteenth exhibition of work by artists from four local art societies. The exhibition will showcase new work in a variety of themes, artistic styles and techniques. It will be held from 17th October until 1st November, with handing in day being Saturday 10th October. Official opening is on Friday 16th October 6.30pm – 8.00pm. Collection is Monday 2nd November between 12 and 3.30pm and Tuesday 3rd November from 10 until 3.30 pm.

Volunteers are needed to help on Handing In Day, if you can help please contact Susan Moore. Details are on the form. Our selection panel representative is Jacqui Smithson. UN-SELECTED WORK - you can 'phone Jacqui between 2.45 - 3.15pm to see if you need to collect work on: **07958 516371**

THE FORM MUST BE RETURNED BY SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

ACRYLIC PAINTING WORKSHOP WITH JAN GAY- July



First of all Jan devoted about 30 minutes in giving us a good demonstration on colour mixing from the primary colours, dividing into cool colours and warm colours and how to mix a brown and grey. She used white to lighten her mixed colours. All very simply presented.

We then had to start our own piece, adopting her use of colour mixing if we wished. Some worked from a still life or worked from their own photos or sketches. Jan came round to all of us in turn to give advice on our own pictures. We would like to invite her again to perhaps work on portraits. We will have to find our own sitter though. Any volunteers!



PAPERCUT WORKSHOP WITH SARAIS CRAWSHAW - SEPTEMBER

Sarais is from the Rugby area and paints wild life and wild places in her local countryside as well as Wales, Scotland and Northumberland.

She paints mainly in acrylic or soft pastel. She also does woodcuts, and linocuts. Recently she has started to experiment with paper cut, enjoying the challenge. She would like to share her new skills with us. Sarais exhibits at game and country Fairs. She has won TWSASI's Christopher Parsons award for artistic excellence in 2007 and 2009. Also the St Cuthbert Mill award for best work on paper in 2015.

She plans to make one paper cut of A4 or A3 size. Your subject will be one or more animals, wildlife or domestic.



UPCOMING WORKSHOPS and DEMOS

PAPER CUTTING WITH SARAIS CRAWSHAW – September

Tuesday September 15 10.00 – 1pm (maximum 14 people) at Stoneleigh, Village Hall. Details have been sent out recently.

PENS, INKS, WAX AND WATERCOLOURS WITH CLAIRE BOTTERILL – October

Saturday October 10th 10.00 – 1 pm. Stoneleigh Village Hall – Details will be sent out nearer the date.


LINO PRINTING AND FELTING – November

Details to be sent out nearer the date.

ART BARN EXHIBITION – Canvas and Clay

Jan Gay who many of you will remember from her workshop in July is participating in an exhibition to be held at the Art Barn at the old Rectory, Preston Bagot, Henley in Arden on October 10th – 25th with a preview on Friday 9th October from 6 – 9pm.

The converted barn, which is located in the grounds of the Old Rectory bed and breakfast in Preston Bagot, will also display the works by Rob Hand, David Hawthorne, Jill Oliver, Alison Tyldesley and Brian Fletcher. Guest student Emma Kilby.



Opening Hours:
10am-6pm

Enquiries:
Old Rectory
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October 10 - 25
Preview: Friday, 9 October, 6-9pm

Canvas & Clay

Paintings:
Brian Fletcher,
Jan Gay,
David Hawthorne,
Alison Tyldesley

Ceramics:
Rob Hand,
Jill Oliver
Guest student
Emma Kilby

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THE GALLERY – A NEW EXHIBITION

Since opening its doors in autumn last year the Gallery, Kenilworth is fast becoming a popular place to eat and drink. It has a light and airy gallery upstairs with a bar area downstairs boasting walls adorned with fabulous art works by local, national and international artists.

We will be showing a new exhibition in all areas of The Gallery from 20th September 2015 until 15th of November 2015. The title for the new show will be 'In the Mix'. This will be a mixed media show focusing on colours and texture with a theme of your choice.

