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GOOD NEWS

Many thanks go to **John Boxall**, who has generously volunteered his services as our new **Studio Manager**. He and his team of helpers have had a tidy up and thrown out some unwanted clutter. There is more space than when we left before the summer break and you now have an opportunity to buy some of the surplus chairs and beautiful old easels. **John has put a message to you and his contact details on the notice board so please read it.**

As well as being grateful to John for taking on this necessary job we are very grateful to **Jean Callwood** who has saved the day by volunteering her services as **Club Secretary** for one year in the first instance. If we are really good she might stay longer!

Jean has put a 2013 wall planner up in the studio so we can all see at a glance what is happening next year. If you are organising an event or choosing a date for something, please contact her and she will enter it on the wall and in the Club diary which is in her charge. This should make it easier to organise events and for all of us to know what is going on.

RAIN DIDN'T RUIN OUR

SUMMER although you might think it tried. We had five beautiful en plein air venues but the first was washed out completely. The next three were touch and go, however, on the final day at Dundry Nurseries in September the sun shone all day. Thank you Jane and Didi for organizing such lovely days out.

THE SUMMER PARTY was much enjoyed by a fine turn out of members. Sadly the courtyard could not be fully appreciated due to rain. Once again the food was delicious and we thank Heather Watkinson for organising it so beautifully.

THE COTSWOLDS IN ACRYLICS

by **SUE TOWNSEND** - Peggy Lewis organized two interesting demonstrations during the Summer. On 8th September Sue Townsend produced a Cotswold landscape in acrylics, explaining each step of the way how we might create something as beautiful. Sue kindly stepped in at the last moment when Peggy learnt that Ronnie Biccard had returned to South Africa in a hurry without being able to let her know.

In June we enjoyed Gerald Savine demonstrating gouache with a stunning picture of a Falmouth Quay Punt (sailing boat). Now we know that gouache can be a very exciting and challenging medium.

Thanks go to Peggy for her hard work, she has organised two more demos this year and we look forward to Frances Whitman and Soraya French. (See "Diary Dates")



**GARDENS GALLERY EXHIBITION,
OPENS PM. 26TH SEPTEMBER—2ND OCTOBER**

If you can help set up or take down please contact Colin Isted

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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	Chris Ward
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		
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

10 th –24 th Sept	Studio Display, Monday Morning General Painting
24 th Sept—8 th Oct	Studio Display, Monday Afternoon Watercolour Group
26 th Sept—2 nd Oct	AUTUMN EXHIBITION AT GARDENS GALLERY
Sat 6 th Oct 2.30pm	DEMONSTRATION by FRANCES WHITMAN drawing with watercolours
8 th Oct—22 nd Oct	Studio Display, Monday Evening, Life painting/drawing
Wednesday, 17 th Oct.	VISIT TO THE ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM, OXFORD
23 rd Oct-6 th Nov	Studio Display, Tuesday Morning, General painting
Sat.3 rd Nov. 2.30pm	DEMONSTRATION by SORAYA FRENCH with Global Art Supplies. Acrylic paints and add ons.
6 th Nov-20 th Nov	Studio Display, Tuesday Afternoon, General Painting
21 st Nov-5 th Dec	Studio Display, Wednesday Morning Portrait Group
Sat.24 th Nov.10-4pm	WORKSHOP with FIONA PEART
6 th Dec-22 nd Dec	Studio Display, Thursday Morning, General Painting

YOUR PAINTINGS ON OUR WEBSITE www.cheltenhamartclub.co.uk

The Club Gallery will be refreshed with the new Studio Displays starting this September. If you want your picture included be sure to add your name and a title 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

Patricia Lee, Gordon Close, Sue Macphee, Sandy Fothergill, Elizabeth Tebby and Jonathan Penny

TRIP TO ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM, OXFORD, 17th October - Last minute bookings contact Mick Walsh. You might just be lucky and get a seat.

PAINTING GROUPS - In a recent members' survey, we were asked what we liked about the Cheltenham Art Club. One of the foremost answers was that we liked to be amongst like minded people. The opportunities for providing this, are all around us practically every day, in the studio.

