



## Hello and welcome to the eighth newsletter!

### Annual Exhibition

Thank you to everyone for your contributions to the exhibition. It was a great success. We had 187 visitors over the two days and we sold five paintings, handbags, flower brooches and lots of cards. We must not be disheartened by poor picture sales as all exhibitors are saying that sales are slow in the present economic climate. The main objectives of the exhibitions are to showcase our work and to encourage others to take up the brush and hopefully join us.

Very special thanks must go to all the members who helped to set up and run the exhibition. We could not put on such a great show without you. One visitor was heard to say that ours was the best exhibition in the whole of Nottinghamshire.

There were some lovely comments in the Visitors Book, Here is a selection:

“Inspirational”

“Astounding! Lovely paintings. Excellent exhibition. Particularly liked the addition of the crafts section”

“Gets better every year”

“An excellent show this year. The best yet”

“Nice people”

All very, very good”

“Really enjoyable. Thank you”

“Very good and interesting paintings”

“I think an improvement on last year. Very good”

“Delightful display and good quality”

“Most enjoyable – loved the variety”

“Gets better every year! Liked the way you numbered them this year, also liked the crafts”

“Lovely, the fact you can show so many mediums is fantastic”

“Amazing”

“What a talented group”

“Very interesting and good standard”

“Excellent”

And so on...

All the feedback was positive. Many people look forward to our exhibitions and enjoy the friendly atmosphere and the excellent refreshments as well as the paintings.

It was great to see some members who, for various reasons, have not been able to come to the meetings lately. It is hoped they will soon be able to return to the group on a more regular basis. It was good to see some ex members too. Thanks must go to Joe Burnett for donating a large box of videos to the group.

Once again, thank you all for your hard work

## Christmas Social Event



This will be at **12:00 midday at The Ferry at North Muskham on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2009.**

**Please put a note in your diary NOW!!**

All members, partners and associates are invited. We will try to keep the ticket price similar to last year. Further information will follow as soon as more details are finalised.

## Sweatshirts

Our new embroidered sweatshirts and polo shirts are available. Bear in mind that the sizes are on the generous side when you order. See Barbara for prices.

## When you are stuck for an idea...

We all get those times when we are stuck for something to paint or we need a reference picture of something we want to add to a painting. One solution may be to look at

[www.photos4artists.co.uk](http://www.photos4artists.co.uk)

This website offers free pictures that you can use to help you out in these situations. The photos range from simple reference pictures such as a piece of fruit to landscapes, scenes with buildings, boats etc. Some of these images are good enough to make great paintings as they are.

You can search the site for items of interest which is quicker than leafing through books hoping to find something that would do. The pictures are of high quality and do not lose any resolution when you zoom in on particular areas. Compositionally they are good but don't forget you can also crop the images to suit your needs. If you don't have a computer you can try the ones in the library.

According to the site:

*"You may publish, sell or otherwise display any painting, drawing or other work of art that*

*is a representation of a photo published on this site so long as it is completely original and is in no way a digitally or electronically formed or altered copy of a photo published on this site."*

So no copyright worries either!

## Put your painting on the website

Don't forget you can put your work on the group's website. Electronic photos are needed for this. If you don't have a digital camera, bring your paintings in and Jo can photograph them for you. You can advertise paintings for sale and have a few words about yourself up there too. Have a word with Jo and she will give you more information.

## Artist's Impression

Artist Pablo Picasso surprised a burglar at work in his new chateau. The intruder got away, but Picasso told the police he could do a rough sketch of what he looked like. On the basis of his drawing, the police arrested a mother superior, the minister of finance, a washing machine, and the Eiffel tower. ☺

Don't forget, this is your newsletter. Please let the committee know if you like it and what you would like to see in it. Contributions, comments and ideas are all welcome.



Happy painting!