



# Newsletter

*Welcome to March 2024*

We have started our 2024 Saturday programme and the first two presentations have set us fair for the year. We are attracting some different and very interesting artists and speakers for our Saturday Programme and Janne has done us proud with her organisation for these events.

On membership matters, Dorothy has gathered-in our last strays and all subs due have been paid, Hurrah! We are up to date. Over the past two to three years, due mainly to Covid lockdowns, leaving the area and personal reasons, we have lost a few members and need to retrieve our status. Being a BDAG member is to be valued and perhaps promote BDAG to friends and people you talk to, as we would like to achieve 10 new members this year. This will help maintain our potential and keep our costs down, enabling us to provide the services and events we all are interested in and like so much.

Many members have offered to undertake a job connected with our annual exhibition and I thank everyone who has so done. Thank you, it is most appreciated. I will be preparing our usual exhibition entry info during the next few weeks and will issue the documents as soon as possible when I have them ready. Looking forward to a great 2024 exhibition.

As you know we have a new Treasurer, Richard Parkinson, welcome Richard. Richard has taken over from Tony Lightly who has relinquished his post after serving us diligently for many years. Thank you Tony for all the work you have put in supporting BDAG for all this time.

Summer Outside Painting programme, Annual Calendar and Workshops, are all progressing under their attentive managers and there are some individual activities such as Tote Bag design and Monthly Painting Challenge, which are also keeping us included and busy! BDAG website is now in a much better condition, so please visit regularly and check for information to keep yourself up to date.

Happy Spring, everyone

CHAIRMAN

PETER SHERWOOD

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## MINIATURE PAINTINGS DISPLAY IN BATTLE LIBRARY

Once again, BDAG is invited to organise a display of small paintings at Battle Library throughout July 2024. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to showcase your work in the lead up to the summer exhibition in August, and a chance for the viewing public to glimpse the talent and variety of work we produce. There is no need to reproduce your paintings on a larger scale for the summer exhibition. Below is what you need to do:

The display unit can hold up to 18 works of art which need be:

1. 6X6 inches square.
2. Un-framed and un-mounted.
3. In any medium.
4. On any rigid surface (e.g. card, canvas, board).
5. Please print your name and address clearly on the back.

You can submit more than one piece. Artworks may be handed in to any member of BDAG's committee at one of the Saturday demonstrations up until 15th June or posted to:

Claire Thompson  
1 Banks Cottages,  
Brightling Road,  
Mountfield,  
Robertsbridge.  
TN325JZ.

All artworks must be submitted by the 22nd June. As an added benefit, you will be able to exhibit and sell these artworks at the main exhibition this year. Once the library display has been dismantled (at the end of July) the paintings will be taken and displayed at the summer exhibition and can be available to purchase. As the artist, you can set the price of your piece/s on the understanding that

BDAG will take a 10% commission on each sale. There is no added cost to you to exhibit the library piece/s in the main exhibition. You will be able to collect your piece/s from the Memorial Hall after the exhibition has closed.

Please make sure your piece/s are safely packaged as BDAG accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage. Please include a separate note with your piece detailing the title and sale price, should you wish to include it in the main exhibition.

We can't wait to see your fantastic artworks!

## BDAG 2025 CALENDAR

Dear Members,

Thank you to those who have already submitted your paintings for entry into our 2025 calendar, and tote bag, with a gentle reminder to those who are yet to do so. There is still plenty of time to enter your work. Photos of finished work, together with the appropriate entry form, should be submitted as soon as possible and no later than 26th April 2024.

The finalists will then be contacted early in May to arrange collection of their original paintings ready for printing. Once their paintings have been scanned by the printer, they will be returned, to allow for framing for their free inclusion in our summer exhibition.

Any problems, don't hesitate to contact me.

Lizzie Wells - Calendar Coordinator

## MONTHLY ARTISTIC CHALLENGE - APRIL

Thank you to everyone who submitted an entry to March's challenge of where you live. You'll be able to see all entries soon on our website 2024 MONTHLY ARTISTIC CHALLENGE ([www.battleartsgroup.co.uk](http://www.battleartsgroup.co.uk))

The challenge for April is 'NATURE'

Once again, it's not a competition and there's no critique, so get those creative juices going and interpret the theme in any way you choose, using any medium you like. As before, take a photo –flat on, no frames, in focus – and send in a .jpg to [dorothy@battleartsgroup.co.uk](mailto:dorothy@battleartsgroup.co.uk) to arrive no later than April 30th. One entry per person and please remember to give your piece a title, and tell us the medium used.

Please note May's challenge will be sent out w/commencing 6th May due to travel absence.

## BDAG WORKSHOPS 2024

### **WORKSHOP price increase**

As a result of an unexpected increase in the charge of the hall hire in Sedlescombe, the price of BDAG workshops has had to increase very slightly and this takes place with immediate effect.

If you have already paid for advance workshops, the price will be honoured. If you have not yet paid, the prices will now be:

BDAG Members: 1/2 day £27, full day £47

Non-members: 1/2 day £32, full day £57.

Prices for the extra workshops at Mountfield Village Hall remain the same as do booking instructions. Full details on our website [www.battleartsgroup.co.uk](http://www.battleartsgroup.co.uk)