

Spalding Arts & Crafts Society

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NEWSLETTER - APR MAY JUNE 2020

Hi all. Jon Healey here. Art is a great way to practice social distancing as we all deal with Coronavirus. Also:

Please pay your membership subscriptions (due 1 April) to help you society's cash flow.

Get your paintings ready for our planned July exhibition at Ayscoughfee (see page 3)

Paint a Hand Tools postcard for Ayscoughfee (page 3)

Send in an article for the next newsletter. Send your contribution to me at jonhealey@ymail.com, by 20th June for the Summer issue.

**We meet on 1st Tuesday of the month
7:30pm at Pinchbeck Village Hall (but not
for now)**

DEMONSTRATION DIARY

April 7th - Cancelled - see below

May 5th - Cancelled - see below

June 2nd - Richard Holland

Oil Local Landscapes.

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Coronavirus, Covid-19

In light of the Coronavirus pandemic, your committee have decided that demonstrations and 'painting-together' sessions will be cancelled for the next two months, although this may be revised as we learn more. In the meantime, please stay safe.

The Pinchbeck Hub has closed anyway and the Spring Flower Show competition will not now go ahead. Maggie will look after all the uncollected Library exhibition pictures until arrangements can be made to return them to their owners.

Our planned exhibition of paintings at St. Mary's Church, Pincheck will not proceed as the Flower Festival has also been postponed.

Please help support the society by paying your subs which were due at the April meeting, either by bank transfer or cheque. Please let Ann Dring know that you have paid. She has enclosed a form with all the details for payment.

Spalding Arts & Crafts Society 2020 Annual General Meeting

The AGM of Spalding Arts & Crafts Society was held on 3rd March 2020 at 7pm. The following Members were voted into post:

President: Veronica Pryke, Chairman/Publicity: Maggie Goodsell, Vice-Chairman: Jon Healey, Secretary: Liz Wellings, Treasurer/Membership: Ann Dring, Demonstrations: Denise Prew, Exhibitions: Vacancy, Website: Stewart Martin (new committee member), Meet and Greet: Gill Harker, Raffle: Donna Halfteck, Committee Members: Mo Teeuw, Sue McWhinney.

February Challenge - A Sunny Day

Demonstrator, Sonia Bacchus, judged the twelve cheery pictures brought to the 4th February meeting for the Sunny Day challenge.

She picked Stuart Martin's Sunny Day In Skegness as the winner.



A Sunny Day Challenge

The Winner
A Sunny Day in Skegness
by
Stuart Martin



Closed Facebook Group

We have set up a Facebook group for members where we will have online challenges. Just click on the link on our Facebook page and ask to join - you must be a paid up member. If you aren't on FB, ask a friend to post pictures for you. Unfortunately you will not be able to see the other photos posted or make any comments.

The First Challenge is Indoor Scenes. This will run until the end of April when a new one will be set. Post as many pictures as you like.

Exhibition at Spalding Library

There were 22 excellent entries to the exhibition and 4 were sold.

The library has now closed, Maggie and Ann have collected your paintings and exhibitors have been contacted to be reunited with their pictures.



Challenges, Competitions and Exhibitions

Please Note: To enter challenges, competitions and exhibitions, you must be a paid up member of Spalding Arts & Crafts Society.

Interpretation of copyright laws vary widely so we would prefer it that all paintings are your own original work. If your painting is a copy of another artist's painting please state this - usually written as 'after' then the original artists name. If you have used someone else's photo for reference please give attribution. Prints are not acceptable.

Ayscoughfee Exhibition

We have to assume that the Coronavirus will allow us to proceed with our July exhibition. We'll let you know if the arrangements have to be changed. At the moment the Ayscoughfee museum, which includes the Geest gallery where we exhibit, is closed.

An information leaflet with entry form has been emailed out to members - please do not post the form. A copy is enclosed for those who receive a printed newsletter. Further copies are available for those who don't have a printer at Demonstrations and Paint-together sessions.

Members need to turn up at Ayscoughfee on **Wednesday 1st July between 10.45 - 11.30 am** with their paintings, a completed entry form and the entry fees. The charges are £2 per painting (max 3 paintings) and £1 per painting for the browser. Paintings should be no more than 24" on any one side including frames and must include a label fixed to the back with with your name and the painting title.

D-rings must be fitted less than one third of the way down your picture to allow it to hang correctly using the wire and hooks system in place at Ayscoughfee. No strings are required. Previously, committee members have fitted D-rings to paintings if needed but, this year, the committee have agreed that exhibits without D-rings will be refused entry.

We will have our usual 6"x 4" postcard challenge for our Ayscoughfee exhibition. The subject is hand tools in either landscape or portrait format.

We will be holding a 'Paint in Ayscoughfee' sometimes in July with details to be confirmed but we would like to have members painting during the day.

Paintings must be collected on the 31st July between 10.45 - 11.30am. If you cannot collect your paintings in person please ask someone else as the committee cannot be held responsible for uncollected paintings.

Finally

These are strange times, so excuse us if we are tentative about the rest of the SACS programme for 2020. We will do our very best to bring you Demonstrations, Exhibitions and Paint-together sessions as soon as we are able. For now, please keep painting and, above all, be safe.

Monthly Demonstrations Report by Maggie Goodsell

January

No meeting

February

Excellent pastel demonstration of a Horse from Sonia Bacchus. Sonia went through every stage of the painting with us, explaining why she used a particular colour and what techniques she used to achieve the finish she wanted.

March

David Lewry paid us a return visit this month to give an excellent coloured pencils demonstration. As pencil is not a quick medium, he concentrated on the duck's head, showing us how to build up layers to give depth of colour and luminosity. David is a mine of information which he freely imparted during the evening - from the origins of pigments to the fact that the male mandarin duck is fairly drab for most of the year !!



50/50 Sale

We had planned to hold a 50/50 sale at our May demonstration meeting. Although this is now cancelled, I want to remind you of the format, as we will be re-scheduling the 50/50 sale into a future evening meeting.

The idea is that you bring along to the meeting any art materials, books etc. that you no longer need. These items will be sold at a price you will set and, as the name implies, 50% of the sale price goes to the society, and 50% to the seller.

Start choosing your unneeded art materials now.

SACS Painting Together At The Hub

A group of SACS members meet on the third Tuesday of the month at the Pinchbeck Community Hub and Library, 48 Knight Street PE11 3RU, to paint together.

The Self-help sessions run from 1:30 until 4 pm. The April and May dates have been cancelled but we hope to meet on 16th June 2020. More details from Ann Dring on 01775 640255 or 07946 751909 or email ann.dring@talk21.com or just turn up. The cost is £4 for members, £5 for guests. See you there.