



NORFOLK AND NORWICH ART CIRCLE NEWSLETTER MARCH 2016

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Easel Party

Saturday 5th December 2016

An opportunity to meet a varied range of members and enjoy a glass of wine and the lovely finger buffet. Many thanks to Sue Willmer and all those who helped. The chance to join fellow artists and discuss with them "work in progress" in a social, relaxed setting was greatly enjoyed by all those who attended. The new lunch time was in response to requests from members and appeared to be popular, we had a very good attendance - there was not much surplus food to take home! Shame as it was lovely !!!

Malcolm Cudmore - Artist

Saturday January 23rd URCH

In January Malcolm Cudmore had the subject of 'composition' for his talk to the art circle members. His view is that composition is more important than any other factor in making a work of art. It is the conscious process of arranging the various elements of a painting that can best express what it is that made the artist want to paint it in the first place, and its purpose is to ensure that the viewers experience of the picture is as close as possible to that which the artist wants us to have.

Malcolm described in detail the various practical factors which have to be considered when deciding upon a composition. These range from simpler decisions regarding for example paper or canvas size, balancing of the different elements and contrast, to planning an underlying structure of the work and use of the 'rule of thirds'. He said 'if the proportions are right it will look good'.

His often amusing and most informative talk was followed by an opportunity for members to talk to Malcolm individually and to ask questions.

Sue Willmer

Annual General Meeting

**at the United Reform Church, Ipswich
Road, Norwich**

Saturday 19th March at 2pm

Please remember to bring your 2016 membership fees.

£20 single £30 a couple - this helps greatly.

Do come along and support your art circle if at all possible be lovely to see you and you are assured a warm welcome !

NOMINATIONS for ELECTION to COUNCIL.

It will be helpful if nominations can be made prior to the AGM and submitted to the Hon. Secretary. A proposer and seconder from membership is required.

This does not preclude nominations on the day. At the AGM candidates should be prepared to give a short account of their artistic attainments, training or interests, and history if any, in the NNAC.

Prospective Councillors should be prepared to attend meetings (4 to 6 per year) assist at monthly events, help with selection, hanging and organisation of the annual programme.

Saturday 23rd April URCH 2-4pm Demonstration by Douglas Farthing

'I am inspired by all that I see, in particular the beauty within hardship; I record my memories of war and direct this energy into my artwork at home on the Suffolk and Norfolk border. Capturing people in their environments be them a Baker, Soldier or an Afghan Policeman. Artists can find themselves in a testing and exciting environment. I find it rewarding to draw the viewer into the situation, young men and women from both sides - the armies and civilian populations. I feel great pleasure when, in my work, someone recognises a moment they have experienced in their own life'. **Douglas Farthing MBE**

The next social gathering will be on **Thursday 17th March 2016** at the **Marsh Harrier**, Ipswich Road (A140), Norwich from 7pm onwards. The theme is "Minitures: My Smallest Work " come along and join in.

Contact Clive for more details

Please note the proposed dates for future gatherings Tues. 19th April, Thur 19th May, Tues 14th June, Thur 21st July, Tues 16th August

PAINTING IN BETH CHATTO'S GARDEN

There are still a few places to paint in Beth Chatto's

garden near Colchester on

SATURDAY MAY 14th 2016

As we have to restrict the numbers attending, the first 20 members responding either by email or in writing will have a place reserved for them. A reserve list of names will be kept in case anyone drops out at a later date. The price (to be paid for once your application has been successful) will be £6.95. Travel will be by car to accommodate easels etc. and it is hoped that members will car share

where possible.

Replies please to Sue Willmer.

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Life Drawing Group

URCH Ipswich Road Norwich.

2nd Wednesday of each month

Provisional Programme for 2016

9th March- Portrait (clothed) session

13th April- Oiled up

11th May- Oriental

8th June- Elegance

13th July- Mythical

10th August- Earth

14th September- Against the Wind

12th October- Fire

9th November- Rain/Umbrellas

14th December The Christmas Fairy

If that doesn't inspire you to join in a session.....!

Sessions are from 9.30am (set up) to 1pm (we must be out by 1pm) with a break

Fees £8 per session (£10 non members)

Bring your own materials

If you wish to join a session you are urged to contact

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For your diary

London Trip

Saturday 2nd July

Don't forget to visit our New Norfolk and Norwich Art Circle website.

www.nnartcircle.com

If you would like a link put to your web site please send details to nnartcircle@yahoo.co.uk

Obituary

We are sad to inform members of the passing of Hew Puchas (82) of Wells-next- the -Sea. Many of our older members will know Hew, an active member for many years and still exhibiting great paintings of seascapes, boats and the area around Wells until last year. He will be sadly missed.

Janet Harrison

Our sincere condolences to his wife Frances and family members.

Nominations to

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