LAS Newsletter October 2017

Dear Members

The Preview evening of our Summer Exhibition went well and we had many compliments, including those from our Patron Lord Faringdon, that the standard of this year’s exhibits exceeded even those of the last one!

Artwork Sales got off to a slow start, however we had 302 visitors over the course of the whole exhibition. Business was brisk generally particularly the card sales, some of which had been donated by members for our fundraising. By the end of the exhibition, we had sold 11 hung exhibits and 5 from the browsers from 167 in total. This may not sound many but I can assure you that many other Art Groups didn’t do as well and all in all we managed to modestly exceed our usual break even amount!

It might be worthwhile at this point to mention the costs incurred in putting on our exhibitions. A few of our members have commented that the hanging fee of £2 per exhibit and 10% commission from sales was rather high. Hall hire costs, refreshments for the Preview, hire of the screens, printing of posters etc. are all part of the spiralling costs involved. The cafe which was open for the duration of the exhibition, made a good profit and our thanks must go to Jen Britton for her delicious cakes which she supplied us with every day.

Owing to the smaller size of the exhibition necessitated by the venue, we decided not to stage the Patron’s award this time and so instead we held a new competition each day for the most popular exhibit of the day and these were won by Roger Jones on the Preview evening with his painting entitled “Cotswold Way,Summer”, Arthur Simmons on the Saturday with “On the Lookout”, Sunday’s was won by Sue Moir for “My Blue Hat” , Monday was Vedanti Moodley with Series 6 and Tuesday’s was won by Wendy Fouracre with “Misty Morning”.

Just to remind you, there are a few places left for the 3-D workshop tutored by Brian Britton, on Saturday October 7th at a cost of £20 which is wonderful value for money and I am sure will prove to be a really stimulating day.

The Life drawing/painting workshop is scheduled for Sunday 5th November tutored by Brian and will cost £30 for the day. Tea and coffee is provided for both. Please contact Brian on 01367 252540 or [b.britton89@btinternet.com](mailto:b.britton89@btinternet.com) for further information and to book a place.

You should, by now, have received your Membership Cards: if you haven’t, there’s a good chance you haven’t paid your subscriptions! All enquiries to Val Mackenzie at valmackenzie2212@gmail or on 01793 763509.

Our next demonstration is on Wednesday 11th October at 2pm when Juliet Heslewood will be giving a Powerpoint presentation entitled “The Art of Self Portraiture”

And not forgetting a favourite of ours, Paul Deacon who will be demonstrating Portraiture on Wednesday 15th November at 2pm.

It has been unanimously agreed that Sue Moir who will soon be celebrating a “significant” birthday should be recognised for her long and untiring services to the Society and so she has been awarded Lifetime Honorary Membership. Well done Sue and grateful thanks from all of us!

Finally, our Christmas Lunch is scheduled for Friday December 15th at the Carp Lake. The catering this time will be organised by some of the committee members and we hope to peg the price at £15 per person . Can I impress upon everyone the need to “step up to the plate” (sorry about the pun) and volunteer to help with the setting out and clearing up which is a necessary part of the day? After all, it’s a time to be enjoyed by everyone including the organisers! Should you be willing to help in some way, could you please put your name forward to volunteer to Jen Britton on 01367 252540?

Sharon Ellis – LAS Chair