



NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2025



**Mayor's Choice and People's Choice
Winner - 'Watching' by Jenny Gladding**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sue Kerrigan-Harris:
Pastel Demonstration
Thursday 27 November

**NO TUESDAY GROUP ON 2
DECEMBER DUE TO BLOOD
DONATION**

Christmas Party
Thursday 4 December

Art and Craft Event, SAWUK
Saturday 6 December

**Tuesday Group term end 16 December,
resume 7 January**

Saturday Group dates to be confirmed

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

I would like to give a big thank you to our dedicated committee and volunteers and to all the members of our art group who helped to make our art and craft show such a wonderful success. Your hard work and enthusiasm make all the difference.

It was inspiring to see our friendly art community come together to celebrate and showcase everybody's incredible talents.

Thank you all for your time, effort and commitment to the show, we couldn't have done it without you all.

Finally a welcome to our new members, some of whom joined us as a direct result of the exhibition.

Warm Regards

Heather Jay

LIFETIME MEMBERS

It is our great pleasure to award lifetime membership to longstanding members Ted Baker and Monica Clarke in recognition of the contribution that they have made to the group over many years. Thank you both.

Fareham Art Group 75th Anniversary Art and Craft Exhibition by Carole Jarman

Fareham Art Group once again held their annual Art Exhibition and Craft Fair at Titchfield Community Centre on Saturday 26th October and Sunday 27th October.

On Friday the Committee and volunteers spent the afternoon erecting tables and screens and hanging works of art. There was a lot of hustle and bustle as the crafters laid out their wares on the 14 tables in the three rooms and the café area was organised for the influx of the public over the weekend. The Tombola and art sales tables were sorted, ready for Friday night, and the visiting public on Saturday morning.

The Exhibition was opened by the Mayor of Fareham at the members preview evening. Judging took place by the Mayor and guest artist Pip McGarry and prizes were awarded to the members for their chosen arts and crafts. Over two hundred and fifty paintings were on show, demonstrating the varied talents of our members and different art styles. This year a record number of visitors exceeding 1000 attended the Exhibition in celebration of the clubs 75 th Anniversary.

In addition to the paintings, we invited crafters to come along to sell their articles and make the show more varied. We had 14 stalls selling jewellery, Christmas items and unique pictures made using sea glass and shells. A stall with beautiful cushions and aprons and another selling lanterns. All were so varied and of course unique cards designed by the artisans.

Craft items and paintings were purchased as Christmas presents and children came along to join in the fun, especially the Tombola and guess the name of the Teddy Bear.

The art stall selling all kinds of art and craft materials and art books was a great favourite, but the busiest area of all was the café. No-one could resist the home made sausage rolls and the abundance and variety of homemade cakes and savories, all made and donated by our members.

This year our group project was Fareham Past and Present. Fifty members painted the scene of their choice on canvas and the collection was displayed at the show. Some depicted old Fareham scenes with green buses and old shops and others showed the modern side of Fareham.

Now that the Exhibition is over, we return to our usual weekly painting sessions and start planning for next year.

EXHIBITION FACTS AND FIGURES

Number of paintings exhibited: 259

Number of members exhibiting: 73

Votes received – 779

Sales:

Paintings 20

Portfolios 14

Craft items 11

Cards 95

PRIZE WINNERS:

John Rashley Trophy (Mayor's Choice):

'Watching' – Jenny Gladding

Don Parmiter Trophy (People's Choice):

1st Place 'Watching' – Jenny Gladding

2nd Place 'Fareham Creek' Joe Coburn

3rd Place 'Hard Life' Shane Vegas

Judge's Choice:

1st Place: 'Hard Life' Shane Vegas

2nd Place: 'Splash' Jenny Gladding

3rd Place: 'Wren' Lesley
McColl-McWah

Craft Winner: Sue Page

FINANCE

This year's exhibition was a very successful event; early indications are that we have more than covered our costs via the income generated from hanging fees, craft stalls, refreshments, art materials/book sales and the tombola/bear naming activities. This provides the opportunity to invest in improvements for future events and towards other benefits for our members.

Further details will be shared once the accounts are completed.

Payments have now been made to those members who were fortunate to sell their work (if bank details were provided).

WORKSHOP GIFT VOUCHERS

If your family and friends are short of gift ideas for you, remember that vouchers can be purchased towards the cost of a workshop, redeemable when you book your place.

The vouchers can be any denomination from £10.

To purchase please email

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Demonstration:
Sue Kerrigan-Harris
Thursday 27 November



Sue Kerrigan-Harris is a Professional Soft Pastel Artist and Art Teacher based in the New Forest, Hampshire UK. For as long as she can remember she has had a passion for portraits. In March 2020 she became an Associate Artist with Unison Colour, her preferred soft pastel brand and started teaching soft pastel classes online to people all over the world. She also teaches workshops online and demonstrates to Art Groups worldwide. Join us on Thursday 27th November from 7pm at Holy Trinity Church Hall

CHRISTMAS PARTY

You should all have received an invite to our Christmas Party on Thursday 4 December. It is free for all members and includes games, quizzes, our Winter Sunset competition, and refreshments. **However you must book your place in order to attend.**

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