



Retford Art Society

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NEWSLETTER

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This Newsletter reviews our spring exhibition, and looks at events coming up.

Spring Exhibition in St Swithun's Church

The exhibition was a real success, with a healthy and varied range of pictures, crafts and cards on show, many sales, a great Preview evening, and a measure, again, of the quality of work produced by our members.

A big thank-you to everyone who helped in setting up and running the exhibition, especially to Mick Thomas, our Exhibition Coordinator.

Post 16 Centre demo sessions and Workshops

- Our 2019 sessions kicked off with a demonstration by Stephen Coates on Watercolours, and the follow-up workshop at Clarborough Village Hall was enjoyed by a full house.
- On 2nd May Peter Millward led an extended demo/workshop on Chinese Brush painting at the post 16 Centre, as part of our new programme.
- On **6th June**, at the Post 16 Centre, Tim Fisher will take us on a journey with pastels, starting at 7.15pm.
- *NB this is followed up by our Workshop at Clarborough Village Hall, led by Tim Fisher, **on Saturday 8th June**. If you would like to attend that Workshop, please contact Sheila Robertson on sheilar45@hotmail.com.

*Please note. After the June event, we will not be providing a refreshment break in the middle of the Post 16 sessions. If you wish to bring water to drink during the evening, no problem. We hope that this will give us a more compact evening, and an earlier finish.

Critique

Our annual Critique will be on **Thursday 11th July**, led by Julian Bray. We are proposing to book the Labour Hall in New Street, to allow easier access than at Swan Studio. This event is for members of RAS, and gives us a chance to bring two pictures each and discuss their merits.

We'll send out final details nearer the date.

Annual Painting Day

We have arranged to visit Rockley Manor, near Markham Moor, on **Thursday 15th August**, from 10.30am.

There are fine views of the lakes and ponds, and the buildings are nestled in trees and lawns; plenty for us to get our artistic teeth into. Usual arrangements are that we bring our own refreshment; parking and toilets are available. There is no charge for this, but we'll arrange a collection for a charitable cause. More details will be sent out nearer the date.

Swan Studio

We are planning to open Swan Studio for some extra drop-in drawing and painting sessions. These will be on the second and fourth Monday afternoons of each month, from 1.45 – 3.45, starting in June. No need to book; just turn up.

Looking Ahead

At the end of 2019, our Chairman, Andy Massey, and our Treasurer, Warren Cookson, will be standing down from the Committee.

If any members are interested in joining the Committee to help in the running of the Society, please let us know. We can arrange an informal co-opting so volunteers can be part of the committee during the rest of 2019.

New Ideas

Our Publicity Coordinator, Kara Wilkinson, is hoping to bring together volunteers from the Society to work on various projects that can provide new opportunities and bring in new members for the Society.

An initial event will be on Retford Heritage Day in September, with art activities in Swan Studio.

If you would like to get involved, please contact Kara on kara@kleen.com.

Best wishes
Andy Massey
Chair

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