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Dear Member,

I hope you are enjoying the club activities this summer. Our En Plein Air programme is going well, despite the weather, and I hope you will be able to attend our Summer Party on Sunday, 5th August.

Unfortunately, no-one has come forward to fill either of the two key posts of Secretary or Studio Manager, without which the club cannot continue to operate the Studio. Some of you may be unaware that I, myself, am covering both these jobs at the moment and I am sure you will agree that this cannot continue.

Faced with the real prospect of closure when the lease expires in February, your Committee has decided to make limited funds available to compensate members who are prepared to fill these roles.

While essential, neither role is onerous, taking on average eight hours per month for secretary and four hours for studio manager: busy months balanced by very light months. We are looking for a 1 year commitment in the first instance.

The **Secretary** needs to be an organised person, with at least basic IT skills, who will be available to attend 6 committee meetings a year and deal with club correspondence.

The **Studio Manager** needs to be a practical person, willing to act as a point of contact for studio matters and be able to deal with maintenance people.

If you are interested in either role, or know of anyone outside the club who might be interested in contracting to provide these services, please contact either myself or Pat Emery for further details.

Yours
Reg Fahey

Wanted!

Secretary

Light secretarial duties
For information please call

Pat Emery

Studio Manager

Point of contact for studio matters
Arrange repairs & maintenance

For information, please call

Reg Fahey

Scheduled Painting Groups & Leaders - Autumn Session

Starting Monday 3rd September to Saturday 22nd December

Monday

9.30am-12 noon 3 rd Sept	General Painting-Any medium	Robin Martin
2-4pm 3 rd Sept	Watercolour Painting	Caroline Warrington
7-9pm 3 rd Sept	Life painting/drawing	Steve Parker

Tuesday

9.30am-12 noon 4 th Sept	General Painting-Any medium	Jill Blower
2pm-4pm 4 th Sept	General Painting-Any medium	Carolyn Ward

Wednesday

10am-12 noon 5 th Sept	Portrait Painting/drawing	Steve Johnson
2pm-4pm 5 th Sept	Portrait Painting/drawing	Francine Danks

Thursday

9am-12 noon 6 th Sept	General Painting-Any medium	Terence Evans
2pm-4pm 6 th Sept	Watercolour Group	Pat Nolan

Friday

9.30-12 noon 7 th Sept	General Painting-Any medium	Frances Arrow
2pm-4pm 7 th Sept	Still Life-Any medium	Jean Callwood

The Group Session Fee for the term of 16 weeks is £16. Casual Attendance Fee £2

Prompt payment to Group Leaders please

Dates for Your Diary

Wed 5th Sept.

Sat 8th Sept 2.30pm

10th –24th Sept

24th Sept—8th Oct

26th Sept—2nd Oct

Sat 6th Oct 2.30pm

8th Oct—22nd Oct

Sat.24th Nov.10-4pm

En Plein Air

DEMONSTRATION by RONNIE BICCARD—medium
Acrylic

Studio Display, Monday Morning General Painting

Studio Display, Monday Afternoon Watercolour Group

AUTUMN EXHIBITION AT GARDENS GALLERY

DEMONSTRATION by FRANCES WHITMAN drawing
with watercolours

Studio Display, Monday Evening, Life painting/drawing

WORKSHOP with FIONA PEART

SEE YOUR PAINTINGS ON OUR WEBSITE

www.cheltenhamartclub.co.uk

The Club Gallery on our website shows the Studio Displays. If you want your picture included be sure to add your name and a title when you hang them in the Studio. We will be starting with the new Studio Displays in September

Please contact Pat Emery if you have any ideas on how to improve our website. New material is always welcome.

Cheltenham Art Club Welcomes New Members

Ruth Vidal, Craig Thorn, Terry Flack and Kenjiro Furukawa

SUMMER LUNCH PARTY

Sunday 5th August, 2012. 1pm for 1.30pm

Informal cold buffet. Good selection of dishes.

Once more we invite all members and friends to come to the Summer Party. This is a chance to meet other members of the club and enjoy our courtyard garden. There will be a raffle so prizes gratefully received.

Book early before you forget!
Application Form on page 6.

EN PLEIN AIR, Summer 2012

So far the weather has not been to kind to us this year. Our first visit to Leckhampton was a washout but we shall look forward to going there another year. Eight of us had a really good day in the beautiful garden of Dr. Hazel Padfield at Corse on 6th June. We are grateful to her for opening her home to us and putting the kettle on every time we had a rainstorm.

We have three more exciting venues ahead so please come bringing your sandwiches and all your painting gear. We arrive soon after 10 am and leave about 4 pm. This is also a chance to bring a friend and introduce them to other members of the Club. In gratitude for their hospitality we each contribute to a collection which our host donates to his or her chosen Charity.

