



HASLEMERE ART SOCIETY

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Welcome to the May Newsletter and to new members who joined the Society since December.

This year we are celebrating our 125th anniversary. We are still thriving as a very active Society with a mixture of professional artists, many enthusiastic amateur artists and loyal supporters. Established in 1894 at the time of the Arts and Crafts Movement we could be one of the oldest if not the oldest Art Society in the country?

The Society today is very proud to have **Roger Dellar ROI, PS, RI** as its President and we are delighted that, before he starts his busy Summer with painting/teaching trips to several places in this Country, the USA, Greece, Spain and Portugal, Roger sent the following message for this Newsletter:

“It gives me great pride to be your President of the Haslemere Art Society in its 125th year. What a milestone to consider that artists grouped together all those years ago with one common interest. Each year we bring about changes that progress the Society and attitudes to art in general.

We are in great hands with the Committee and its Membership, showing so much talent. I hope you will join me and others painting in the High Street on Saturday 24th August to promote our Exhibition.

On another note, the large Flamenco picture that I painted on the evening where we had Three Painters Painting will be exhibited in the Annual Exhibition”.

*Roger Dellar ROI, PS, RI,
President of the Haslemere Art Society
President of the Wapping Group Artists*

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please join us for the AGM on Thursday 6th June. It is always an interesting evening where we can discuss any issues or ideas that benefit the Society.

The Agenda for this meeting will be emailed to you.

After the formalities we have a glass of wine, admire the entries for the President's Prize and find out who is the lucky winner.

The theme for this year's award is "On the Beach". Please bring your work, in any medium, mounted, framed or 3D. (Label with name on the back).

All in all this is an evening in a relaxed atmosphere with a chance to meet fellow members and if you are new to the HAS to find out more about the Society.

DEMONSTRATIONS, LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS

Daphne Jefferis opened our year with another interesting talk, "Windows in Art", richly illustrated with paintings throughout the centuries.

In February Alex Roche demonstrated her skill in working with water based oils.

In March Tim Gwyther gave us a lovely talk on "La Belle Époque" and developments in the bohemian world of art (1871-1914).

The Pastel Workshop by Ric Holmes, also in March, was a great success. Ric managed to bring artists outside their comfort zone working with pastels and inks.

"Three Painters Painting" is our April event which is becoming a popular evening where members and non members meet three of our artists at work. Many thanks to Roger Dellar, Colin Wilson and David Pattenden for their generous contribution this year!



In May the Society contributed to the Haslemere Festival with a very interesting talk by Neville Lyons about the “British War artists of the Second World War”.

The **demonstration** which is in the Programme booked for 26th September will now take place on July 4th, well before our Exhibition. Lynne Friel will show how to prepare artwork for an exhibition and update “tired” framing. This is a hands-on evening for anybody who is keen to show their artwork in the best possible way.

On the 26th September Lynne will be back with a talk “How did cow’s urine get into your paintbox?”

More events booked for this year are in your Programme card. The next two **workshops** are on 8th June (Julia Cassell “Loose and Lively in Watercolours”) and 13th July (Ronnie Ireland “Every picture tells a story”). To book phone Sheila Carr 641243.

ART GROUPS



The **Tuesday group** in the Museum is thriving. We draw, (“Apple” by Pam Heiberg) work with watercolour, pastels and oils. This is a very cheerful group. We encourage each other, have a cup of tea and the occasional piece of cake! Next 10 week run starts 1st October. £5 per session. For more information: hasenquiries@live.co.uk

The **Life group** meets in the Church Hall in Camelsdale. For dates and more information please contact penny.adams@mail.com

MEMBERS NEWS

Congratulations to Rachel Vitolo, Sue Fisher and Jan Scott who had a successful Exhibition “Let the colour flow” in the Museum with lots of works in fluid acrylics, watercolour and glass.

Clare Bowen had her first solo exhibition in Chelsea, “London, Venice, Coast and Country” and is delighted that it was a great success. You can see her work closer to home as she will be part of the Golden Valley Art Trail 1st- 16th June. For details see www.surreyopenstudios.org.uk or www.clarebowen.com

David Paynter is also opening his studio and wonderful garden again for the annual “Art and Soul” Exhibition. For details, dates and directions see www.theartfulgallery.co.uk

Liz Goodwin is organising the artwork display in the West Street Bistro. A changeover for new work will take place on 29th May. If you would like to know more about this ongoing mini exhibition contact Liz via hasenquiries@live.co.uk.

A BIT OF HISTORY

When Jennifer Bloor was browsing through the internet wondering if anyone had written any reviews about the HAS, the “Dictionary of British Women Artists “ came up with the following surprise:

*“Alice Hogarth Nicholson was Chairman of the **Haslemere Art Society** from 1936-1938 and hon. Secretary of Hindhead Arts and Crafts. Alice was famous for a painting “Idleness” bought by Sir William Gray. The painting was widely exhibited in England and in New York.”*

The painting is now in the Hartlepool Council Offices and we hope to include it in an updated version of our Heritage booklet as a fitting transition between the original founder artists of the Society of the early 1900s and the Haslemere Art Society today. Many thanks to Jennifer for discovering this delightful painting!



“Idleness” by Alice Hogarth Nicholson

ANNUAL SEPTEMBER EXHIBITION

Entry forms for the Exhibition will be sent out after the AGM. We are looking forward to a great display of your artwork and we would love to hear from you if you could help with any of the tasks that come with staging the Exhibition.

From all of us at the Haslemere Art Society Committee,
Best wishes for a good Summer and we hope to see you at the AGM in June, Painting In Town on the 24th August and the Exhibition in September!

Kaja van Walt
Chairman