

SWAS NEWSLETTER

February 2024

Hello Everyone

I hope you are all well. There are lots of things to tell you about!

Subscriptions

Subscriptions were due for 2024 on 1st January. The full membership is £50 pa, as decided by the members at the last AGM. This is the first increase for ten years. If you have not already rejoined, would you please give your subscription to the Membership Secretary, Pam Gilbert, at one of our regular fortnightly meetings or, if you wish to pay by bank transfer, the details are as follows:

Account name: South Wales Art Society

Account no: 00973222 Sort code: 30-91-63

Please don't forget to include your name as reference, so we know who has paid!

You may also contact Pam at: membership@southwalesartsociety.co.uk

Derrick Turner Competition

This competition will take the usual format again this year and will be judged over the two meetings on 20 February and 5 March. The subjects are: 'People In Interaction' (week 1 - February 20) and 'Tranquility' (week 2 - 5 March). On each week, our judge will select a number of paintings from each week's submissions to go forward to the final judging, which will also take place on week 2. The judge will then select a winner and runner-up for each category, and then an overall winner.

No entry forms are required for this competition, just bring your paintings on the appropriate evening.

The winners and runners-up will receive a cash prize.

Please follow this link for the rules of the competition: http://www.southwalesartsociety.co.uk/page141.html . The rules for this competition are further down the page.

For more information about Derrick Turner and the competition, please click here: http://www.southwalesartsociety.co.uk/page66.html

Annual Competition & Exhibition: Turner House Gallery, Penarth

You may enter up to 4 paintings each, plus a miniature painting or sculpture. However, in the event that too many paintings are entered, we may not be able to hang all of them, and some will then have to be excluded. Please therefore, list your entries in order and the last one entered may be excluded if necessary.

You do not need to specify any category for your entries and there is no restriction on size this year. Entries will only be accepted from fully paid up members.

An entry form is attached to this newsletter and these will be available at our regular fortnightly meetings and may be downloaded from our website. There is an entry fee of £5 per artwork.

Entries may be 'not for sale' (NFS), if you wish. A commission of 10% will be taken by SWAS on all sales.

The final date for submission of entries is Sunday 17th March and judging will take place on Thurs 21st March. Please bring your paintings for judging to the Heath Citizens Hall (front hall) between 10 am and 11 am. They may then be collected between 1pm and 2 pm.

For the exhibition, please bring your paintings to the gallery on Thurs 28th March between 10 am and 4 pm. Your paintings should be fitted with mirror plates. The exhibition will then be open on Thursdays to Sundays from Thurs 4th April until Sun 28th April.

There will be an official opening and prizegiving evening on Thurs 4th April between 5 pm and 6 pm. Afterwards (from 6-8 pm), dignitary guests & public will join us.

The exhibition will close on Sun 28th April, and you may collect your artworks on Mon 29th April (but to be decided)

Annual General Meeting

This will take place on March 19th.

Any proposals to be discussed at the Annual General Meeting must be in writing, seconded and sent to the secretary at least seven days before that date.

A statement of accounts for the year 2023 will be made available to all members in due course.

Our President

Dr. Robert Llewellyn-Davies MBE has agreed to become our President with immediate effect, though his appointment will need to be ratified by the AGM on 19th March. Rob will be presenting the prizes at the Exhibition Opening Evening.

Rob was a member of the Society for many years and is still our archivist. He is currently writing a book on the history of SWAS and is mainly responsible for the history

pages on our website. He has kept in touch with many members of SWAS since his time as a member and I'm sure will be an excellent president.

I hope Rob will be able to give us a talk on the 137-year history of SWAS in the not-too-distant future.

I shall look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting.

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