

## **Art Club Summer Newsletter-June2010**

**Club news:** As many of you know the Club has now a shorter name, which is more convenient for dealing with correspondence, web business, banners and the like. It does not alter in any way the membership regulations but is simply a matter of convenience for those who have to use it all the time, so there is no cause for concern about us drawing in our boundaries! We still operate as an inclusive club and have allowance for membership outwith our immediate area. The main criteria for membership are an active interest in the visual arts and a willingness to participate in the running of the club.

Thanks to all those members who submitted designs for the new club logo. After soundings were taken at our AGM, the committee were guided by the membership voting and chose a modern and crisp design broadly based on the old logo. We are confident that it will gain wide approval and thank Chris Warren for his expertise in polishing up our image to the outside world.

The Art Club web site ([www.art.helensburgh.info](http://www.art.helensburgh.info)) has been updated thanks to much effort by Glen Graves, our recently retired Webmaster. The running of the site will now be the responsibility of our new Webmaster (web-mistress sounds a bit naughty!) Kate Munro. Congratulations Kate and many thanks for taking on this important job. We will use the website more to post information, application forms, pro formae and general information so please get it into your 'favourites' and consult it!

The bus trip to Pittenweem Arts Festival is on Wed August 11<sup>th</sup>, with departure from the Victoria Halls car park at 0800h sharp. Those who have not yet paid, please let Audrey Graham have your £20 as soon as possible (cash or cheques payable to Helensburgh Art Club).

**Exhibitions:** There is an exhibition of work from members of Carol Dewart's class at the Backstreet Gallery in Dalmuir through June. A short train ride from Helensburgh and worth every penny! The exhibition of paintings by the 'Glasgow Boys' is on at the Kelvingrove Galleries until September and is a must for all art enthusiasts.

**Our Summer Exhibition & Sale** is looming large in our committee duties. It opens on the evening of Friday Aug 6 (invited guests, members and their guest) with a wine reception and private viewing at 1930h and is open to the public from Sat 7<sup>th</sup> until Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Aug. Please note that handing in of exhibits is on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Aug. If you use Gary at Dumbarton Framing Workshop, he is closed for the last 2 weeks in July, so think ahead and get work to him well in advance of his holidays.

The relevant exhibition documentation is attached or enclosed with this Newsletter. Please take time to read the regulations carefully to avoid disappointment. If you can help, fill in the volunteer forms and return to Mary Duncan asap. Don't leave it until the last minute because we need to get things organised well in advance. This is your showcase event of the year and the membership need to contribute to its success by pulling together. If you have a painting that you think might figure on the exhibition poster, please send a jpg file (2Mb max) preferably by e mail to Iain Duncan ([jain@iduncan.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:jain@iduncan.freeserve.co.uk)) for consideration.

**Classes.** We are trying to organise a Life Drawing class at Lomond School for the Autumn. More news later in the year.

Neil MacDonald will be running his classes (June & July) in pastel, acrylics and oil in his studio in Kirkintilloch this summer and anyone interested should contact him on 0141 578 1985. Club members running classes this Autumn for club members are Mary Duncan (0146 673111), Carol Dewart (0139 841791) and Carol Moore (0139 754359). In addition, Audrey Graham (01436 820583) will be organising her Wednesday painting group and Neil Macleod (01436 672529) his Tuesday portrait group (first meeting on Sept 28) both in the West Kirk small hall.

**Cove Park.** We have late news that there are 2 short Highland Craft Residencies to run from Sept 13<sup>th</sup> to Sept 28<sup>th</sup> still open for applications. These are for 2 weeks and are funded by the Highland Arts programme. If you think you might have ideas for art which you would like to develop, see details on

[www.crafts.hi-arts.co.uk/Highland\\_Craft\\_Residencies-2010.htm](http://www.crafts.hi-arts.co.uk/Highland_Craft_Residencies-2010.htm) (The deadline for receipt of applications is 5pm on Mon June 28<sup>th</sup>!).