



Abergavenny Art Group – Summer 2019

The AGM and Chairman's Report

On 13th May the Annual General Meeting was held and the Chairman Sarah Hoddy gave her annual report. She recalled that one of the founding objectives was to encourage youngsters towards artistic endeavours. However, it is proving a hard task nowadays. There was always a need to attract new members, she said, but at some of the workshops attendance of members was significantly low. What is it that our members want from the Art Group?

Our Survey

In an attempt to find out our members interests and thoughts about what they want from the Art Group, there is a survey on the website where you can have your say and make your suggestions.

Our Programme

We thank Ralph Herron for putting together an interesting and varied programme of events. At the AGM he put forward another collection of events taking us into 2020.

There had been a keen interest in botanical art and so in September Claire Williams will be giving us a demonstration and talk on such art. The use of softcore pencils and acrylic pouring are two topics being covered by Danielle Farrington and Carole Gaylard respectively during October and November.

Malcolm Meadows will be giving a talk in March 2020 on the art and artists of the Mediterranean. That should prove very interesting and inspire you to paint in their style at the following workshop.

Martin TrueFitt-Baker returns to talk about printmaking in April 2020. Opportunities for painting *en plein air* are numerous with organised events in June, July and August. Some are with limited places and therefore you should book early to avoid disappointment.

As always our events are detailed on our website www.abergavennyartists.co.uk together with other news and pictures.

Abergavenny Arts Festival 2019

The organisers for the event have confirmed that the second Arts Festival will be held over a weekend of 29th and 30th of June 2019. We hope to see some information about the programme very soon but we are promised 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. The Art Group will have a presence once again and you can participate by letting any one of the Committee members know .

Annual Exhibition at end of July 2019

Holy Trinity Church Hall in Baker Street Abergavenny is hosting the exhibition once again. We are appealing to our members to not be bashful and submit their artwork. This year there will be a greater opportunity to display your work. Submission forms will be available in due course.

There is also a new venture proposed for the exhibition! It will consist of "small" original artwork which is to be donated to the exhibition to sell. So get painting in what ever medium you wish onto card or board no smaller than postcard size and not much bigger either!

Our Stall in Abergavenny's Thursday Market

At the moment the Market Hall is effected by the construction work to incorporate the library into the Town Hall building. With the entrance restricted only to the rear doors it is said that market takings are significantly reduced. Nevertheless Linda Wood and Olive Pegington are soldiering on with the Artisan Market. We hope that you will support their efforts and perhaps come along for a few hours or enter your paintings for sale. It is an important opportunity to advertise the Art Group and its activities.

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