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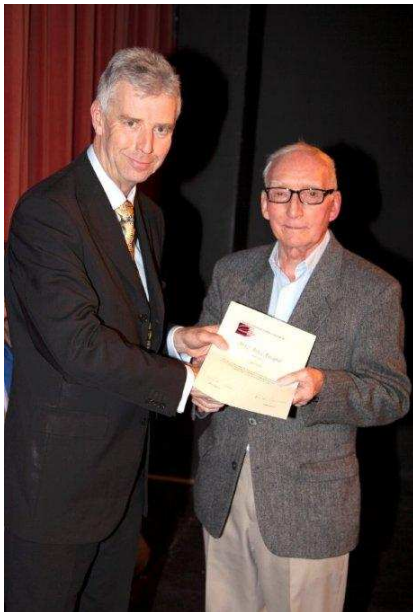


## News, views & reviews

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to Colin Isted our Head of Painting. Here we see him receiving his Arts Council Award for his contribution to the arts in Cheltenham. Thank you Colin for your many years of hard work for our Club as well as the town.



**tary, Publicity Officer and Group Leader Coordinator.** Also, Colin is looking for someone with vision to take over Wednesday afternoons (see page 4).

Are you the one to take over as **Chairman/ woman?** Reg has done a fine job over the last three years but would be happy to stand aside to give one of you the chance to continue the good work. We have had two new directors this year, Robin Sealey, Treasurer and Colin Isted, Head of Painting so we hope they will continue, with your support, for at least another year.

Some of the jobs that do not necessitate being on the Committee are up for grabs too. Peggy Lewis our **Demonstrations Organiser** has organised an exciting variety of demonstrations for 2013 and feels that this must be her last year. She will hand this duty on to you if you are willing. Many of us have admired her choice of demonstrator and the cheerful way she has run these enjoyable Saturday afternoons for the last three years.

## TIME TO THINK ABOUT 2013.

You will soon receive your renewal of membership form along with the chance to volunteer to take a more active part in the running of the club. At the A.G.M. on 23rd March all Committee members will stand down and though some will be re-elected, essentially a new committee will be formed to allow new voices to step forward.

We are sorry that Jean Callwood felt unable to continue as **Secretary** after such a short time but she assures us that she may be willing to take a more active part sometime in the future. Is there a member willing to take over that job? We also have vacancies for **Company Secre-**

**So lots to think about and let us know what you can take on in the New Year!!**

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## Scheduled Painting Groups & Leaders - Spring Session

Starting Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April

### Monday

9.30am-12 noon 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	General Painting-Any medium	Robin Martin
2-4pm 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Watercolour Painting	Caroline Warrington
7-9pm 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Life painting/drawing	Chris Ward

### Tuesday

9.30am-12 noon 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	General Painting-Any medium	Jill Blower
2pm-4pm 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Sophie Turner Classes	Carolyn Ward

### Wednesday

10am-12 noon 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Portrait Painting/drawing	Steve Johnson
2pm-4pm 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	NO GROUP AT THE MOMENT	

### Thursday

9am-12 noon 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	General Painting-Any medium	Terence Evans
2pm-4pm 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Watercolour Group	Pat Nolan

### Friday

9.30-12 noon 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	General Painting-Any medium	Frances Arrow
2pm-4pm 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Still Life-Any medium	Jean Callwood

The Group Session Fee for the term of 15 weeks is £15. Casual Attendance Fee £2

**Prompt payment to Group Leaders please**

## Dates for Your Diary

10 <sup>th</sup> –24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Studio Display, Thursday Afternoon, General Painting
25 <sup>th</sup> Jan—15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Studio Display, Friday Morning Group
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan 10am-4pm	<b>WORKSHOP with BARRY HERNIMAN</b>
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb 2.30pm	<b>DEMONSTRATION by DARLAS HUNTER</b> , watercolour, Cheltenham Townscape.
15 <sup>th</sup> Feb—1 <sup>st</sup> March	Studio Display, Friday Afternoon, Still Life Group
2 <sup>nd</sup> March-21 <sup>st</sup> March	Studio Display, Heather Watkinson's Class
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> March 10am-noon	<b>WINTER MARKET</b> in the Studio
Sat.23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2.30pm	<b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING in the Studio and Presentation of the NEWCOMERS CUP</b>
26 <sup>th</sup> March-9 <sup>th</sup> April	Studio Display—Sophie Turner's Class
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Our SPRING EXHIBITION IN THE GARDENS GALLERY</b>

## YOUR PAINTINGS ON OUR WEBSITE [www.cheltenhamartclub.co.uk](http://www.cheltenhamartclub.co.uk)

The Club Gallery will be refreshed with the new Studio Displays. One painting from each Artist will be put in the website Gallery. **Be sure to add your name and a title to your picture when you hang them in the Studio.**

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

Theresa Roberts,  
Jenny Varley,

Kathy Webb,  
Don Cormack

Hazel Martindale,  
Bernard Collard



## **CLASSES WITH SOPHIE TURNER**

We are happy that after much publicity, the classes are now underway. This six week course runs from 6th November until 11th December.

