

Bulletin March 2024

Our full programme of activities for 2023-24 and venue addresses can be seen on the website: www.stalbans-artsociety.org.uk



ST ALBANS ART SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 1 MAY 2024
Marshalswick Community Centre
7.30pm – 9.30pm

All members welcome: Agenda attached to this Bulletin

Social with refreshments and free raffle after the meeting – come and meet your fellow members. Bring and buy sale of art books, magazines and unused resources in aid of society funds

Nominations needed for several roles – see details below

Upcoming Events

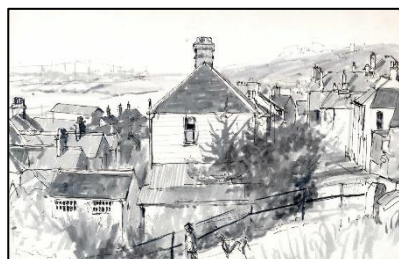


6 March 2024 - DEMO How to frame your artwork successfully with Stephen Harris. Marshalswick Community Centre 19.30 – 21.30

Stephen specialises in creating unique and beautiful hand-made picture frames for fine art of all mediums. With knowledge and experience in both frame-making and gilding, Stephen believes that each frame should be as unique as the artwork it holds. Stephen will demonstrate his skills at the demo, as well as bring lots of samples and a few finished frames to display. **FREE - £5 FOR GUESTS**

27 March 2024 - WORKSHOP Urban sketching with Paul Alcock. Charles Morris Hall 10.00 – 16.00

A relaxed one-day workshop covering different aspects of the ways Paul approaches sketching and painting on location. **See website for booking/payment and what to bring with you on the day.**



Paul sketches and paints a wide range of subjects including urban and natural settings, animals, people, objects, interiors and cityscapes. Paul works from direct observation as much as possible. He is an experienced art teacher and in 2018 was a semi-finalist in the Sky Landscape Artist of the Year competition.

Programme for March and April 2024

| MARCH 2024 | |
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| 6 (19.30-21.30) (Marshalswick Community Centre) | DEMO - How to frame your Art Work Successfully - picture framer Stephen Harris looks at different options |
| 20 (19.30-21.30) (Marshalswick Community Centre) | LIFE DRAWING - Non tutored session |
| 23 (10.00 - 16.00) (Charles Morris Hall) | WORKSHOP Urban Sketching - Paul Alcock (fee & booking required) |
| 27 (19.30-21.30) (Marshalswick Community Centre) | LIFE DRAWING - Non tutored session |
| APRIL 2024 | |
| 3 (19.30-21.30) (Marshalswick Community Centre) | DEMO - Painting figures in oils - Tony Hinchcliffe |
| 6 (10.00 - 16.00) (Charles Morris Hall) | WORKSHOP - Watercolour workshop - Ian McManus (fee & booking required) |
| 17 (19.30-21.30) (Marshalswick Community Centre) | LIFE DRAWING - Non tutored session |
| 24 (19.30-21.30) (Marshalswick Community Centre) | LIFE DRAWING - Non tutored session |

Demo: Free for members, £5 for guests

Life Drawing: non-tutored, members only £8, 16/17 year olds with parental permission

Recent Events



On 7 February 22 members and guests enjoyed a fascinating **Demo/Critique** session with artist **Gary Spencer**, one of the judges in the Society's 2023 exhibition. Gary put us all at ease by stating 'There are no rules!', before discussing every single painting we had brought along. He was supportive and encouraging throughout. A fascinating session from which we all learned a lot.

Right, Gary discusses a painting by Clive Patterson





On 24 February members were treated to a full day workshop with **Becky Gouverneur** on the meticulous skill of **drawing animals in dry media**. Everyone went home with an increased knowledge of the range of materials and methods of mark-making that can be used, and a piece of work they could be proud of.

Why not join the St Albans Art Society Members' group on Facebook?

Even if you don't normally 'do' Facebook this lively, private group page comprises up-to-date information about the Society's activities, colourful examples of members' work and details of exhibitions members have enjoyed.

[St Albans Art Society Members' Group | Facebook](#)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1 MAY 2024

The AGM agenda and accompanying documents will be emailed to members in a special Bulletin at the end of March.

Meanwhile please consider whether you might wish to nominate anyone for one of the following roles, or indeed stand yourself. Nomination forms will be available in the AGM special Bulletin at the end of March. **There are vacancies for Vice Chair, Membership Secretary, one or two members to organise Life Drawing and assist with the Programme organisation.**



Kimpton Art Show 2024

Friday 3 May to Monday 6 May: The Open Call for submissions closes on **Sunday 31st March**. The number of pieces you may submit in the

Framed/Canvas Category has been reduced from 4 to 3 and the fee is now £5 per item. The Unframed Category remains the same.

Full **Terms and Conditions** are outlined at: <http://www.kimptonartshow.co.uk>

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