

# December 2018 : NFAS Newsletter



**NEW MEMBERS:** A big WELCOME to our recently joined members.

**WISHING ALL OUR MEMBERS A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR!**

**NOVEMBER MEETING:** We welcomed STEPHEN FOSTER who demonstrated abstract landscapes in acrylic. It was well supported by members and visitors who enjoyed his expressive style of palette knife painting. Allowing the paint to talk back to him he mixed his colours on the board, whilst stressing the importance of creating tone. Stephen took pleasure in mark making, creating ambiguity and taking risks with his painting - trying to achieve simplicity. (This being much more difficult to master than at first appears!) He interacted with the members, informally asking their opinions on his paintings, at the same time conveying his years of knowledge and experience. His ethos of SIMPLE PRINCIPLES MAKE PAINTINGS WORK was so true. Two of his works shown below.



**CONGRATULATIONS!** The winner of the mini exhibition as chosen by Stephen, was SUE LEE.

**COMMITTEE FOR 2019/20:** We can now definitely confirm that there will be FOUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS stepping down from the committee at the AGM in March 2019. The role of Chair will be for voting at the AGM – we know that we will have one nomination, that being Alli Goddard who has been Vice Chair this year. The other 'BIGGER ROLES' on the Committee are likely to be taken by those staying on , but we urgently need other members to volunteer to join them and to share out the workload as fairly as possible. You will be supported in joining the Committee and it is a great way to get to know many of the members. It takes time and effort to keep the Society running well but it can be fun too!

Please do talk to Rachael or Alli.

## **ENABLING THE SOCIETY TO HARNESS TECHNOLOGY TO GREATER EFFECT.**

The Committee has been aware over the last year or so that there is real scope to develop our communication pathway to all members via something like MailChimp, which would be more reliable in ensuring all our members receive the messages sent out. It would be possible to have links to documentation, such as exhibition paperwork, for you to access, embedded in our regular newsletters. The Society could also be exploring having online returns for exhibition entries, which would streamline the Committee's work. BUT..... yes there is a BIG BUT!. The Committee work hard

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but cannot be 'Jacks of all Trades'. We urgently need help from an IT savvy member(s) who is willing to give time and direction to help both the Society and Committee to push this forward. You don't need to be a full committee member to volunteer to help in this way. If you are this member(s) please do email Rachael ([smithrae@hotmail.com](mailto:smithrae@hotmail.com)) or ring 07743083704 to discuss. Look forward to hearing from you.

**FUTURE MONTHLY PROGRAMME DEMONSTRATORS:** The Society's monthly programme is arranged well in advance. Our programme secretary welcomes member's recommendations of professional artists who they perhaps know or have seen demonstrate, and would be good to xxxxxxxxx for one of our meetings. Do email Joy at [jbfiddaman@virgin.net](mailto:jbfiddaman@virgin.net) or talk to her at one of our meetings.

**16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019: STEVE HALL** – Landscape with buildings or Cityscape in watercolour & acrylics. Do bring along a painting for a mini exhibition themed: City Landscape.

A reminder that our AGM takes place on the 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2019. After the meeting there will be an American Supper social evening. Further details in the next newsletter.

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