The first week was an introductory talk and discussion about painters and their work, each member talked about what they hoped to achieve from the course. Sophie is encouraging the artists to move out of their "comfort zone" and by the end of the course to have achieved finished work which is their own personal statement. From the second week Sophie works with each artist on a one to one basis, either watercolour or acrylics and she and the artists are pleased with the group's progress.

If this course is successful and enough members wish to enrol there will be another course starting in January, 2013. If you are interested in working with a tutor or have friends who would like to join our club and receive tuition please let me know.

Colin Isted      colin@isted.org.uk

## **HEATHER WATKINSON'S BEGINNERS AND IMPROVERS CLASS.**

Heather's tireless enthusiasm has encouraged many members. Her watercolour class is still so popular after many years that most of the beginners have improved and are now excellent painters. It is full at the moment but will run for six weeks in the New Year.

## **PAINTING WITH DARLAS**

on Friday afternoons is great fun. This is the second year we have been happy to welcome her and we are all looking forward to her return after Christmas. She has tutored our Still Life Group four sessions during the Autumn and we have been given lots of tips and much technical information. The highlight is Darlas' skill with the brush. She always gives us a demonstration with explanations about paint mixing, brushes and paper. She will tell you that all these useful tips come from Trevor but there is no doubt that Darlas is a great artist too.



## **ART CLUB LIBRARY.**

We have a wonderful selection of Art Videos in our Library but video machines are becoming obsolete. **Is there anyone out there with a machine for recording from videos onto disc?** If so I would be happy to try transferring them or maybe this is a job one of you would enjoy as you could watch all the videos at the same time and they could be done gradually over several months.

We have to thank our librarian, Joan Edwards, who makes light of all the work she does keeping everything in order and checking the comings and goings of books, videos and DVDs. Also keeping an eye on the magazines which we have in the Studio.

Mary Warner

**WANTED!** Enthusiastic members to build up a new group on Wednesday afternoons in the Studio.

Sadly the group, originally portrait, then general painting has been disbanded, because no one was willing to act as Group Leader. We do need to use the studio space all the time and this is an opportunity for some members to start something new. It doesn't have to be anything we have already, It could be mosaics, modelling, sculpture, framing or mount cutting. This is your chance to branch out. So let me have your ideas as soon as possible.

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## **WINTER MARKET Saturday, 9<sup>TH</sup> March. SALE OF UNWANTED ART MATERIALS**

Now is the time to start seeking out all those experimental paints and papers which just did not work for you, ready to donate them to the Winter Market! We will give further instructions on when to bring them in the next Newsletter, but not yet as there is no room.

Heather Woodward has agreed to organise it under instruction from Audrey Pollard who has cheerfully done it for many years and feels it is time to pass on the baton.

This is a great opportunity to stock up on Art Materials at bargain prices.

## **NEWS IN BRIEF:**

**The Ashmolean Trip** was a great day out. Thirty-eight members and friends enjoyed the conducted tour of the Museum's highlights arranged by Mike Walsh. His organisational skills are so good that I know we would all like to experience them again next year.

**The Gardens Gallery Exhibition** was beautifully displayed by the team who did a great job in a very short time. Alas the building works going on in Montpellier Gardens during our display may have affected the number of visitors and reduced our sales. Nevertheless the Club can be proud of the high standard reached and look forward to our next Exhibition there in the Spring.

**Frances Whitman** delighted us with her incredible pictures of animals at the demonstration on 6th October. Her beautiful pictures were admired by all but even more we were really impressed by her patience and attention to detail.

**Soraya French** visited us on 3rd November with materials from Global Art Supplies. She demonstrated the various uses and effects that could be produced and brought some of her pictures to illustrate how they were used. This proved to be an interesting and informative afternoon in a very relaxed atmosphere.

## **Useful Contacts**

Chairman, Reg Fahey - chair@cheltenhamartclub.co.uk

Vice-Chairman, Heather Watkinson —

Treasurer, Robin Sealey -

Director of Painting & Exhibitions Organiser - Colin Isted -

Newsletter Editor, Mary Warner -

Website Manager, Pat Emery -

Membership Secretary, Pat Sillitoe -

Studio Manager, John Boxall -