We are looking to select around 50 pieces of work for this show in the upstairs and downstairs areas. There will be a selection process taking place. We would ask that anyone interested in submitting work should in the first instance email up to three images with details of medium and dimensions plus a short profile about themselves and their work to both caraleoniepickering@gmail.com (Marketing Executive) and Jacqui.a.smithson@gmail.com (Gallery Manager) by **14th September 2015**. Successful applicants will be informed via email by 16th September 2015. The Gallery will make the final decision.

*There will be a hanging fee of £4 per piece which will be payable by cash or cheque once selection has been made. *A 20% commission will be taken by The Gallery on any sales.

Please contact us via email if you have any questions in the meantime regarding this opportunity. Cara Pickering and Jacqui Smithson. Full details enclosed with this newsletter.

Would Artists collecting unsold work from the current 'In Person' exhibition please pick up their work between 12.00pm and 1.00pm on 20th September.

DEASIL ART GALLERY – NANCY UPSHALL

A hugely successful one woman show, with justifiably many sales. Nancy Upshall's Retrospective Exhibition was from Sat. 11th-Weds 29th July at the Deasil Art Gallery in Oxford St. Leamington Spa. The Private View was enthusiastically attended on the evening of Friday 10th. For two and a half weeks we've had access to Nancy's inspirational and technically skilled artwork over several decades. Those who were able to be there on Sunday afternoons were treated to Nancy's explanation regarding her sources of inspiration, often with humorous inferences; her various technical approaches and her fascination with colour and shape. A veritable CWSA star.



SKETCH COVENTRY



About a dozen of us this time gathered on Saturday 8th in The Herbert cafe 10.30-11a.m. before moving off to find interesting views to sit and sketch in the sun. Two settled in Broadgate where crowds flocked to watch characters from the Imagineers group with the massive Lady Godiva puppet and various other amazing pedal powered vehicles and street entertainers etc. With that and the sun, what a bonus! Tradition is that we gather again at 12.30 upstairs in Drapers, opposite the Herbert, for a lunch and sharing of sketching efforts. Then, for those who wish, it's back to try out a different view for an hour or so.

Meeting every second Saturday each month it's a great opportunity to chat and make new friends. Anyone interested is most welcome. It's great when new people join in each time we meet.

The next few Sketch Coventry dates...

Saturday 12th September

This happens to be coincide with Heritage Day initiated by The Herbert so this will be a chance to sketch places that aren't normally open to the public.

Saturday 10th October, Saturday 14th November, Saturday 12th December

Hope to see you there – Sheila Karran

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Advertise Your Artwork on Our Website

Don't forget, you can advertise your artwork with a small bio on our website. I can also advertise any local art groups, art demos and any arty type events there too. Let me know too if you would like a forum which you could access and give out information and knowledge about forthcoming art opportunities. Send me your images by email and your views on a web forum. Tina tina.watkins47@outlook.com

Events Diary

**September - Paper Cutting - Sarais
Crawshall** – Tuesday September 15
10.00 – 1pm at Stoneleigh, Village Hall.

Saturday October 10th 10.00 – 1 pm.
Stoneleigh Village Hall – Details will be
sent out nearer the date.

The Gallery – Art Exhibition 20th
September – 15th November.

Lino Printing and Felting – November
– details to be sent out nearer the date.

**October - Pens, Inks, Wax and
Watercolours with Claire Botterill –**

Christmas Party – December
Full details will be sent out nearer the

Deasil Art Gallery – Jane Powell



-THE ART OF DESIGN -
from August 21—September 11 2015
Opening times

Wednesday-Saturday 11-5 Sunday-2-4

See this painting 'Reflective', plus three other works
by Jane Powell, at DEASIL ART GALLERY, The
Warehouse, Oxford Street, Leamington Spa.

This is a very interesting and enjoyable Art Exhibition
by several artists working in a variety of media.

Art Materials Live

For the 10th year, ART MATERIALS LIVE will be running at the NEC in Birmingham, from Thursday 5th to Sunday 8th November 2015 as part of the Hobbycrafts show, the creative crafts extravaganza in the UK. Art Materials-Live at the NEC Birmingham is the perfect place for all art fans to enjoy a day totally devoted to their hobby. Learn first-hand from the professionals, stock up on fresh supplies and view some stunning displays from well-respected industry experts. There are plenty of FREE Workshops and Demonstrations to take part in that you will be sure to come away having learnt something new!

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