



Abergavenny Art Group – New Year 2019

Seasons Greetings

May we wish you all a Happy New Year and much encouragement for your art. Sometimes inspiration is a little sparse but do not despair because 2019 is the Welsh Year of Discovery which will be explained later in this Newsletter.

Our Programme

Following our successful Christmas Social evening in December when we immersed ourselves in art-related quizzes at the Abergavenny Community Centre, there is a short pause in our programme until February.

We resume on 11th February with a talk by local artist Louise Collis about her work as a landscape artist. Her studio and shop is in Monk Street Abergavenny. This evening should prove very interesting and inspiring. An opportunity follows for you to tackle a local landscape painting in our workshop on 25th February.

In March Debbie Devauden of Monmouth will be giving an illustrated talk about her botanical art and a fortnight later you can do your own botanical work in our workshop evening on 25th March. As always our events are detailed on our website www.abergavennyartists.co.uk together with other news and pictures.

The Painting Competition

This competition eventually took place and was won by Sheelagh Kerry (on the right) with Dianne Dawkins (3rd from right) as runner up. Judges for the day were Louise Collis and Liz Davies from Abergavenny Chronicle.



Abergavenny Arts Festival 2019

The organisers for the event have confirmed that the second Arts Festival will be held over a weekend at the end of June 2019. There were some problems regarding the programmes and advertising last year that will be improved for 2019. Again there will be many events including theatre, photography, music, sculpture, and open-studios. For painters especially, the well attended Arts Market will be repeated on the Sunday of the weekend. We hope to have a presence again.

The Welsh Government announced a continuation of the approach of naming themed years with 2019 being designated as *Year of Discovery*, which will build on the three themes of adventure, culture and the great outdoors.

So you have your challenge: to produce paintings or artwork to this theme. There will be more news about the Festival as the year unfolds and you can keep a check on www.abergavennyartists.co.uk/artsfestival for further information about the festival.

Exhibition at Nevill Hall Hospital

We were invited to hang about twenty of our paintings in the Out Patient's waiting area and these will be on display until mid-January 2019.

Our Stall in Abergavenny Thursday Market

The market has become an Artisan Market being a combination of farmers' market and the art and crafts market. Linda Wood has valiantly continued with the stall until the last one in December 2018. We hope that our presence at the market will resume when the markets restarts in the Spring because it is a chance to have your artwork on display and for sale to the public. It is also an opportunity to advertise the Art Group and its activities.

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