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COVENTRY AND WARWICKSHIRE SOCIETY OF ARTISTS

WATERSIDE GALLERY

The opening night at a new venue, the WATERSIDE GALLERY went very well. Many thanks to Anna who found this exciting venue. Huge thanks also go to Jacqui and Janet for setting up and taking down. David Balan (the gallery owner) was very supportive of our efforts and retained six paintings from Jackie Terrett, Janet Cheary, Gill Buick, Michael Ryman and Jacqui Smithson to put in his main gallery. Nothing was sold but David was pleased with the public reaction to the exhibition. Well done to those of you who made the effort to attend the private view as this was outside of our usual area.



The favourite painting slips were counted and there were two joint winners, Jackie Terrett and Lionel Bull. Congratulations both!

THE GALLERY



Previously The Gallery (art and wine), The Gallery has had a change of name and is now under new ownership. Ben and Cara are very keen on making The Gallery a special art venue, promoting local artists and being much more proactive than the previous owners. Our May / June Nature exhibition showed CWSA paintings along with others so was not exclusive to us but looked very good. Edith Whatling sold a piece in the Nature exhibition. Well done Edith!

The next exhibition entitled 'In person' will be starting on 19th July when the Nature exhibition will be taken down. This is open to all artists. **The opening evening is to be held t Friday 26th June.** You should have all received your invite and submission forms via email, if not, please contact Jacqui Smithson ASAP.

THE LOFT THEATRE

Bill Squires sold two paintings at the Loft Theatre and Margaret Coles sold one, well done to both. Lionel Bull is now at the Loft Theatre, so good luck Lionel, you sold last time you were there so here's hoping it happens again. Lionel is followed by Cynthia then Neil Adcock and Cathy Renkin take over, this will bring our exhibitions at the Loft Theatre up to May 2016.



ART IN THE PARK

As you all know by now, we are definitely exhibiting at Art in the Park this year and we think it could be our most exciting venture this year! All members who wish to exhibit, must also commit to stewarding the exhibition for a minimum of one hour but more would be great. If you can't do it yourself do please ask someone else to do it for you. Come along, bring your paints and easel and paint, the public love to watch and admire. To clarify the costs; it was **£8** before 15th June and **£10** before 30th June **per artist** not per painting or piece of artwork. You can submit as many paintings or pieces of artwork as you wish. Do please contact Anna for any further information. Anyone who has overpaid will be reimbursed. Flyers for this event are included with this newsletter.

SILK PAINTING WORKSHOP - May

Those of you who attended this workshop will know what a lovely one it was, everyone produced at least one work of art and some did three or four. Lesley was an excellent and enthusiastic tutor and found time to help us all, the results were very varied and colourful.

The technique was very interesting with Lesley providing 'paint pens' to outline and 'draw' with, then a variety of coloured ink paints to fill in the gaps. It was quite exciting to see the paint fill in just to the area outlined. All very creative indeed! A superb session, thank you Lesley.



TOM SHEPHERD OIL AND ACRYLIC WORKSHOP - June

Starting with a 35minute demonstration Tom talked through the process of painting in layers, with the thinnest paint mixed with white spirit to the final layer of pure paint, always leaving the lightest areas to be added at the end.

We then enthusiastically had a go with our own chosen photo/subject which proved slightly more difficult than it sounded. However with Tom's patience and encouragement we all achieved passable efforts. Several were definitely frame worthy! We're thinking of asking him back again, maybe to focus on a particular subject e.g. animals or crowds of people. If anyone any suggestions, please let us know.



ACRYLIC PAINTING WORKSHOP WITH JAN GAY- July

A new CWSA workshop to be held on July 29th Wednesday 10.30am to 1.30 pm. at The Kenilworth Centre, Abbey End Carpark Kenilworth CV8 1QJ. Jan will discuss and demonstrate colour and colour mixing with acrylics. Bring your own subject matter – sketches and photos. (A photo copy of photos to show tones is a good idea). Also bring along your primary colours and a large tube of white + yellow ochre or raw sienna.

Birmingham based Jan has studied Fine Art and Ceramics at Eastbourne Teacher Training College. Jan says she enjoys the 'powerful use of colour and immediacy of mark making..... "my real passion is for the creative journey and a desire to produce visually stimulating art, expressing the way I view the world". Jan has a studio in Solihull and exhibits at the Royal Birmingham Society of Artists as well as other galleries. I am sure we will learn a lot from this very experienced artist. Attendance forms have been sent recently but if you have missed it please let me know. Tina

ART IN THE PARK - August

Saturday 1st August 11.am – 6pm and Sunday 2nd August 10am – 6pm in Jephson Gardens, Leamington Spa. Come and exhibit or just visit our exclusive 20ft x 20ft Pagoda!