Wed. 4th July :- Celia Hargrave, Trench Hill, Sheepscombe, Nr Painswick GL6 6TZ

Wed. 1st August :- Tim Wiltshire, Brockworth Court, Brockworth, GL3 4QU

Wed. 5th September :- Dundry Nurseries, Bamfurlong Lane, Bamfurlong GL51 6SL

Please notify Jane Few a day or two before if you are coming and for directions.

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TREVOR WAUGH CLINICS

Reports from those who have visited Trevor's studio on the first three mornings have been very enthusiastic. More dates will be organised after Christmas as Trevor is not available during the Autumn.

ACRYLIC COURSE: Terence Evans will run a three week course for those interested in Acrylics and beginners in painting. The dates will be Saturday mornings 17th November, 1st and 8th December. More details in the next newsletter but to be sure of a place contact Terence on email

terenceevans@blueyonder.co.uk

Your opinion will help us so please let us know.

The members' survey carried out in June last year indicated that you wanted more workshops and demonstrations. Peggy Lewis has worked hard this year organising demonstrations for us on several Saturday afternoons. Likewise, David King has arranged Workshops as requested.

It is sad therefore that attendance at demonstrations has been low and that persuading members to come to workshops has been exceedingly difficult. Attendance at the Critique was so embarrassingly low, just 8 members, that Frances Wilson-Copp refused to accept her fee.

So Dave and Peggy ask if they are doing something wrong and if so, what do you suggest they can do to improve things?

Please answer their questions either by emailing them direct or replying to the email attached to this newsletter and your comments will be forwarded to them. You can also leave a note in the Studio posting box.

David King

Peggy Lewis

SUMMER BREAK AT THE END OF AUGUST.

The Committee will be organising a "Spring Clean" and "Throw Out Session" during the Summer Break so be sure to remove all your possessions from the club before Saturday, 18th August.

GARDENS GALLERY EXHIBITION

Wednesday 26th September—2nd October.

After our successful Exhibition earlier this year we hope that our September visit to the Gardens Gallery will be even better. So keep producing the masterpieces and detailed instructions for entering your pictures will be circulated later.

Our skilful Hanging Team, who did such a good job last time, will be needed again so keep the date free and be prepared!

For information contact Colin Isted

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COACH TRIP TO THE ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM, OXFORD.

There is a change of date and venue for our annual coach outing this year.

We are grateful to Michael Walsh who has volunteered to organise a guided visit to the Ashmolean on a Wednesday, 17th October.

All details of this exciting trip will be publicised as soon as possible and booking forms will be made available. **By phoning Mick now so you can be sure of a seat.**



This replaces the outing advertised in the Annual Programme to RWE Exhibition, Bristol on 10th November.

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WATERCOLOUR WORKSHOP with FIONA PEART

I have been lucky enough to recruit Fiona Peart to run a workshop for us in the Autumn. Fiona is a well-known local artist. I have seen her in action at the NEC and the Patchings Art Festival and am confident that we can look forward to a really good day. Have a look at her website www.fiona-peart.com !

The workshop will take place on Saturday 24 November at the Studio, between 10am and 4pm and will cost £30 - less than half the price you would pay for a workshop in her studio at Bourton-on-the-Water.

I am taking bookings now - don't delay if you are interested. Later may be too late.

David King

Reservation Form for:

**The Summer Lunch Party,
5th August 2012. 1pm for 1.30pm
The Studio, Townsend Street, Cheltenham**

I enclose a cheque for.....Payable to Cheltenham Art Society Ltd.
For buffet lunches including wine at £14.50 per head.

NAMES.....

ADDRESS.....

PHONE NUMBER.....

Send this form with cheque to:
Frances Arrow, 18 King Arthur Close,
Cheltenham, GL53 7EX

DEMONSTRATION BY GERALD SAVINE.

Twenty-four members enjoyed a fascinating afternoon learning all we never knew about Gouache, it was a revelation and left many of us eager to have a go. We also increased our knowledge of sailing boats and old trains.

Thank you Peggy for locating Gerald and organizing such an entertaining demonstration.

OUR NEXT DEMO IS ON SATURDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER WHEN THE ARTIST WILL BE RONNIE BICCARD

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

Out of the 177 members of our Club only 43 still need to have a printed copy of the newsletter delivered or sent to them. This helps enormously with costs so with the price of a second class stamp now 50p it would be wonderful if we could avoid even more postage. If you have an email address please make sure you are on the Club list. If you live near someone whose envelope is in the Newsletter Box in the Studio please help us by delivering it by hand then we will have solved a big problem.

Mary Warner, Newsletter editor

Useful Contacts

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