



SOUTH WALES ART SOCIETY

Newsletter March 2025

Hello everyone!

Here's what's happening in South Wales Art Society!

Derrick Turner Trophy 2025

First of all, many congratulations to Joe Rhodes, who won the Derrick Turner Trophy on Tuesday 11th March for the second year running. Joe's painting also won the 'Harbour' category. Runner-up in the 'Harbour' category was Keith Harvey. The 'Country Lane' category was won by Tony Douglas-Jones, with Keith Harvey again as runner-up. The winners were selected by our President, Phil Watkins, who was our judge for the two evenings, and who provided two lively and entertaining critiques. Many thanks, Phil. A full report will appear on the website, hopefully by the time you read this. A gallery of some of the paintings entered will be on the website in due course.

Exhibitions

Our Cowbridge exhibition is now under way at the Old Hall in Cowbridge and will run until 28th March. The hall is not open over weekends. Pictures must be collected on Monday 31st March between 10 am and 12 midday.

Our Annual Exhibition this year will be in June at Penarth Pier Pavilion. Further details and entry forms will be available nearer the time.

Coach Trip

The bus trip to London on April 5th has now been booked, so your payments of £32 each are now due. If you haven't already paid, please pay asap into the SWAS account with reference "bustrip". I believe there may be one or two seats still spare.

Website - Members' Gallery

Our website has for some time provided pages on which members can show some of their paintings, but only three members are currently using this facility. If you would like to add some of your paintings, then please send me some images of suitable quality and I shall add them.

Programme 2025

25 Mar. Annual General Meeting

8 Apr. Demonstration - Barry Herniman - Landscape in Gouache

22 Apr. Carol Kibble - Pastel portrait of a cow

6 May. Demonstration - Joe Dowden - Watercolour Landscape
20 May. Demonstration - Landscape in Oils - Nick John Rees
3 Jun. Demonstration - Lee Wright - Landscape in Oils
17 Jun. In-house Critique
1 July. Demonstration - Street Scene in Oils - Tom Hughes
 -- Summer Break ---
9 Sep. Howard Jones - Watercolour
23 Sep. Stuart Roper - Landscape in Acrylic
7 Oct. Critique
21 Oct. Matt Williams - Landscape in Oils
4 Nov. To be arranged
18 Nov. To be arranged
2 Dec. In-house critique / Social

For the critiques, you may bring two paintings each for consideration.

Annual General Meeting

The 2025 SWAS AGM will be held on 25 March 2025. We would like to see as many members there as possible - it's your Society, so tell us what you think!

Volunteers needed

SWAS is urgently in need of volunteers to join the committee. Most of the existing committee took up the reins in 2022 when necessity required, having all done previous periods of serving on the committee. They have all now done more than their fair share and would now like to step back from their committee duties. For this society to continue, it is essential that more volunteers come forward to take over. In particular, the positions of Chairman, Secretary and Exhibition Secretary still need to be filled for 2025. There is no reason why these jobs shouldn't be shared between two (or more) individuals. The more people that come forward, the easier the jobs become!

If you have enjoyed what we do, please consider helping to take this society forward. If not, this society, founded in 1887, will cease to exist.

Please direct any questions to the chairman, secretary or any other member of the committee.

Finally.....

As the year leading up to the AGM draws to a close, I should like to thank all of the committee for their endeavours over the past year. I'd also like to thank all those who help in a greater or smaller way and enable SWAS to continue smoothly. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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