

CAS Newsletter - May 2025

Dear Members,

Rick Holmes gave an excellent pastel demonstration of an allotment scene on 3rd April. This was both informative and enjoyable. Rick has his own method of pastel painting using a roller and acrylic inks to underpaint before applying the pastel. He explained his process and technique very carefully throughout the demonstration.



We had 12 entries for the Human Form Award on 17th April. They were, as usual, of a very high standard and Stewart Beckett, who adjudicated, gave a very helpful critique to everyone who took part. The winner was Chris Shaw with his painting 'An Irish Pub Band' and the runner up was Christine Wheeler with 'Satisfaction'. Stewart also gave Highly Commended to artists Penny Mossman, Karen Swan, Sue Shepherd and Dennis Mossman.





May's Programme

Please note that there is **no meeting** on Thursday 1st May

Our next meeting is on the evening of **Thursday 15th May** when **Stewart Beckett** will be back again this time demonstrating a **Landscape in Oils**.

He was a heat participant on Sky's Landscape Artist of the Year, painting Scotney Castle and Viking Bay (Broadstairs).

Message from the library team

It has been so lovely recently to meet all of the new CAS members who have been browsing the library books we put out. We try to display books relevant to the meetings but have a vast selection of books to borrow and a full list is on the Members area of the website. You will have been given a password when you joined, or any Committee member will refresh your memory! Of course, we also have a list available at meetings. If you spot anything you would be interested in borrowing do tell us and we will be happy to find it in the bookstore for you. We have books on most media and a large collection of books about the work of various artists from Hockney to Degas.

Books are loaned out for a month or so and we ask for a 50p contribution towards buying new books. We have not increased charges in ten years! Once again if you have any suggestions for books which you think other members might find interesting or useful do give us the details. We also have a lot of Art magazines donated by members and you are welcome to take a few to keep and put a small contribution in the mushroom.

Sketching Days

Friday 25th April at Bishops Palace Gardens

Monday 12th May - West Dean Village

Tuesday 20th May – Chichester canal

A copy of the sketching programme is on the Noticeboard and was attached to the last Newsletter. Louise will be sending out a reminder closer to the dates.

Either Sharon, or a member of the Committee will be at the venues at 9.30 to greet you.

Workshops

Sharon Hurst is booked to do a workshop on Thursday 29th May entitled 'A Fantasy Male' in watercolour.

Sharon has suggested that we broaden the subject and open it up to just a fantasy character, and that you can come along with photographs of your grandchildren, relatives or something from a magazine. You could all use your imaginations! and get the creative juices flowing.

We hope this will make the workshop more appealing to members.

If you are interested in attending please call Julie on 01243 779091, email her at yankyduely@talktalk.net or speak to her at the next meeting. The cost is £30 for members and £35 for non-members, so you could bring a friend along.

If we don't have enough people signed up to make the workshop viable by 15th May it will be cancelled and all monies refunded.

Jake Winkle is running a watercolour workshop on Thursday 25th September entitled British Wildlife. Jake is a very popular with CAS members and will give a brief demonstration at the start of the workshop. Julie is happy to take bookings for this workshop, but please remember you must pay to reserve your place.

Looking forward to seeing you at Stewart's demonstration on 15th May.

Regards,

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