



# Gloucestershire Society of Artists

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## Newsletter June 2020

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN, ROSEMARY HARVEY.



First of all, I hope that all of you are well and staying safe. This is the most unusual report that I have ever made as we have not been able to meet for so long. We seem to have a Dragon in our midst (courtesy of Neil Gow) , but when this pandemic is over, we look forward to the GSA returning to an interesting, informative and active group.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the website. Some members have made suggestions and given us links to help keep us going with our art. If you have any brilliant ideas for art activities during the lockdown please send them to Jackie to put on the website. A great opportunity to keep our hands in.

The ISO competition, “Home and Garden” is proceeding well with twenty-one entries so far. First prize is £30, second prize is £15. Remember both the Competition and Voting are open to ALL members. Please support us by voting even if you have not entered. We have extended the date for both entering and voting to give us a little more time, **especially for those not on the Internet**. The closing date for entries is now **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June** after which please vote for your favourite by Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July. **See later in this newsletter for all the details of how to enter and vote.**

We have of course had to postpone Studio Evenings, but we will be welcoming David Bellamy and others back as soon as possible. Keep your tickets safe. The exhibition at Painswick is also cancelled but please keep on painting, sculpting and potting for when we are able to exhibit again. Keep well, stay safe and carry on with your art work. Rosemary Harvey.

### CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME TO OUR NEW FULL MEMBERS.



Membership assessments were held just before lockdown on 7<sup>th</sup> March and we are delighted that all 4 applicants were accepted as new full members.

They are, Margaret Skinner, Alexandrina Smith, Sue Trickey and Ingrid Angel.

**Congratulations and a very warm welcome to you all!**

By Sue Trickey

By Ingrid Angel



By Margaret Skinner



By Alexandrina Smith



## **LOCKDOWN COMPETITION "HOME AND GARDEN". DETAILS AND HOW TO ENTER AND VOTE.**

- The competition is open to both Full and Associate members of the GSA.
- Paint us a picture or create any work of art illustrating your experiences and feelings relating to the strange world we're all experiencing during lockdown. Illustrate what you are seeing, doing and how you are feeling and coping at this difficult time.
- Entries (maximum of two entries per member please) must be NEW works of art, in any two, or three-dimensional media of your choice, with the theme of 'HOME AND GARDEN'.
- Only digital photographs of artwork can be accepted.
- All entries will be shown on the GSA Home page and, with more details, on the Galleries/Paintings page at [www.gloucestershiresocietyartists.co.uk](http://www.gloucestershiresocietyartists.co.uk)
- Please send photographs of your entries to Jackie Herbert at her email address, [jackieherbert51@gmail.com](mailto:jackieherbert51@gmail.com). (See note below for non techies!)
- Include details of the Artist, Medium, and Title of the Artwork
- The closing date for work submitted is **SUNDAY 28TH JUNE**.
- Winners will be decided by the membership and votes will be accepted up to **SUNDAY 5TH JULY**.
- Please send your vote, **including the Number, Title and Artists name** to - [jackieherbert51@gmail.com](mailto:jackieherbert51@gmail.com) or by post to Jackie Herbert at **Sheepehouse Cottage, Stepping Stone Lane, Painswick, Glos GL6 6RX**
- Each member has only ONE vote and cannot vote for his or her own work.
- If you are a GSA member, Associate or Full, but have not submitted a work of art you can still vote for your favourite painting.

**There will be cash prizes for the two photos with the most votes from the membership – **FIRST PRIZE - £30.00. RUNNER UP PRIZE - £15.00****

**Never taken or sent a Digital Photo before?** If you are NOT on the Internet and have never done this before try this .....

- Ask a family member, friend or neighbour who has a modern mobile phone to help.
- Ask them to take a photograph of your painting, ceramic, sculpture etc on their phone, in a situation where you can maintain hygiene and social distancing of course.
- Ask them to send the resulting photo to Jackie at [jackieherbert51@gmail.com](mailto:jackieherbert51@gmail.com) with your details. (Title, Artist, Media). She will edit photos for reproducing if necessary.

This might sound daunting to you but will not be for them. To enable you to vote you will need to ask someone with a link on their phone or Ipad to show you the pictures online. Perhaps the same person? [www.gloucestershiresocietyartists.co.uk](http://www.gloucestershiresocietyartists.co.uk)

*N.B. Unfortunately, we cannot show any entries in the Newsletter as it would be unfair for the final voting to show only a few.*

## **IDEAS AND LINKS TO INSPIRE YOU.**



**NATURE IN ART** - Lots of ideas and inspiration here, I have used some ideas for my grandchildren such as the illustration here.  
<https://natureinart.org.uk/>

**JACKIE GARNER** - "I've given my blog a makeover, reinventing it as an art teaching site which may be of interest to GSA".  
<https://garnerwildlifeart.wordpress.com/> or email her at <mailto:artist@jackiegarnar.co.uk> for more help and ideas.

**GSA WEBSITE** – There are lots of online sites and TV programmes to help out there but don't forget to visit our own website for ideas from members and others! Go to the 'Latest News' page for a good sample. [www.gloucestershiresocietyartists.co.uk](http://www.gloucestershiresocietyartists.co.uk)

## **MEMBERSHIP.**

Please note that membership renewals were due on 1<sup>st</sup> March. All fees are unchanged for 2020 - 2021, i.e. at £17 p.a. for Associate Members and £20 p.a. for Full Members. Renewal forms are still available on our website at [www.gloucestershiresocietyartists.co.uk](http://www.gloucestershiresocietyartists.co.uk). We realise that in the present situation this may seem unnecessary, **but please bear in mind that the GSA's survival does depend on the continued support of its members.**

**Thank you everyone, stay safe and keep on creating!**