



**DAS President Liz Kay**

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year. I hope that you all had a good seasonal break and are ready to get involved in Dundee Art Society activities. Unfortunately, due to a lot of competition in the area, we were not able to follow through with the proposed ceilidh. However, this will be re-scheduled for later in the year.

As is usual during this time of year, we look back at the year past. Our most recent highlight was our joint exhibition with Broughty Ferry Art Society. On the theme of exhibitions we were the venue for the 4 Dundee Artists, and two other private exhibitions – one in September and one just after our own exhibition in December.

The front garden improvement included the pruning of trees, the planting of over 1,000 bulbs and other plants and an improvement in parking.

Within the gallery we were donated MacIntosh Patrick's studio easel that is proudly displayed in the vestibule. Gallery lighting was improved and a new cooker has been installed in the kitchen.

As we came into the new year, the rotted windows were replaced by double glazed units on the outside extension. The overhead fascia was also replaced. There are many more improvements planned in the future.

***Thank you to everyone who took part in the 'Memory Tree' at Christmas. All the snowflakes were set alight in an outdoor fire and sent skyward in tribute.***

Liz



## Improvements to our gallery.

Over this coming year you will see some big improvements to the gallery. Jennifer Middleton the DAS treasurer has been applying for various grants to help cover the cost of improving the gallery windows, heating and kitchen and is delighted to report that those applications for funding have been successful. This will of course create some disruption at times to classes etc at the gallery but we hope to keep these to a minimum. Obviously the long term benefits will out way any loss especially as our heating bills, as for everyone, have increased dramatically.



**New double glazed units on the outside extension to the gallery.**

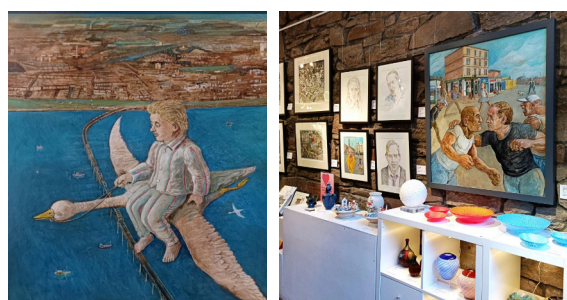


## DJCAD students visit DAS.

It was great to meet this group of students from DJCAD, researching local companies/businesses for their Design Enterprise project and we were delighted to be chosen by them. Their theme is 'networking' so hopefully our answers to all their questions on how the society provides a space for people to create and relax will help them complete their assignment and provide some new ideas for us going forward.

## John Johnstone Exhibition well worth a visit.

Gallery Q, Perth Road, Dundee are delighted to invite you to the opening of a new exhibition by John Johnstone. Now in his 80s, John has brought together a combination of works, old and new, which haven't been shown at the gallery before. John has been the invited artist at our Summer Exhibition and regularly comes to see our exhibitions. Please drop in to see his new exhibition.

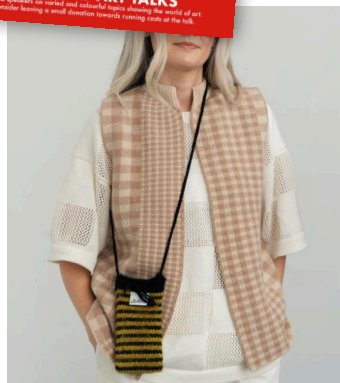




## JO-AMI is our next FREE talk on Saturday February 17th 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Explore a modern take on traditional Scottish Knitwear

Established in 2019 by Scottish MA Knitwear designer, Jolene Guthrie. Jo-AMI aims to promote the iconic Scottish knitwear industry, by creating garments and accessories that are cool, comfy and considered. Our designs retain key Scottish nostalgic traits but developed into stylish pieces for our modern day customer.



Jolene will be bringing samples of her fantastic designs on the night.

## Dundee's Bubble Gum Artist.

It was great to stop and chat with Dundee's 'chewing gum' artist recently. Ben was working his way down a section of Perth Road turning peoples disposed chewing gum into beautiful miniature works of art. If you ever see him take the time to chat as what he does is brilliant! You can find out more about him here [benwilsonchewinggumman.com](http://benwilsonchewinggumman.com)



Ben Wilson at work on the Perth Road.

## Get in touch and get involved.

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!

## New class tutors.

We will be shortly interviewing candidates to take over the life drawing and art for all classes so hope to let you know more soon. Full class details etc as always can be found on the website calendar page.