

Waterside Art Group Early Autumn Newsletter 2024

Dear members

I have already sent you a review of our summer exhibition, and I hope that you were pleased with the outcomes. Do let me have any feedback that you may have. Your committee has now applied itself to organising forthcoming events for the remainder of this term and the beginning of 2025. These events are included here and are always available on our website.

As you already know, we currently do not have a secretary. We have not yet received any offers. This is not a sustainable situation. We could become a "one-man band" and the Group could easily fold if for example Fran, our Treasurer and I became unavailable (none of us are getting any younger!) **Please do consider seriously volunteering to take on this officer task.** The role is **essential** but not unduly onerous. It supports me and the Group in occasional minute-taking and writing and organisation of activities. Please let me know if you would like further information.

Having shared this need with you, let us now look in date order at all the positive things we have organised.

Tuesday 29th October @ 7.30pm - Demonstration

John Edwards, a long-standing supporter of our group, has agreed to present a demonstration for us on the subject of "How the Use of Colour Affects the Mood of a Painting". John's talk will apply to all media and will include the art of colour mixing. Note the start time of 7.30pm, which is to allow John to travel from his previous commitment. Entry will be £5 payable on entry.

Tuesday 19th November - Still Life

For those who wish to partake, we are going to have a still life opportunity on this evening. Participation is totally optional, with those not doing the still life just working towards the back of the room. Recently, some members have successfully decided to photograph the arrangement on their phone or iPad and then go back to their desk to do their painting from their device.

Saturday 30th November @ 10am to 2pm - Mistletoe Fayre in Hythe

On this day, as part of the Hythe Parish Mistletoe Fayre, the Community Centre is organising a Table-Top sale for which anybody can hire a table for £10. Sale items can include craft or general goods. For any further information, booking etc please contact the Centre by email, telephone or in person at the reception desk.

Tuesday 3rd December

This will be our last evening of the year.

Tuesday 10th December @ 7pm - Christmas Dinner

We have reserved a table for this dinner at The Boathouse on Hythe Marina. Kate is kindly organising this event and will send us details when the menu and price become available. Note that there will not be any art on this evening.

Tuesday 7th January 2025

This will be our first session of the Spring Term.

Tuesday 28th January - AGM

We normally have a good attendance at our AGM, and we hope that all available members will come along to hear the review of 2024, plans for 2025 and to elect our committee. Of course, you will also have an opportunity to share your views on any matters concerning our art group. Our subscriptions for the year will be due at this meeting. Our financial situation this year is more secure than in 2023 so we will only raise the "subs" by £5 as part of our policy of gradually incrementing them in order to keep pace with increasing costs such as rental. So the fee will be **£60** plus the Community Centre membership, i.e. **£65 in total**, which enables us to pay lower rent.

Saturday 15th March @ 10am to 4pm - Art workshop

The last workshop by Rebecca Hurst was much enjoyed by all those who attended. This time, our tutor will be John Edwards. Details will follow.

Tuesday 13th May @ 7.30pm - Critique

Members always value the opportunity to hear John Edwards's review of members' paintings. You may take along one painting or drawing. It's not too early to begin selecting the masterpiece you will bring along and getting it framed if necessary. Note the start time. Entry will be £5 payable on entry.

Recognition

I am sure that you will join me in thanking those who work behind the scenes to keep our group on the straight and narrow. Fran quietly keeps our financial affairs very well organised - and has managed to find a new auditor to replace the one who has resigned after a long stint supporting us. Mary works very hard to keep our website up-to-date - so don't forget to refer to it when you have a query:

www.watersideartgroup.co.uk

And, of course, we are extremely grateful to all those of you who help to arrange and put away our tables and chairs each week.

Kind regards

Peter

Chairman Waterside Art Group