PAPER CUTTING WITH SARAI'S CRAWSHALL – September

Tuesday September 15 10.00 – 1pm (maximum 14 people) at Stoneleigh, Village Hall. Details will be sent out shortly.

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

November– details to be sent out nearer the date.

SHEILA KARRANS' HEAD

David at Waterside Gallery asked if I could do a mask to advertise the gallery. The only space to put it is over a drainpipe at the bottom of the staircase next to The Works. (Not for dosh but for advertising my work!)

All went well until the final firing when the scroll bit split. My calligraphy eye is sad about the dodgy lack of parallel lines between the L and E, after the repair. Poly filler etc. Hopefully only calligraphers will gasp with horror. Sheila



WARWICKSHIRE OPEN STUDIOS – OPENING THIS WEEKEND

Warwickshire Open Studios opens this weekend. <http://www.warwickshireopenstudios.org/> 27th June to Sunday 12th July marks the 15th anniversary of Warwickshire Open Studios. It has grown to become the biggest exhibition of unique and original art and craft with over 229 artists and makers in 120 venues in and around the towns and villages of our leafy county. From painting to printmaking and photography, there's lots on offer for every taste and budget. Entry is free to all our venues.

DEASIL ART GALLERY - NANCY UPSHALL - RETROSPECTIVE



At last after many months of effort and a great many Latte planning sessions, the two Kates who have been working for many years in the art industry have together just opened their new gallery, the **Deasil Art Gallery** at The Warehouse, 44 Oxford Street, Leamington Spa.

One of the first to exhibit is our own Nancy Upshall. She is holding a solo retrospective there **on Friday 10th July for 3 weeks until 31st July.**

Nancy will be at the Gallery each Sunday afternoon during the exhibition to talk about her work. Do pop along and see some of her exciting work and perhaps get a glimpse into her ideas of manipulating space.

SKETCH COVENTRY



Not a CWSA exclusive event but for anyone who enjoys drawing – all welcome! No charge!

An informal get together for mutual support and encouragement every 2nd Saturday in the month at 10.30pm. Dates arranged so far are; August 8th, September 12th and November 15th.

Look afresh at Coventry's cityscape, and learn from each other. No tuition, just turn up and sketch in whatever medium you prefer. All levels welcome – don't be shy!

- Come for the whole day or just a morning or afternoon session.
- You might like to bring a lightweight stool or mat to sit on – up to you!

We meet the second Saturday of the month at 10.30 am. in the cafe at the Herbert Art Gallery. Lunchtime we meet there again at 12.30 to share the mornings sketches.

The afternoon session finished at 3.30 in Drapers (nearby) for refreshments and more looking at each other's sketchbooks.

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Please email Jeanette or Chris to make sure the Saturday you want to go is happening!

Back page bits

BACK PAGE NEWS

NEWSLETTER EDITOR VACANCY

Unfortunately due to family commitments Janet Cheary has had to resign from the committee and is unable to continue producing the newsletter. I have stepped in to help in the meantime but as I am now living out of the county cannot really produce first-hand information. Would anyone who has any interest in taking on this role please contact myself tina.watkins47@outlook.com or anyone on the committee. It's a really interesting position and its fun to see your words up in lights!!

Events Diary

July – Jan Gay Acrylics to be held on July 29th Wednesday 10.30am to 1.30 pm. at The Kenilworth Centre, Abbey End Carpark Kenilworth CV8 1QJ.

August - Art in the Park

Saturday 1st August 11.am – 6pm and Sunday 2nd August 10am – 6pm in Jephson Gardens, Leamington Spa.

September - Paper Cutting - Sarais Crawshall – Tuesday September 15 10.00 – 1pm at Stoneleigh, Village Hall. Details will be sent out shortly.

October - Pens, Inks, Wax and

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

For Sale

Our long standing CWSA member, Edna Elwell has moved, leaving some water colour paper and frames to any artist able to make use of them. Donations to the Leukaemia Society. If interested please contact Sheila Karran on 024 76674877 or email sheila.karran@gmail.com

Warwickshire Open Studios - Private view

@ 11, Clarendon Road, Kenilworth. Please come and join me for a glass of something summery between **7pm and 9pm on Friday 3rd July** and browse at the art on show. There will be lots of new work to see including originals, prints and cards. If you can't make the evening itself the exhibition will be open from Wed 1st July through to Sunday 5th July from 10am to 5pm each day. There will be coffee and cake available all day every day too. Jacqui Smithson.

Warwickshire Open Studios – Open Studio

Susan Moore invites you to her 'Open Studio' in Fillongley. Wednesday 8th July - Saturday 11th July. Please come and say helloooo and bring your friends. It's a great time to meet other artists. (Tel. 01676 541866)

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