

Bulletin July 2024



Programme for 2024/25

A new programme of activities is being planned for 2024/25. If you have any ideas or special requests for this programme please contact Sue Berquist on membership.saas@gmail.com

The Summer Exhibition is here at last!

Entry for the Exhibition has now closed. A good number of entries have been received – there will be even more art works on display than last year!

All entrants are expected to take part in a two-hour stewarding session at the Exhibition. Please ring Jan Munro on 07414 631995 as soon as possible to arrange your session.

Many members are busy preparing their work for display. Please double check the rules for preparing pictures for hanging or display in browsers. Go to www.stalbans-artsociety.org.uk, locate Summer Exhibition/Rules.

Publicising your work – and the Exhibition

If you are putting your artwork on your own Instagram, please tag it [@stalbansartsociety.saas](https://www.instagram.com/stalbansartsociety.saas)

If you don't use Instagram, you can email a picture of each artwork, with the title and short description, to: publicity.saas@gmail.com

You can also put your work on Facebook St Albans Art Society members' group.

Some artworks shared by members in these ways will be chosen to publicise the Exhibition in SAAS social media.

Summer Exhibition

Venue: Upper Dagnall Street Baptist Church, St Albans, AL3 5EE

Key Dates:

Handing in - Monday, 22 July 2024, 15:00-18:30

Private view - Tuesday, 23 July 2024, 19:00-21:00

Free entry. Open to all members – nibbles, jazz band and a bar!

Exhibition open - 24 - 27 July 2024, 10:00-17:30

Collection of work - Sunday, 28 July 2024, 14:00-16:00

Go to : www.stalbans-artsociety.org.uk for full details of entry, fees and rules

Charity fund-raiser: 12 " x 12" paintings will be for sale between £50 - £120, 10% of which will go to St Albans charity Youth Talk and 10% to SAAS. Youth Talk provides free, confidential counselling for 13 to 25 year olds.

SAAS Website and Exhibited Work – a note from SAAS Chair Steph Benbow

As part of the committee's work to develop the website, photographs are going to be taken of all work that is presented for the upcoming July Annual Exhibition. The photographs will be used to create new pages on our website showing the work of our artist members. This may or may not extend to the unframed work as it will depend on the number of entries and the time it takes to upload each painting and link it to the correct artist. The plan is to have space on the website for members to share their work and develop the information on these pages for example to possibly link to member's own websites/social media accounts.

If any member who is exhibiting does not wish their work to be published to the SAAS website, please contact Steph Benbow on Benbow26@btinternet.com

Introducing your new Membership Secretary

Our new membership secretary, Sandra McDougall, is now in post. She can be contacted on: membership.saas@gmail.com



Wanted: Volunteers for Vacant Roles in your Art Society

Vacancies still exist for the following roles in SAAS:

Vice Chair

Secretary

Life Drawing – two or more volunteers to manage individual sessions on rota, but not required to book models or hall or deal with banking.

Programme 2024/25

JULY 2024	
2	Tues Plein Air event Digswell Viaduct 11am*
20	Sat Plein Air event Panshanger Park 11 am*
23	Exhibition private view Upper Dagnall Street Baptist Church AL3 5EE 19-00 to 21-00
24 – 27	Exhibition venue as above 10-00 to 17-30

*For full details of plein air events see attached programme at end of this Bulletin

Recent Events

On 5 June well-known tutor and professional artist Peter Keegan provided an excellent demonstration of how to create a landscape painting in oils in the style of the French Impressionists. He also gave us a potted history of Impressionism and a fascinating account of the working methods of Monet in old age.

[Peter Keegan Artist](#)

Photo: Vivien Bailey



Plein Air Events

The plein air programme is now underway and encouraging artists to observe the world around us. The event on 13 June at Hatfield House led to some lively sketches of trees, buildings and people. On 20 June artists met at Wheathampsted.



Plein air sketches by June Dodds (L), Carol Hoy (C) and Sian Denton (R)

Welcome to New Members:

Andria Yaras, Mei Templeton, Janet Sawyer, Isabelle Jansen, Ana Amasu

A message from Member Natalia Millman:

I am organising a talk by the leading art historian Estelle Lovatt who has featured on TV and radio.

She is presenting her recently published book "How to Artist" which is brilliant. Her lectures are entertaining and insightful.

The event takes place on Saturday 27 July 11-30 to 13-00 at the Collective Gallery and Art Project Space, 18 Holywell Hill, St Albans AL1 1BZ.

For information and booking use this link in your browser:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/how-to-artist-practical-workshop-living-making-decisions-as-an-artist-tickets-879553276527?aff=odtdtcreator>

<http://www.nataliamillmanart.com>

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St Albans Art Society: Plein Air Programme Summer 2024

Note all sessions are untutored. Participants bring along materials as they wish. Suggested materials might include paints, pencils and paper and board/sketch pad (to lean on) and a stool/folding chair.

Date – proposed and subject to confirmation	Location	Parking	Refreshment Availability	Toilets
Thursday 27 th June 11am	Wheathampstead	East Lane Car Park, East Lane, AL4 8SB (Free)	Lots of choice Marleys Cafe The Bull (Miller & Carter) opens 12pm Brewhouse (Short drive up hill but worth it!)	Local cafes/pub Public toilet in East Lane Car Park
Tuesday 2 nd July 11am	Digswell Viaduct, Digswell AL8 7LU	Digswell Park Road Car Park, Digswell Park Road AL6 0BB (Free for 2 hours between 9am -1pm but unrestricted use at other times)	Nothing on site but Cowper Arms AL6 OEA serves food 12-3pm (Fri 12noon – 11pm) Red Lion AL6 9AJ Opens 11am The Hedgehog AL8 7RH Opens 12noon	No local ones – pubs short drive
Saturday 20 th July 11am	Panshanger Park (on way to Hertford (riverside/lakeside views, ancient trees, ruined building)	Car parking £2.50	White Horse Pub – 5 min drive	White Horse Pub – 5 min drive
Possible future locations (ideas welcome!				
Only open with parking on Thursday 2-5pm – but still 0.5 mile walk	Old Gorhambury House	Gorhambury Drive AL3 6AE	Inn on the park (Park Café) Six Bells pub opens 12 noon – has own small car park Fighting Cocks Pub	Nearest toilets in Verulamium Park next to Roman Museum.

Whatsapp group: Anyone interested in Plein Air sessions can join a WhatsApp group that has been set up to facilitate easy communications particularly if adverse weather or meeting in different places etc. Please use 07738 762820 to request adding your number to the WhatsApp Group

Who Can Attend?: All SAAS Plein Air sessions are open to SAAS members and to the public. Anyone wishing to receive more information about joining SAAS, or the Plein Air sessions can contact Steph on 07738 762820 or email membership.saas@gmail.com

Reminder: U18/students participants may have limited access to pubs and/or need identification.