

KINETON ART GROUP



NEWSLETTER MARCH - 2023

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WELCOME

We are delighted to welcome as new members Angela Webb, Charmaine Host and Dawn Mann. We do hope you are enjoying our sessions.

BANK HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Please note there will be numerous bank holidays when we do NOT have sessions. These dates are: 10th April (Easter) 1st and 8th and 29th May.

It is unfortunate that in the middle of all this is our Exhibition. Please see below.

KAG EVENTS

EXHIBITION 13TH/14TH MAY

This is our major exhibition and fund raiser of the year. You have been informed of most of the details by now, so this is just a reminder to get on and finish those paintings that have been lurking in the back of that cupboard. All paintings should be framed unless on box canvas with D rings and cord. Browsers and cards can also be available for sale. Paintings cannot be exhibited if they have been exhibited at KAG in the Exhibitions and Open Day in 2022. 10% is taken for KAG funds from each sale. Please contact Kaeren Watson (afternoons) or Dave Smith (evenings) for details and booking boards. Many boards have already been booked so please contact them quickly to book your space. We do have a limit. All of you are heartily encouraged to exhibit.

Volunteers are needed for the different teams. We need volunteers for the Boards Team available on Friday to erect and Sunday afternoon to dismantle, Teas, Stewards, Raffle/Reception and Sales volunteers are also needed. We ask that all KAG Members support the exhibition by volunteering in some capacity for a couple of hours over the three days if at all possible. Please make yourself known to Kaeren/Dave so she/he can put you in touch with the team leaders.

Cakes and more cakes. Please can the bakers put aside some time to provide a cake. We are renowned for our lovely cakes and I am sure that is why many people come. Even if you are not a baker, some of the shop produced cakes are very good. If you can provide a bought cake that would be fine. Contact Linda Brown who is in charge of teas.



AFTERNOON SESSIONS

March 6th - Talk on Karen Rice. Linda Brown will give a talk on Karen Rice and different techniques for water colours. 1.00 pm all are welcome.

April - Easter themed pictures

May - No theme as so many Bank Holidays

June - Birds

July Fish

All members are welcome.

The new rota for opening/locking up and milk/Kitchen is on the Board. Please note your dates and if there is a problem please let a Committee Member know.

WORKSHOPS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

The Workshop Programme is now up and running. Emails will be sent to all members giving details but please contact Gill Gale for bookings and queries. There is an additional charge for all day Workshops.

Saturday 18th March – Collages (W/S)

Saturday 10th June – TBA (W/S)

Saturday 22nd July – Wet felting (W/S)

Monday 4th September – Demo (afternoon) Using alcohol inks.

PROFILE

SARAH CARROLL -KAG's NEW CHAIRMAN



Where does the urge to make art come from? I can't remember a time when I didn't doodle, scribble or sketch! Is it nature or nurture?

My parents were adept at drawing, lived in bohemian Chelsea but were not particularly “arty”. But I did have a lovely Aunt who painted in oils and was a member of the Society of Miniaturists. Consequently all of us children were quite blasé about having our portraits painted and I still love the smell of oil paint from happy times watching her paint at her home in deepest Kent (a rural idyll to London children!)

She was a devotee of Renoir but soon my knowledge of artists was broadened by an inspiring A-Level teacher who took me and my two friends around the London galleries, revealing an amazing visual world. I enjoyed painting but intended to study History of Art at university. However when my father became ill I helped my mother run the family business and got my cultural fix vicariously working in the media and eventually The Design Council where I administered industrial design projects and visited the National Gallery in my lunch hour.

I eventually got that degree whilst also producing three children... but my main creative output was posters for the PTA! Our family moved up to Warwickshire in the early 2000s. I soon discovered Kineton's Art Exhibitions but did not join KAG until the Kineton

Afternoon Group started, when I revived my old school watercolours and carefully preserved sable brushes.



< Watercolour created at a Katherine Wickson workshop



An early pastel; Holiday on the Dart

It was another revelation as more experienced club members shared their knowledge of a wide variety of media – I particularly enjoyed the pastels with their beguiling range of colours (which soon got all over everything), Katherine Wickson’s ingenious watercolour techniques and Sarah Miles showing us how to do oil painting of clouds using baby oil!

I feel so fortunate to have been part of the generous world of artists over the years. KAG epitomises this with the wide variety of talents we share, the amazing Workshops available to us and the “have a go” attitude which comes right from the top, our lovely KAG President, John Lines!

Hare, from the recent drawing workshop in 2022



A watercolour portrait of my mother's cat

So many people are put off as small children when they feel that they cannot draw “properly”. That is why I feel that part of our mission as an Art Group is to inspire and share art throughout our community and get the children of Warwickshire painting with enthusiasm and confidence – we at KAG know it is the secret of a happy life!

WHAT’S ON

Compton Verney

Go on the Compton Verney Art Gallery website for details and bookings.

Tudor Mystery – A Master Painter revealed 4th February – 7th May

Sensing Naples – 1st April – 31st December

Audubon Birds of America – 1st July – 1st October

Compton Verney and Coventry Biennial Exhibition and Residency
27th May – 1st October

This is an initiative which has sprung out of Coventry’s Year of Culture to help local artists.

Warwickshire Open Studios 17th June – 2nd July

Many local artists will be exhibiting all over the county, many local to us. Check out the website.

WCG Warwickshire College – School of Arts

Students hold an exhibition of their work in June and July. More details next newsletter.

Rugby Art Gallery and Museum

People and Dogs – 11th February – 3rd June

The Rugby Collection 11th February – 3rd June

University of Warwick – Art Collection

Check out their website for current exhibitions