

# JULY 2018 : NFAS Newsletter



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS.

**MEETING 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE:** MIKE BRAGG did an appraisal of members' work. First he sorted the paintings into groups portraying a similar theme, before suggesting improvements that would enhance the picture. I think we all learned a lot including some understanding of visual architecture and degrees of reality and abstraction. He was knowledgeable and his sympathetic approach to the appraisals, encouraging. Mike is holding a Life drawing workshop on 29<sup>th</sup> September. The sign up list will be present at our next meeting in July.

**NEW FOREST SHOW ART EXHIBITION:** Thank you to all members who brought in paintings for the mini exhibition at the June meeting. Members present voted and the two artists/pictures that won the vote were Brenda Molyneux with 'One October Morning' and Margaret Wood's 'Lillies', as shown below. Congratulations to both of you and here is to success in the competition.



**GERRY DUDGEON WORKSHOP:** This took place last month and thirteen members attended. He opened the workshop by demonstrating his initial process of preparing the underpainting. We were then let loose to explore his method of painting in his colour range, but using our own reference material. Stopping for lunch we were just in time to capture the exchange of vows in the Royal wedding. Once we had finished our "oohs and aahs" we returned to some serious work. The final results were just amazing. Gerry's work was so loosely abstract and colourful, reflecting his personality. The same could be said for us all. Our work was so different to each other's and very different to our normal style. Although I love abstracts I felt as though I was treading new ground and had been put through a strenuous workout! It was certainly a journey of exploration that I am sure we will all try again. Gerry was very impressed with our work and suggested that several of our painting just needed a signature and frame. We may see some surprising work at our Summer Exhibition. (Brenda Molyneux)

**CALLING ALL OUR TALENTED ARTISTS:** Would any of our members be willing to give a demonstration/presentation of your chosen medium, at one of our evening meetings? It will be

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great fun and inspirational to see one of our members methods of working. Please contact Joy ([jb.fiddaman@virgin.net](mailto:jb.fiddaman@virgin.net)) for further details.

**SUMMER EXHIBITION:** A reminder that this is fast approaching and paperwork need to be in by 5<sup>th</sup> July to Jan Hawker. PLEASE read the regulations. There are still some slots on the rota for the Summer Exhibition and demonstrating which need filling.

**AUTUMN PAINT-INS:** These will be taking place at Emery Down and Bank Village Hall on 11<sup>th</sup> September and 9<sup>th</sup> October. A chance to get together and paint. Tea and coffee provided but bring your own lunch. Cost is £12 for the two sessions and sign up list will be at the next meeting. Contact Freddie ([freida@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:freida@hotmail.co.uk)) or Alli ([alliade1977@gmail.com](mailto:alliade1977@gmail.com)).

MESSAGE FROM RUSS CALVER – LYMINGTON ARTIST: Second hand acceptable frames for sale at £7.50 each; 1 off 26"x 34" Dark Wood, 3 off 24"x20" Dark Wood, 1 off 24"x19 1/2" dark Wood/Gold sightline, 1 off (inner register to take glass) 28"x17 1/4" Walnut colour Wood. Mint (unused condition) at £7.50 each; 2 off Arcadia gold swept frames 30"x20", 1 off 36"x24". If interested please contact Russ Calver on 01590 677860 or email [russart@uwclub.net](mailto:russart@uwclub.net).

ART AT THE PUB: Carol Mileusnic and Jan Hawker are taking part in the Hampshire Open Studios event at the Turfcutters Public House at East Boldre from 17<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> August, with a beer festival on the 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> August.

THE EAST BOLDRE PAINTERS have a weekend exhibition on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> August. This is being held at the Education Room at Lepe Country Park and will be signposted.

LYMINGTON ARTS FESTIVAL: This takes place from the 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> July.

ROMSEY INSIDE OUT ART TRAIL: Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July. View artist's works at various locations both outside and inside around the town.

I Hope everybody is enjoying the sun!

Freddie