



Gloucestershire Society of Artists

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## **GSA Monthly News Bulletin September 2024**

# **'One Hundred Years and Counting'**

**Congratulations everybody. What a wonderful exhibition we had.**

I make no apologies for this bulletin being late. Despite all the problems, we have had in the last few years, with pandemics and costs of hiring rooms spiralling out of control, we managed to put on a great show.

The preview evening was so successful with great sales of work and high numbers of guests attending. As the evening was warm people were able to take their drinks outside and enjoy the garden space when they had seen our wonderful display.

Our special thanks must go to the team who helped the committee not only got their hands dirty putting up the pictures but also took the advertising to a whole new level. Our especial thanks to Gerald Crittle for designing the leaflets and organising the advertising campaign.

The financial success of the exhibition is still being counted but I now know that we sold 29 pictures. We had over 80 pieces of work in the exhibition and lots of prints and cards. These smaller items are good adverts in themselves and all the small sales help to make it a financial success.

**Terry has just told me that the total sales made came to  
£5639. Well done everyone!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

This figure is before costs and payments to artists. But

We now need to build on this and if you know of any venues where you think would be big enough to hold next year's annual exhibition, could you please let us know as soon as possible so that we can investigate and book it before space is taken up. We are also thinking of joining in the Gloucester open studios next year too so if you would like to take part in that, please let the committee know so that we can approach the organisers of that with a proposal.

We have had several new members this summer too. I'm sure you will make them welcome.

### **Award winners**

**President's Cup**

**GSA Award**

**Certificates of Merit**

Margaret Skinner

Neil Gow

Greg Thatcher, Lynton Bolton and Bridget Cordroy

**Visitors Choice** Peter Morley

Congratulations to you all.

### **Diary of Events/ Studio earnings**

**October 21<sup>st</sup>** Mike J. Carter Talk and demo 'It's all in the Mind'. He is an art teacher specialising in helping people who have challenging problems through art

**November 18<sup>th</sup>** John Steed. A member of Gloucester Contemporary Artists. He will be talking about the work they do. He will be joined by another artist who works in glass and will show some of their work.

### **Through the winter**

**As Last year**, I proposed some daytime workshops in the room off the coffee shop through the winter as people don't like coming out on winter evenings. Is there anything you would like to do. It doesn't have to be a formal meeting, you can just have a painting day with a bit of a chat. Drinks and food are available in the coffee shop so you can support Nature in Art that way especially as it's so quiet in the winter for them too.

**If you want to try out something new.** Laura, the new education officer, is continuing the 'Dare to Dabble' program that provides the materials and instruction for each event at very little cost. Then if you like it you can buy your kit, if you don't like it, you haven't spent money on materials you don't use. Check on their website for more details

**Just had a thought.** Would you like a sales shop. I was talking with Jackie Cox the other day. She said she has materials for sale, and I have too. So, my thinking is why don't we have a sort of bring and buy day. People bring in excess materials to sell or buy materials that they need. Perhaps after Christmas when you know what Santa has brought. This would be a daytime event.

**Michael, who runs our website**, has asked me to remind you that he can put up an individual page for artists who wish to promote their work through the website. Please email him at [GSAedit@icloud.com](mailto:GSAedit@icloud.com)

Any other business please email me at [rosegow51@gmail.com](mailto:rosegow51@gmail.com) or phone me on 01452 504 572, or write to me at 12, Sedgley Close, Tuffley, Gloucester GL4 0QS. That is my answerphone number -leave a message and I will get back to you. I can't reply if you don't say who you are, and it saves me from having to answer all the pesty illegal phone messages that keep coming no matter what I do.