

**DUNDEE
ART
SOCIETY**



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Dear members,

Well, there's lots to tell you about in our April Newsletter!! Get ready for a good read!

Friday Evening Talks

Rikki O'Neill provided 21 of us with a super evening's Art entertainment in March when we joined a Zoom call on line. We offered members to invite their friends and had one viewer join in from Ontario, Canada!! Rikki is an expert at presenting on Zoom through his membership of Dundee Photographic Society which you may want to join or have a look. We had a little comfort break mid way to get a cuppa and Rikki told us all about his career in art until around 9pm. We all enjoyed this our first talk.

Our next speaker will be **Allan Perera-Liyanage on Friday 30th April** and **Liz Dulley 21th May**. Allan had lots of tall tales to tell about where he's lived at different points in his life and of course there's his wonderful ability to capture atmosphere in his many different landscapes. We hope you can join us on line for this talk - we'll be sending a link invitation to all members that you're welcome to share with your friends!

Johnathan Hood is hoping to give us a live presentation as soon as is allowed so fingers crossed for the last Friday in June to be able to come in to the gallery in person.

Summer Exhibition 2021 Invited Artist

Johnathan will, as invited artist be showing some of his work on the stage at the exhibition. Wouldn't it be lovely if we can all attend in person but if not we will try to post a film on line for members to view. Johnathan will judge best in show and will open the show giving us an introduction to his work.

The Celia McCartney Prize; "The face of Coronavirus" - This title is designed to inspire you to compose a painting that shows how you feel about the virus and to give it a face. Celia imagines a stylised comical face, but you may have different ideas. Get thinking - that's the challenge! I myself don't like to draw faces but I might try to draw tea cups with faces on them as it's my coffee shop excursions that I miss the most. I'm so looking forward to getting out to meet friends and have a blether over a cup of coffee.

This time we'd like you to write a little bit of information about yourself on the form to enter your work. This will help us compile a record of our artist members. We're often asked about past members and as that's usually based on word of mouth its not very reliable. So please feel free to write a little about your style of work and maybe what's drawn you to be an artist (pardon the pun!) Tell us what you'd like other members to know about you....just a few lines.

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Classes

We're hoping that classes may resume soon and if possible will open our Gallery for the Summer Exhibition but if not we'll have as much as we can available and for sale on line.

There is suddenly a multitude of art courses and events happening on line! You might want to subscribe to Creative Dundee which lists many exciting arts and crafts initiatives each month. We will try to get our Summer exhibition listed in their June edition.

News/members

One of our members, Ian Murphy, has contacted us with a flyer describing a book he has published this month - please see attachment. This is a terrific achievement and combines a love of Arbroath harbour with Ian's ability to document this in beautiful light drawings. Please take a look maybe buy a book to support a local artist!

One of our student members Li Huang is to hold his PHD show in the gallery with 2 student colleagues. You'll remember Li won the James Morrison Cup in 2019 and this is sure to be an amazing show for us to support and is booked for 15th - 24th June, 10 am til 5pm.

I'm waiting to find out how members can claim their discount on line for iArt shop on Perth Road but I've also heard that they will be opening new premises in the little industrial unit behind the Perth Road where they can offer a wider selection of artist materials to choose from! Exciting to think of a shop expanding at this time!

Membership is due again in September and we'd like to thank members for their support over this difficult year for all including keeping our wee vital art society going. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have art ideas to share and we encourage you to fill out the Gift Aid form to increase our funds. We're all tax payers (apart from students) so let's try to get something back from the tax man.

Keep an eye out for emails from us about the Friday evening talks and the monthly Saturday Socials on Zoom and hopefully it won't be too long before we're telling you when you can restart your favourite art class in the gallery or start something new at a workshop - fingers crossed!

Mathew Jarron has issued a newsletter to the society that you may find interesting so I have pasted this to the foot of our letter. It's got so much information in it!!

Sent with very best wishes to all from Dundee Art Society Committee

Dear all - from Matthew Jarron.....

The University of Dundee Museum Services are delighted to be partnering with museums across the region to present Tayside's Treasures – a live online event on Wednesday 12 May 3-5pm presenting a cornucopia of objects!

What do prehistoric textiles, Jacobite bagpipes, a 1967 electric car and art from a Judge Dredd comic have in common? They're among the many thousands of unique and fascinating objects held in museums around

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Tayside. This special live online event features a series of short presentations from curators and collections staff in 16 different museums across the region, in which you'll discover that even the most ordinary looking object can have an amazing story to tell!

Our programme features:

Captain Scott's snow goggles from the Discovery (Mel Ruth Oakley)

Jacobite Bagpipes from Blair Castle (Keren Guthrie)

A preserved sparring from The McManus: Dundee's Art Gallery & Museum (David Lampard)

A helmet that saved the life of Captain Smith Cameron from the Black Watch Castle & Museum (Fiona Connah)

An early electric car, the 1967 Scottish Aviation Scamp, from Dundee Museum of Transport (Alexander Goodger)

A Tootie Horn (cow horn) from the Museum of Abernethy (Angus MacIntyre)

A drawing made during a performance event by Alastair MacLennan at Hospitalfield (Scott Byrne)

The first Borrowers' Register from Innerpeffray Library (Lara Haggerty)

Break

A model of Dundee docks from HMS Unicorn (Finlay Raffle)

A wet collodion process glass plate negative of John Dewar's Aberfeldy Distillery from Perth Museum & Art Gallery (Paul Adair)

A page of Judge Dredd comics art by Colin MacNeil from the University of Dundee Museum Collections (Matthew Jarron)

A notebook belonging to a Great War Padre from Dunkeld Community Archive/Chapter House Museum Trust (Ruth Brown)

A model of the Bell Rock Lighthouse from Arbroath Signal Tower Museum (John Johnston)

A 2,500 piece of textile from the Scottish Crannog Centre (Fran Collinson)

A Miles Hawk aircraft from Montrose Air Station Heritage Centre (Neil Werninck)

A Jacobite fan on display in V&A Dundee (Kirsty Hassard)

The event is free and places can be booked via Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/taysides-treasures-a-cornucopia-of-objects-from-across-taysides-museums-tickets-148326375181>

Best wishes,

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