



Hello and welcome to the twenty fifth newsletter!

The Exhibition

What an excellent one it was! Every visitor I spoke to thought it was the best yet. Many people liked the fact that it was so varied. Thank you to everyone who helped set up, run and take down the exhibition. It all seemed to go more smoothly than ever this year.

Congratulations to all who sold paintings, crafts, cards etc. We made a profit of £63.21 mainly from the excellent refreshments that were available.

Lastly thank you to everyone who exhibited such a wonderful array of art. I hope more members feel able to exhibit next year.

Christmas Social

Time to get your diaries out! The Christmas Lunch will be on

Tuesday 17th December at 12:15 pm

At The Ferry, North Muskham

It will be a hot buffet costing £10 per person. All members, spouses, friends, associates etc will be most welcome. Please sign up to let us know you're coming.

There will be a raffle so we'd be very grateful for any prizes (please bring the on the day) and the usual quiz to tax your brain cells.

Equipment

As you all know we have bought a portable, wireless PA system for artists to use during demos and workshops. We have also been using it to play music during the meetings. If you have any music you would like played please bring it along. It needs to be in mp3 format on a memory stick, SD card or ipod. It would be good to get some variety.

Muskham Players

Do any members fancy helping designing and drawing out the scenery for The Muskham Players Panto in February? They have people available to paint the scenery but their regular designer is going to be on maternity leave. If you are interested please ask a committee member for more details.

St Mark's Gallery

If anyone is interested in putting their work up for show/sale in St Mark's Gallery you can rent a 2600 x 1200mm area for £15 per week. They keep 5% of any sales for handling costs. Might be a useful way of making some money leading up to Christmas!

Tea/coffee Breaks

Thank you to all those who have helped with washing up, drying and putting away. It is very much appreciated and allows Anne and Jean to get back to their art more quickly.

Please return your cups and saucers as soon as you can to speed the process up.

Edna says she would love to come back to make our teas and coffees but is waiting for her knee to get better.

Demos

Mick Lakin's workshop was very interesting and informative. All who attended really enjoyed it and learned so much about botanical art.

The next demo is on 26th November when we welcome Liz Hayward back. It has been too long since she last visited us. She will be demonstrating her usual style but with Christmas overtones.

On February 20th 2014 we will have a workshop with Gwen Scott. Another artist who we haven't seen for quite a while. She will be showing us how to do Derbyshire cottages, doors and windows in pen and wash.

Gareth Watling will be here on 11th November 2014 to demonstrate how he creates his almost 3D effect birds.

Ron Freeman will be at the club on 25th November 2014.

Ruth is busy compiling the rest of the programme for 2014. We may try and have workshops on Tuesdays instead of Thursdays to try and improve attendance.

Emails

Newsletters and other information about Muskham Art Group and other pieces of interest are sent out via email. If you are not receiving these messages and would like to, please give your email address to Jo.

Patchings Art Centre

There are loads of events happening from now until Christmas at Patchings from art sales to exhibitions to Christmas Markets to Carol Singing. Have a look at their website for more information:

<http://www.patchingsartcentre.co.uk>

Website

Don't forget that you can put images of your art on the group's website. Just let Jo know if you want to do this. She will photograph your pictures or you can email them to her and she will do the rest.

More Really Awful Art Jokes...

I lost so much cash through having my art stolen recently, but fortunately this month I've Claude Monet back.

I've just found a portrait of a policeman in the loft.

I think it's a Constable.

Went to a tarot card reading with my wife recently. You should have seen the look on her and the old gypsy ladies faces when I drew the Death card.

It was a look that clearly showed if I didn't put the sketch pad and pen away I would not be coming to any further readings.



Happy Painting!