

NEWSLETTER

The Arts Society of West Suffolk



A very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year to all our members.



Next Meeting: Tuesday 4th January 2022

Blackbourne Community Centre

Public Art: should every square have one? David Worthington

Public Art is a contentious subject. It is the most visible art form and therefore is an easy target. But how does it come to appear in our public spaces? Why are some pieces loved and others loathed? David Worthington tries to show why we are all richer with the presence of art on the streets.

David Worthington graduated from Oxford University in 1984 with a degree in Philosophy and Theology, then studied fine art in London, Barcelona and New York. David is an artist, curator, specialist in outdoor exhibitions, and art writer. He was shortlisted for the Jerwood Sculpture Prize in 2009 and is a Fellow of The Royal Society of Sculptors, where he was Vice President in 2010-2013. David has carried out public commissions in the UK, America and Japan. His work is in the museum of Creative Cities Collection in Beijing, China. He has had several solo shows in prestigious venues and has taken part in various exhibitions.

SPECIAL INTEREST DAY
Blackbourne Community Centre
Tuesday 15th February 2022
The Mayan Civilisation Maria Chester

Programme:

- 9.30 am Arrival
- 10.00 am Introductory lecture - Maya, Children of the Corn
- 11.00 am Coffee break
- 11.30 am Bonapak Murals
- 12.30 pm Lunch - Bring your own lunch
- 1.30 pm Maya, the world in clay
- 2.30 pm Questions and answers
- 3.00 pm Finish

Can you let us know if you are interested in attending this event? We anticipate the cost will not exceed £30. Please email Jennifer Dekker rjdekker@btinternet.com as soon as possible.

We sent our sincere condolences to the Duke and Duchess of Grafton on the death of the Dowager Duchess, who was this society's first President. As the then Duchess of Grafton, her unstinting support over many years was greatly appreciated and we are sad to hear of her passing.

2022 VISITS:

The Queen's House and the Fan Museum, Greenwich
Date to be decided

This month's beautifully illustrated talk by Jacob Moss, Curator of the Fan Museum, gave us a tempting preview of some of the delights to be enjoyed on this future visit.

Watch this space for further details in the new year!

URGENTLY NEEDED!

Honorary Secretary

or someone to take minutes of committee meetings

Please contact **Tony Callender on 01379 651259** for further information.



Treasures of the Fan Museum: Jacob Moss, Curator of the Fan Museum, Greenwich, treated us to an amazing peek into the treasures to be found therein. Fans date back to ancient Egypt with the famous golden fan of Tutankhamun and continue today with innovative, joyful, modern designs, such as those of Sylvain le Guen. They may be fashion accessories, cooling tools or miniature works of art. The Fan Museum, located in a pair of Georgian townhouses in Greenwich, was founded 30 years ago by Helene Alexander, initially with her own collection but increasing year by year. The museum now houses over 7,000 fans including an especially rare Elizabethan-period embroidered folding fan as well as contemporary examples decorated by street artists. Jacob led us through the history, culture and craft of fans with a marvellous display of colourful images of fans of every shape, size and design, dating from the 10th century to the present day.

