



Hello and welcome to the fifth newsletter!

AGM

As you know our AGM is on 14th May. Is there anyone willing to be on the committee? If so we need to have nominations in by 14th April at the very latest. We always need "fresh blood" with new ideas so if you are able to spare a few hours a month please let the existing committee know.

Visiting Artists

Everyone who saw **Phil Drury** on 24th February enjoyed his sculpting demo. Some members even created their own sculptures to take home. If you would like to see more of his work visit www.myidlehands.blogspot.com/ If you would like to contact him for tuition or help and advice his 'phone numbers are: 01636 705885 or 07840 121234.

Don't forget that **Jan Osbond** will be here for a demo and workshop on 24th March 2009. For those attending the workshop please pay Barbara on March 10th. There are lists available of materials you need to bring so make sure you see a copy before the 24th!

By popular demand, **Liz Haywood** will be back giving a demo on 22nd September this time using watercolour pencils and crayon.

Please let Judy know as soon as possible if you like **Jenny Shaw-Browne** to come and give us a demo or a demo plus workshop in pastels.

Mini demo

We would like to thank Mick Rose for showing us how to use the mount cutter. This can save every member pounds in framing costs.

Mike Webster

We are planning another trip to Mike's house for a day's painting. We are aiming for June 2nd so hopefully we'll be out and about in some good weather. All those who have been before have really enjoyed it so if you would like to go please let Judy know. We are limiting it to a max of 8 to get optimum tuition.

Sweatshirts

We have had a request for more sweatshirts and polo shirts with the group's logo. The committee is researching the market to find the "best buy". Hopefully a range of garments, bags and other items will then be available.

MAG Top Tips

Here's a tip from one of our members:

Always take a photograph of your work before and after you get it framed. Digital photos are especially useful as they can be emailed to magazines, friends and be put on our website! If you sell any of your paintings you will always have a record of them and you can also produce prints from good quality photos.

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Summer Social Event

As the Christmas Lunch was such a success we are going to organise another get-together for all members, partners and associates. We thought a buffet by the river would be good – you know the sort of thing: cucumber sandwiches, strawberries and cream, fancy cakes etc. This is pencilled in for late June/early July so don't book your

holiday for then. You wouldn't want to miss *the* social event of the year, would you?!

Well, I did warn you that they would get worse...

The Art Collector:

A famous art collector is walking through the city when he notices a mangy cat lapping milk from a saucer in the doorway of a store.

He does a double take, as he notices that the saucer is extremely old and very valuable. He walks casually into the store and offers to buy the cat for two dollars.

The store owner replies, "I'm sorry, but the cat isn't for sale."

The collector says, "Please, I need a hungry cat around the house to catch mice. I'll pay you twenty dollars for that cat."

And the owner says "Sold," and hands over the cat.

The collector continues, "Hey, for the twenty bucks I wonder if you could throw in that old saucer. The cat's used to it and it'll save me having to get a dish."

And the owner says, "Sorry buddy, but that's my lucky saucer. So far this week I've sold sixty-eight cats."



Happy painting!