



Chichester Art Society

Newsletter – 24 May 2021

Dear Members

How lovely it was to start meetings again and catch up with old friends.

Painting with Friends was off to a flying start on Tuesday 18th with 10 members attending. Everyone was very motivated to paint apart from me, but I did try out the new camera and projector which worked well even in broad daylight.

Rick Holmes' demonstration on Thursday evening was enjoyed by many members and it was great to be almost back to normal. Sadly, Rick's workshop had to be cancelled owing to low numbers, but I hope that many of you will attend Mark Warner's workshop on Thursday 10th June.

Sketching Days

Sharon reported back that the first sketching day on 12th May at the Trundle went well and that everyone enjoyed it immensely. She is hoping for a big turnout at Chichester Allotments on 16th June. There should be plenty of vegetables and flowers growing at this time of year, so there will be lots to draw. Access to the allotment is at the end of Little Breach, off St. Paul's Road, where parking is available. You will need to bring your own refreshments, but unlike on previous years you may not be able to use the toilets opposite Scope.

Thursday June 3rd Mark Warner's Demonstration of a landscape in Dynamic Pastels
Door open 9.30am, Notices 10.00am and Event 10.15am to 12.15pm. Mark's work is very colourful and dramatic and this promises to be a very exciting demonstration whether you are into pastels or not. If you have not seen Mark's work before have a look at his website - www.brushmark.co.uk
If you wish to attend Mark's demo, please book it with me by emailing me at maggiemaylawrencd@hotmail.com or ring me on 07971 291474. Covid restrictions will still be in place and only a limited number of attendees can be accommodated in the Bassil Shippam Hall. I would hate you to arrive without booking and be disappointed. Please read the covid restrictions below if attending.

Thursday 10th June Mark Warner's Workshop – landscapes in Dynamic Pastel
Doors open from 9.00am – Workshop from 10.00am to 3.30pm
Mark's workshop will be a follow up to his demonstration. As Mark has some distance to travel and has to book a hotel, it is important that I know fairly quickly how many of you are interested in attending. I need to give him and Bassil Shippam adequate notice if I have to cancel. Please let me know by 31st May if you wish to attend by emailing me at maggiemaylawrence@hotmail.com or by phone on 07971 291474.

Covid Rules

The rules inside the centre will be the same as for restaurants and other public venues. Seating will be the regulatory 2 metres apart unless you attend with a family member or someone from your social bubble. Face masks will have to be worn whilst walking around but may be removed once you are seated. The windows and doors will remain open, so come in something warm as it may be colder than usual in the hall.

It would be really helpful if you could bring the £1 entrance fee without needing change to avoid the possibility of cross contamination. This covers Tony's wages. No refreshments will be provided because of difficulties with social distancing at the hatch, but you may bring your own drinks with you. Hand sanitiser will be provided for you to sanitise your hands before and after the meeting.

Library

The library will not be open owing to social distancing rules. If you already have a library book at home from before the first lockdown, please bring it along as we will have a box to collect returns. If you are not sure if you borrowed a book, or if you can't remember the name of the book you borrowed, please phone me on 07971 291474 or email me at maggiemaylawrence@hotmail.com and I will be able to help you.

Membership Secretary

Sadly, Jenny our Membership Secretary is retiring at the end of June, and we are looking for someone to take on this role. If you think you would like to join the committee, please contact any committee member to express your interest.

Secretary role:

- Taking minutes at a monthly meeting and the AGM, and producing the minutes and agenda for subsequent meetings
- Taking membership fees and issuing membership cards
- Maintaining membership records to include bank fees
- Sending out the newsletter and email communications to members and other items as required.

There is plenty of time for a handover with Jenny, and the committee are very flexible and able to step in if you are away.

Website

The new CAS website is up and running so log in and have a look, it is very different from before and easy to navigate. The password for the Members Page is – chart.

A big thank you to Annie Clark and Christine Wheeler for all the time and hard work they have put in to reorganise the website, an incredible achievement in such a short time.

Sketch Books (we hope to have these soon)

The Snowdrop Trust has had 100 sketch books donated to them and have offered them to CAS to sell for their charity. They are 6" x 6", an ideal size for popping into a pocket, and have an index at the front where you can write the date and place you did your sketch. We will be selling these for £2.50 each when we start back.

Looking forward to seeing you at Mark's Demo on the 3rd June.

Regards Maggie