### **NEWSLETTER**



**DAS President Liz Kay** 

Hello Members

Welcome to 'Spring' and hopefully better weather than we have had of late. Our gallery has welcomed some celebrations recently with outside users having a 21st Birthday Meal and The Bahá'í Faith bringing in their New Year with a ceilidh.

You will notice that our front garden is starting to bloom and I am really looking forward to seeing our Garden Themed Exhibition and Open Weekend on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th April. Remember, the hand in for this is at our next Friday talk (April 19th who will be our very own Jonathan Mitchell) and Sunday 21st from 2pm to 4pm.

Hope to see many of you there. Liz

## More Improvements to the Roseangle Gallery.

Our kitchen is being replaced with firstly sorting the floor and next a whole new Kitchen. We apologies for the disturbance but this will be a massive improvement for those who use or hire the gallery.

We were pleased to receive much needed grant funding but are also very grateful to the Members and Friends of DAS who have donated their time and effort so generously.



#### The Roseangle Garden.

John Stoa has planted a few hundred Aconite seedlings in Roseangle flower borders. Some will flower next year, but most will take another year to establish before flowering. Aconites flower at the same time as snowdrops, usually in February.







# Our next Free Artist talk and demonstration is Friday April 19th 7:00pm – 9:00pm by Scottish contemporary artist Jonathan Mitchell.

Delighted to announce our next FREE talk and demonstration at the Roseangle Gallery will be Jonathan Mitchell the renowned landscape painter.

Since graduating from Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art, Dundee, in 1990, Jonathan Mitchell has developed a considerable reputation as a painter of the Scottish landscape with his work collected by patrons both in the UK and internationally. Primarily working in oils, his painting is firmly within the Northern European tradition both detailed and atmospheric.

Jonathon will be demonstrating his incredible skill with a demo piece of work so whatever you paint yourself you'll learn from his techniques or as he said himself "An opportunity to bear witness to Mitchell's Magic brush in action".

www.jonathanmitchellartworks.com



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- Monday night 7-9pm Life Drawing.

Martin Hill is our new tutor for the Monday Night Life Drawing class. Martin is a fantastic artist and hopes to help everyone develop their skills.

- Tuesday Night 7-9pm Chill out Tuesday.

Bring your own materials and ideas to work on. This session is not tutored but the group are always happy to share ideas and experience.

- Wednesday afternoon 1.30-3.30pm Art for All. We also have a new tutor Agnieszka Drewniak who brings a real passion and enthusiasm to guide you from whatever level you start..





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#### Our March talk was by local sculptor Irene Aldazabal.



Many thanks to Irene for joining us and sharing her story, thoughts about her work, creative processes and artistic journey. It was fantastic to see the samples of her work and the contrast of work in scale from sculptures several metres high to the leaflet detail of laser cutting all combined with natures complex beauty.

Her talk was finished off with some fun audience participation where we all became connected by string and an appreciation of her creativity.

A very enjoyable afternoon.

# Celebrating great artists for Dundee Women's Festival.

In March we also had our 'Art For All Women' exhibition, part of the Dundee Womens Festival featuring works from over the years by fantastic artist and DAS members.

It was also great to meet so many women, young and old, who enjoyed the exhibition, joined us for tea and biscuits and added their creativity to our banner celebrating the event.







#### As always we'd love to hear your ideas.

Dundee Art Society relies on volunteers to survive and our members are key so we really would like to hear your ideas for the society. Use the contact page on our website to send a message or speak to Liz Kay, President or Alasdair Chisholm, Membership Secretary. We could also do with more members on the DAS committee so if you'd like to find out just how friendly and welcoming we are why not look out for the next committee meeting and join us round the table!

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