



Newsletter

Welcome to June 2024

Hello All, welcome to summer, though it is still somewhat cool and no 'flaming June' so far! We are now progressing with arrangements for our exhibition and I forecast that it will be a happy exhibition, with lots of lovely paintings to show. The presentation will be as last year, with a label for each picture and no need for a catalogue. There will be one small change however, in that a number will be added to each label, which will be solely for identification by visitors to select their favourite picture for "Best in Show". This was much missed last year and is reintroduced by public demand.

During May it was thought that my email address and BDAG Facebook was 'hacked', however this has proven not to be the case and please have no hesitation in contacting me by email and sending your exhibition entry forms by this method, should this suit. Regarding exhibition entry forms, please do not leave things to the last minute. I have received a few entries already and you have until 7th July to get them to me, but I do need time to process them, make labels, record and list entries and it all takes time.

The Preview Evening arrangements are as previous years and a few Invitations are still available to give away. Please let me know if you would like any, before they all go. Of course, you are all welcome to attend and do not need an invitation to do so.

Exhibition brochures are now available and will be distributed to retail outlets, etc, and should you want any to pass on to friends or shops local to you, please ask for some. There is also a supply of A4 exhibition posters (some laminated) for windows, notice boards and so on, and again as many as you want are available from me: 07950 914409 phone/text. Finally, anybody with a home frontage to a main road, please contact me to show an exhibition board: reward, one free picture entry to the exhibition.

CHAIRMAN

PETER SHERWOOD

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BDAG WORKSHOPS 2024

Sedlescombe Village Hall:

All materials provided

½ day - £27 members, £32 non members

Full day - £47 members, £57 non members

Watercolour in the morning 10.00-12.30 with Kerry Bennett tutoring and Acrylic in the afternoon 13.30 – 16.00 with Mark Fisher tutoring. Dates:

Saturday 13th July

Saturday 14th September

Saturday 30th November

Mountfield Village Hall:

A great way to have a taster if you have not tried these before or for a fun and relaxing arty day 10 am - 14:30 pm. £50 members, £60 non members per session

Saturday 17th August - Clay works with Kerry Bennett tutoring (all materials provided)

Wednesday 23rd October - Introduction to oils with Kerry Bennett tutoring (all materials provided) £50 members, £60 non members

Message Kerry Bennett to book your place now

Full details on our website www.battleartsgroup.co.uk

MONTHLY ARTISTIC CHALLENGE - JUNE

Members seem to be thoroughly enjoying the monthly artistic challenge with the number of entries growing each month. June's topic is '**A favourite place**'. Check out all the entries on our website so far and if you haven't submitted anything yet, why not have a go? It's not a competition and there's no critique. Hopefully it just motivates us all to produce a bit more art! Send a photo .jpg to me (dorothy@battleartsgroup.co.uk) by June 28th for inclusion on the website. It's really great seeing the full variety of members' work.

SUMMER OUTDOOR PROGRAMME

Our summer 'plein air' programme has kicked off with three sessions already under our belt. We're definitely attracting more members to come along this year so even if you've never painted 'plein air' before, here's your opportunity to have a go. Here's a reminder of forthcoming dates and venues, with full details on our website:

Saturday 22 June: Ashburnham Place, outskirts of Battle

Saturday 6 July: Battle Abbey

Thursday 18 July: Upper Alexandra Park, Hastings

Thursday 15 August: Crowhurst Church, Crowhurst

Saturday 31 August: Foxes Grove, Battle (Peter's house)

Thursday 12 September: Tibbs Farm, Rye

Saturday 28 September: St Leonards' Seafront, Bo Peep Beach

Everyone is welcome and we hope to see as many members as possible.