

Helensburgh & District Art Club
Summer Newsletter

Here we are again in the run up to our Annual Exhibition in August with good light and plenty of opportunities for painting 'en plein air', if you can stand the midges! At least they encourage speedy observation and a loose style.

Dates for your Diary

Many of you will have enjoyed the wonderful Turner exhibiton at the National Galleries, and from June 5 until Sept 6 they are running an exhibition 'Raphael to Renoir' an exhibition of European drawings spanning 500 years. (entry £4, conc. £3).

At the same venue, Spain, seen through the eyes of British collectors and artists of the 19th and 20th C 'Discovery of Spain' runs from July 18 to Oct 11 (£8, conc. £6). If you are into stuffed sheep and other modern revelations, the exhibition 'Artist rooms' is on at the Modern Art Gallery in Edinburgh from Mar 14 to Nov 8, admission free, and includes rooms for Hirst, Warhol, Katz and others.

Nearer to home, Peter Howson's harrowing paintings in the series 'Famine' are exhibited at St Mungo's Museum of Religious Life and Art, Castle Street. from May 29 to Sept 28, admission free and must be worth a visit.

Another gallery well worth visiting is the Hunterian Art Gallery at Glasgow University (allow time to visit the Hunterian museum as well, a real gem!) which is hosting an exhibition of about 40 wood block prints by Edvard Munch, Norway's greatest painter. This gallery has extensive collections of works by the Glasgow boys/ girls, a large collection of Whistler drawings, oils and art materials, and many works by the Scottish colourists.

Pittenweem bus trip - Thursday 6th August, depart 8am sharp, Victoria Halls car park

The cost for the trip is £20 per person, all inclusive (sweeties, tip for driver). as in previous years. If we can fill the 29 seater coach, then there will be a refund of £5 each. I am assured that we will get a driver who knows the way and that we will have the smart new Mercedes coach for the trip. If you would like to join the trip please contact John Freer, tel: 01436 820971. There are still a good number of seats available. Those who have booked a seat already should send £20, either cash or cheque (payable to Helensburgh & District Art Club) to John Freer, Torwood Lodge, Torwoodhill Road, Rhu G84 8LE as soon as possible. **Stop Press only a few seats left!!!**

If you want any information about the Art Festival, go to:- pittenweemartsfestival.co.uk where you will find all necessary details.

Courses:

Life Drawing and modelling We *will* be running a Life Drawing class with Allan Pike again in September/October - more details to follow later. At the moment the life class is fully subscribed but if you are interested, contact John Freer who will add your name to the reserve list. If you can't get on it, you could contact Jack Frame at Lomond School to enquire about their open Life Drawing. If you are interested in the modelling class and your name is not on the list, contact John Freer. Glen Graves informs us that Channel 4 is running an excellent series on Life Drawing from 6-10th July at 12.30pm (you could always record it and watch it at your leisure!) further details from:- website: artangel.org.uk

Painting Class by Mary Duncan This will be taking place later in the year, please phone Mary at 673111 if you are interested.

Sale of Table-top easels Julia Gourd has several table top easels for sale, £8 each, please phone her for details at 678054, if you are interested.

A Final Plea from Exhibition Hanging Committee Last year some people put in several very large paintings, we have enormous trouble trying to hang all the paintings, please be considerate and vary the size of your paintings.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Exhibition, please do remember to fill in your Volunteer form and get it off to Mary as soon as possible.