The Painting Groups meet every morning and afternoon during the week. We get together for just a few hours, away from the pressures of everyday life and just enjoy what we are doing. The facilities available in the studio and the discipline of regular attendance, allows us to improve our skills and to be creative. This is not always so easy in a home environment.

The club has its own website www.cheltenhamartclub.co.uk Not only does this give full information about the club, it also gives details about the various groups. Group Leaders' telephone numbers are in the Newsletter.

For the general painting groups (without a model), this is all available for just £1 a session when paying in advance for the term. If you are not already in a group, why not try it? Contact one of the Group Leaders and I am sure they will invite you to a taster session without charge.

Robin Martin

Monday Morning Group Leader.

CLASSES FOR NEWCOMBERS AND EXISTING MEMBERS - Colin Isted (head of painting) is organizing a course of lessons probably on Tuesday afternoons to be run by Sophie Turner. She is a qualified Art Teacher covering all mediums. The first course will last six weeks and you are invited to contact Colin if you are interested with suggestions for course content. We hope this will be attractive to new members who are looking for instruction and as a good introduction to the Club giving them a chance to see how our groups work.

Please contact Colin Isted

FIONA PEART WORKSHOP - Dave has had such a good response for the workshop Fiona Peart will run in November that he now has a waiting list. If you had intended to sign up and are still interested please email him so he can judge if he has enough people to warrant a second booking with her for a workshop sometime next year.

Please contact David King

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS - At the moment the Portrait Group has folded and we hope that Wednesday afternoons will be for general painting joining up with members from the Tuesday afternoon Group thus freeing Tuesdays for classes.

Heather Watkinson's Thursday afternoon class which starts 4th October, is already full so a Tuesday Class will be a benefit to the Club.

Darlas Hunter will continue to instruct the Still Life Group on four afternoons during the Autumn Session which is much appreciated.

STRAND ARTS

12 Grosvenor St. Cheltenham
Great Offers on all Art Materials
Especially Acrylic Inks and
Watercolours.
discount for
Cheltenham Art Club Members .

The Demonstration Fee charged by visiting artists has increased since the recession, so your Committee has reluctantly decided to increase the entrance fee from £4 to £5 to cover the cost. We need at least 25 members at each demo, sadly numbers have not reached that recently.

ACRYLIC COURSE: Terence Evans will run a three week course for those interested in Acrylics. The dates will be Saturday mornings 17th November, 1st & 8th December. Please contact Terence for details

ART IN THE COURTYARD

I wonder how many members who attend group sessions in the studio have visited the courtyard recently. If you have you will see there are interesting additions to the garden.

Mary Rippon has placed some of her glasswork in various places. A glass dish has been well used during the rainy summer as a bird bath, surrounded by brightly coloured off-cuts of moulded glass and additional sea shells from around the world. Hanging on the garage wall is also a glass plate with a pattern of geckos or lizards

If you take a look to the left, the dead tree in the corner has been transformed by using paint to highlight the knots and splits in the bark. Its silhouette is painted on the fencing panel behind and the tree hung with bright strips of glass to swing in the breeze and catch the light.

Brenda Warren, Evelyn Howson and Mary have kept the shrubs under control while the wet weather has increased their growth.

Unfortunately the weather on the day of the courtyard summer party wasn't good enough to sit out and therefore I doubt the few who ventured out were aware of the changes. Take a look next time you are in for your group – summer weather permitting!

Very well done Mary, with a little assistance from myself.

Heather Woodward

EASELS FOR SALE

As the Club has more easels and chairs than are needed for Club activities, the Committee has decided to dispose of six surplus large and three small wooden easels, also eight folding wooden chairs. They are clearly marked 'For Sale' and are at the back of the Studio.

This will help to reduce a potential tripping hazard in the studio and also create more space.

6 large wooden easels are £10 each.

3 small portable wooden easels are £5 each.

8 folding wooden chairs £2 each.

Please put your cheque/cash in an envelope marked Robin Sealey, Treasurer.

Any of the above not sold within four weeks will be offered to non-members.

Reg Fahey
Chairman

Useful Contacts

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