

**DUNDEE
ART
SOCIETY**



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Dear members,

Friday Evening Talks

Our next speaker and demonstrator is **Fiona Haddow** a very successful local artist and long time supporter of the society who you may well know. Fiona will be showing us some of her paintings in a short presentation in her usual cheery style and then we'll be able to watch her demonstrate her painting live in the gallery on Friday 17th September! We hope you'll come out and join us for an enjoyable evening. It'll be nice to do a little socialising over a cup of tea and find out what creations you've been making over the summer months. Fiona has certainly been busy!

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I represented Dundee Art Society in a Dundee University/Dundee Leisure and Culture led research focus group looking at a **Dundee Cultural Recovery** project. I could only make a small contribution to the feedback about the impact of the pandemic on our art society but it was appreciated. As you'd expect everyone across the full range of creative companies from skilled artistes to supportive technical companies have felt devastating impacts. Specialist knowledge gaps as well as financial impacts being the most noticeable.

I also had a lot of fun as a Wildcard artist at Compton Verney near Leamington Spa in July! Woohoo! You may remember seeing the invitation come out to society members? I thought I'd have a go! I'm not allowed to tell you much about it as it was filmed for TV and will not be shown until January 2022! However it was a great experience just to be amongst 50 artists all painting similar subjects and I did actually get filmed and got a wee selfie with one of my favourite TV stars! I'll be happy to tell you more about it in person at our next gathering!

Classes and Workshops

Monday evening Life Drawing Sessions have kept going through the summer thanks to Richard Norrie for organising these. We now offer different models on a rotational basis and there has been new interest from students and newcomers to the society. There is still space for you to come along to these. What else would you be doing on a Monday evening?

The August calendar is filling up with **Tuesday** evening classes where Malcolm Stewart coordinates an untutored painting session and chance to chat with other artists as you work on your own pieces.

Frances Shepherd's **Wednesday** afternoon Art for All Classes have resumed this month and Liz Dullely is offering two opportunities on a **Friday** to pick up hints and tips to help improve your painting and drawing skills. Speaking of Liz and Frances, they are participating in the

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Perthshire Open Studios Event and would like to invite all Dundee Art Society Members to come and browse their artwork. You can find them at Venue 36 and 37 on the Lime Route. Check this out on the website and download the North Tayside Lime Route. Don't forget to tell all your friends! www.perthshireopenstudios.com



Support our members open studios...its a grand day out!

Workshops are back next month!!!

Fiona Haldane's Pastel Workshop dates are in the DAS Calendar this September! Go ahead and contact Fiona for a place! Similarly Allan Perera Liyanage has his dates in the calendar. These workshops are a great opportunity for members and non members alike to work on their own pieces over a few weeks with the direction of these superb experienced artists guiding your work! Having attended Allan's last day prior to the summer I also enjoyed simply setting aside the time with fellow artists to practice a medium that has previously terrified me!! It was fun! Perhaps a dabble with pastels is what you fancy? It's a great chance to also get to know these amazing artists and put faces to other member's names. Their enthusiasm and creativity are a true inspiration.

Gallery Maintenance News

We are waiting to hear back from Dundee Historic Environment Trust about a grant to reimburse planned expenditure on the boundary wall alongside McVicar's Lane. We're hopeful for this funding as otherwise our savings will severely impacted. Meanwhile we've been keeping up with maintenance on the leaks in the roof and electrical faults. One of next year's priorities will be renovating the kitchen but meantime it's up to individuals as to

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whether or not they use this space. It's not the easiest space to ensure is appropriately cleaned. The cooker is safe to use but not ideal. Perhaps use could be kept to a minimum e.g. to boiling the kettle and washing a few cups. Please use at your own discretion.

The DCA Cinema is showing films again. The Rep and the V&A have some new initiatives including a couple of pedal powered displays of young designers work! The new waterfront area is looking very interesting and on sunny days there are noticeably different promenaders around the area, children playing in the sand, an assortment of unusual bikes and trikes. Its a nice spot on a sunny afternoon to do some urban sketching!

McManus Museum and Gallery is open again and on Sundays too! They have a very excellent exhibition of photographs of Dundee in decades gone by in one room upstairs and another room dedicated to the River Tay.

Have you visited part two of the beautiful tapestry Exhibition at Verdant Works?

Please get in touch via the website if you have ideas or comments going forward especially around Friday evening speakers.....

Could you write something for the newsletter? We'd like to show little anonymised quotes on the websitejust like you see in advertising, about what benefits you've enjoyed most about being a member of Dundee Art Society! Please send us an email with the heading "DAS Members Words" so that we can coordinate your responses.

Best wishes
Linda Brownlee
On behalf of Dundee Art Society Committee