

Spring Newsletter

Dates for your diary:

'*When icicles hang by the wall, and Dick the shepherd blows his nail,*' wonderful clear and crisp winter weather and a rare chance to try your skills at painting snow scenes. The lengthening days give more painting time and a chance to start preparations for this season's exhibitions.

Hopefully, you are getting geared up for the Spring exhibition which will be on Saturday May 1st in the Victoria Halls as usual. Remember that paintings can be unframed but in mounts and crystal wrapped with a maximum price of £50. (detailed regulations and entry forms are enclosed). We would also like to see more craft items for sale.

The Annual General Meeting of your club will be held at the Helensburgh Sailing Club on Thursday April 8th at 7.30pm. Wine and refreshments will be provided and following the formal business we will have an art video presentation. Agenda papers are attached. Please come along, get up to date with club events and enjoy the evening with friends.

Pittenweem Arts Festival. The bus trip to Pittenweem Arts Festival (£20 per head max. and a great day out. Please contact Audrey on 01436 820 583 to book a place) will be on Thursday August 5th, the day before the official opening of our Annual Exhibition which will run from Friday Aug 6th to Sat Aug 14th. The official opening will be at 7.30pm on Friday 6th for members and invited guests. The take-down of the show will be on Sunday Aug 15th. Offers of help from members are always welcome and the more we get, the lighter the work for everyone.

Pioneering Painters - The Glasgow Boys 1880-1900 This exhibition at the National Galleries in Edinburgh opens on Friday 9th April and is the first major exhibition of paintings by the Glasgow Boys since 1968, so a rare chance to see some inspiring works. Entry is £5, or £3 concessions.

Glasgow Art Fair Thu 25th - Sun 28th March, George Square. Tickets at door £7 (Conc.£5) Open 1030h-1830h (2000h on Thu). Over 50 galleries and organisations will be exhibiting.

Subscriptions Those members who pay by cheque or cash can opt to pay by standing order and save £5 into the bargain! Pleaser contact Anita on 01436 674097 or anita@helensburgh.info before April 1st so that she can issue you with a standing order mandate for your bank. You need the mandate form from her because it will state your official identification number. The bank uses this to tell us you have paid! Even if you have a standing order mandate, please complete and return the membership form, so that we can ensure all your details and email address etc are up to date.

Club Logo Competition and Pictures for Posters We would like to update our Logo for the Art Club incorporating the new name of Helensburgh Art Club (if agreed at the AGM), and ask for submissions from the membership. Also, if you would like to send in a jpeg of one of your pictures, it can be considered for one of the forthcoming Art Club Posters - please remember to keep them visually striking - again send them to anita@helensburgh.info