



HASLEMERE ART SOCIETY

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Welcome to our on-line newsletter with updates about our activities and also a warm welcome to new members who recently joined us.

Since our last Newsletter in May we have had a busy time and I hope that you enjoy what the Society offers. As always we are open for any feedback and/or suggestions.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



After the formalities of the AGM it was time to find the lucky winner of the President's Prize. Members brought a variety of interesting work (theme: "On the Beach") and as Roger was away on one of his teaching trips we let members choose who deserved this wonderful award. Last year's winner David Pattenden was on hand to present it.

Joanne Thomson won with her lovely painting of a family outing on the beach. Runner up was Catherine Bullock with a beautiful collage of Norfolk beach finds.

Please do join us next year for the AGM and bring your art work. The theme that Roger suggests is "The Times are Changing". As Roger says: "This is open to interpretation".

WORKSHOPS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

Julia Cassels workshop in June ("Loose and Lively", watercolour) was hugely popular and Julia will be back next year.

In July Ronnie Ireland's workshop inspired members to paint a "Picture that tells a Story".

In July sculptor Carol Orwin gave a fascinating demonstration, using lots of materials, explaining all about the "Sculptural Processes".

Also in July Lynne Friel's "Preparing Paintings for an Exhibition" was a very lively demonstration with the opportunity to do some hands on experimenting with framing materials. This was a change in the programme and Lynne came back in September for another talk about pigments and colour. Members had great fun grinding pigments and make tempera paints with egg yolks.

In October Will Dyke's talk about lino cutting and printing was most interesting and we enjoyed hearing about his history of printing and watching Will's image of Robinson Crusoe evolve from his first drawing to his final print.

Still to come:

14th November, 2-4pm, Steve Carrol, talk with illustrations on "Abstract".

16th November, workshop with our President Roger Dellar: "Rainy Day with Reflections and Umbrellas". To check available places please contact Sheila Carr, 641243.

PAINTING IN TOWN, 24th August



This is always an enjoyable event and as you can see we were again very lucky with the weather. Roger set up his easel on the High Street Green, others found a spot around town, all to promote the Haslemere Art Society and the September Exhibition. Many thanks to members and supporters who took part. Please join us next year for a spot of "plein air" painting. It really is fun and it is nice to see how the general public appreciates this effort by our members.

125th ANNUAL EXHIBITION, September.

This year, as part of the celebration of our 125th Anniversary, it was an honour to welcome sculptor Philip Jackson, who very kindly agreed to come to our Private View and open the Exhibition with a few words. In his speech Philip painted a picture of what the world looked like in 1894 when the Society was founded. We all appreciated his presence very much.

The Private view was a busy evening with many members, guests, not forgetting the Mayor! Organising the Exhibition was real teamwork, many thanks to all.



Photo courtesy of The Haslemere Herald

Rachel Vitolo, Exhibition Officer, writes:

“What a fantastic standard of exhibits we had again this year with 196 paintings, 60 folios and 42 items of craft, sculpture and ceramics. 22 paintings were sold, 8 folios, 10 ceramics and 4 pieces of jewellery, with total sales £8.424.65.

Allan Thomson was very pleased to choose “Katie” by Mary Howard for the Allan Thomson award. The Ruth Bacmeister award, chosen by the Museum Staff went to Sheila Carr for her painting of “A Rainy Day in Edinburgh”.

This year’s Darlah Peters Award, chosen as favourite item by visitors to the Exhibition, went to Anna Austin with her painting “Sussex Downs”.

Anna’s winning award was closely followed by votes for work by Ronan Walsh, Aviva Rudd, Rachel Vitolo, Clare Bowen, Sheila Carr, Jacque Cooper and Mary Howard. These were all in the “top ten” of votes, with many other artists also receiving admiring and encouraging comments.

Congratulations to Mary, Sheila and Anna and everyone else who took part to make the exhibition such a fantastic event and a big Thank You to our hanging team”.



Allan Thomson and his choice “Katie”



“Sussex Downs”.



“Rainy Day in Edinburgh”

Many thanks to David Culpin who produced, specially for our 125th Anniversary, an updated version of our “Heritage Booklet”. All new members receive one and it will be available at our various events. It now includes a photo of a lovely work, painted in the 1920’s by Alice Hogarth Nicholson who was Chairman of the Society from 1936-1939. Thanks to Jennifer Bloor for discovering this beautiful work “Idleness”.

Thanks to Liz Goodwin who coordinates the HAS artwork in the West Street Bistro. Most recent sales were by Mike Ward with a pen drawing of a shark and Liz Crawford with “Winter Wonderland”.

Christmas party, December 5th.

We hope you will be able to join us for a relaxed evening to mark the end of our HAS year.

There will be cheese and wine, mulled or not, wine tasting and perhaps some art related activities, all very light hearted.

If you are making your own Christmas cards, printed or originals, please bring one along. Like last year the cards will be displayed anonymously and members can vote for their favourite one. The winning artist receives a bottle of Prosecco!

Membership.

Membership subscriptions are due in January. Renewal slips and the 2020 programme will be sent out early that month. Jennifer Bloor, our Membership Secretary, will process the subscriptions but for health reasons she would like to hand over this job by the end of January. This is a job (including sending out emails to the membership) that can be done at home, in your own time.

Brezetta Thonger has taken on the position of Secretary which Jennifer held for the last two years. Many thanks both to Jennifer and Brezetta.

Please let us know if you would like to help the HAS as Membership Secretary!

As a member of the Haslemere Art Society the HAS is YOUR Society and the Committee is only a small group of volunteers to keep the Society running and alive. Please keep in touch with ideas and help, we really appreciate it!

With best wishes for the coming festive season and perhaps, on a nice day, it is still possible to capture some Autumn colours with the paint brush!

From the HAS Committee,

Kaja van Walt
Chairman



Thanks to Valerie Lee who always adds a floral finishing touch to the Exhibition.

