

NEWSLETTER

The Arts Society of West Suffolk



Next Meeting: Tuesday 5th December 2023 at 10am Blackbourne Community Centre, Elmswell Messenger or Missile - Glad Tidings, gloom or perdition? Caroline Holmes

Angels, familiar and fantastic can be seen in centuries of art works: Archangel Gabriel and the Annunciation or Archangel Michael fighting the good fight. Angelic references also abound in Islamic and Jewish traditions, the latter beautifully evoked in Chagall's Bible Message. Time to contrast the beauty and light of cherubim and seraphim with the fiery abyss of Satan and contemplate the Angel of the North?

Caroline Holmes has lectured extensively in the UK, and on land and at sea around the world. She is a University of Cambridge ICE Academic Tutor and Course Director, a lecturer for the Royal Horticultural Society, museums, specialist travel companies and for The Gardens Trust. Specialising in evoking historic, artistic and symbolic references, she has written 12 books including, the Genius behind Monet's water lilies; Monet at Giverny; Impressionists in their Gardens and Icons of Garden Design.



This lecture will be followed by Christmas Sherry and Mince Pies

A Thriving Young Arts Programme!



Royal Society of British Artists (RBA) Star Students 2023. This Arts Society and RBA Star Students Competition was back line for 2023. Although we were not able to sponsor a candidate, members will be interested to know that the East Suffolk society were successful with an entry from One Sixth Form College in Ipswich.

Arts Society A level Art Competition. This is an online competition open to artworks created by Year 13 or equivalent art, photography and graphic design students from all types of schools and sixth form colleges who may enter a maximum of 2 artworks per student. Judged by an Arts Society panel, the winner will receive £500 and the runner-up £250. After contact with, and visits to, Thurston Community College Sixth Form, County High School - formerly County Upper, St Benedict's Catholic School and Culford School, to select work, four artworks were submitted from: **Thurston Community College** - a cut paper installation and a photographic collage: **St Benedict's Catholic School** - two paintings, a still life and a portrait: **Culford School** - a sculpture, a painting and a textile work.

Grant Support for School Projects. There are two grant support projects running at the moment: **Thurston Community College Sixth Form** are seeking help for a new screen printing venture. This is at the costing stage; **St Benedict's Catholic School** have asked for support to purchase additional easels for its drawing classes. Suggested types of easels with costing have been received. Further information is required for both projects before going forward. We are hopeful that both these projects should gain approval in the next few weeks.

Community Grant. We have successfully applied for a grant from the Arts Society Community Fund. These are available on a case-by-case basis with a limit of £250. Our £250 will fund the purchase of materials for life drawing classes for local schools being hosted by Culford School in March 2024. Schools have now been invited to get in touch to express their interest.

Funds and Funding. Thank you to the enthusiastic committee members who have raised funds for Young Arts through stewarding, sponsored swim and more and to you all for supporting the September lecture. A very special mention and thank you to the Duchess of Grafton and the Euston Estate.

Although the weather conspired to try and ruin the President's New Members' Tea last month, the brave few who managed to negotiate the floods enjoyed a delightful gathering. It was an ideal way for new members to meet some members of the committee. Many thanks to our Vice President, Sue Barrett, for hosting the event in her lovely home.



The Art of Modern Dance



was explored by this month's speaker, Jennifer Toynbee-Holmes. In the early 20C eastern ideas were introduced into dance and women began to express a far greater freedom of movement. Pioneering dancers such as Ruth St Denis and Isadora Duncan embodied the abstraction and individuality of the new form. With archive film footage, Jennifer listed numerous dancers and their dance companies as examples of this art form, which includes street dance, hip-hop, break and rock dance.

VISITS Is there anywhere local, or that can easily be reached by train, that you would like to visit as part of an Arts Society trip? Please contact Julia Eeles on 01359 240838 if you have any suggestions.

Special Interest Day: 20th February 2024 Behind the Scenes at the Antiques Roadshow and its Great Discoveries

Please register your interest in this event
as soon as possible.