

THE RAINBOW

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Written by and for the members of Box Art Group (No. 91)

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Exhibition 2023

A total of 235 visitors were welcomed across the threshold over the three days of our exhibition, with 53 on the Friday, 98 on the Saturday, and 84 on the Sunday. With 88 mounted paintings from 23 artists, as well as the portraits, activities table, cards and unframed pictures, the exhibition offered a great many interesting styles and subjects for the visitors. This was reflected in their positive comments.

It was also reflected in the voting for the favourite painting. Thanks to Hilary K for sorting and counting the votes, which must have been over 100. The winner was Jill Harwood's pastel painting of The Secret Wood, Brownshill, shown here, with just 12 votes. And the variety of paintings exhibited resulted in a wide spread of voting, with David Wordingham's version of Minch Church coming second with 10 votes.

Jill H





David W

A few more photos from the exhibition:







A few more details from the exhibition. The group made around £242 from the exhibition, which is somewhat better than last year's £157. The coffee morning was well attended, and should be repeated next year, but with a proper list of helpers. Similarly, the arrangements for the card sales needs to be reviewed, with each card identified with price and artist. Overall, the exhibition was successful, so thanks to all the exhibitors.

Thanks also to the stewards, the cake makers and those who helped in the kitchen, to Roxy for her help in setting up the paintings, those who helped set up and take down the paintings and panels, Lynne and Jill for the labels, and to Michael for arranging the floats at the start and end of each day, and for sorting the monies and paying those talented **Real Artists**.

Tip of the Month

To remove masking tape without damaging the surface of the paper, especially if it has been on for a while, use a hair drier to warm and loosen the adhesive. The tape can then be removed easily.

Thanks to Ann J for this.

AGM Discussion

Following on from the AGM last month, and given the show of hands a few weeks ago, the committee has been looking at the possibility of extending our sessions over the summer months, and the implications. The simplest option would be to hire the hall as usual for Thursday afternoons throughout the summer, but with no tutors involved in order to keep the costs down.

The hall is available, at £24 per session hire charge. The extra 12 sessions would add around £310 to the groups' annual costs when tea and biscuits are included. This would mean that we would have 44 sessions in the year, of which 32 during 'normal' term times would be supported by a tutor. We have sufficient funds to cover the extra sessions during the summer of 2024.

In the longer term, we currently have 36 members, so even 32 sessions are not covered by the £55 annual subs. (36 members x £55 = £1980, and 32 sessions x £76 = £2,432; so for 36 members annual subs would be £67.56. At the 2022 AGM, we had 43 members.)

The total annual costs for 44 sessions would be £1144 for the hall and teas, and £1600 for 32 tutored sessions at current rates, giving £2744. With our current 36 members, this amounts to annual subs of £76.22, so £1.73 per session, compared with the current £1.72 per session. However, I would like to be able to offer our tutors an increase in their fee for the first time in over 5 years.

So we **need more members**, and the offer of 44 sessions per year at only £1.73 per session may be a good selling point to improve our numbers. Alternatively, the annual subs would need to be around £80 to enable us to offer our tutors an increase in their fee and cover the 44 sessions, with 32 tutored sessions. With 40 members, annual subs of £73.40 would cover 44 sessions and allow an increase in the tutors' fee.

I hope this is clear. Please let me have any thoughts or comments on Thursday or at peter@lyonspace.co.uk, and try to encourage friends or neighbours to join the group.

Nearby Events in November

The Little Art Exhibition takes place at the Sub Rooms from 10am -4pm from Tuesday 28th Nov to Saturday 2nd December. If you are interested to submit artwork, contact Anna at anna@thesubrooms.co.uk Artwork may be donated or sales split 50/50 with the Sub Rooms.

The Stroud Craft Show takes place in the Lansdown Gallery from 2nd – 5th November. This includes various workshops.

Examined Expressions – art by art therapists exhibition, also at Lansdown Gallery from Tuesday 21st to Monday 27th November.

Local History Slideshow at the Museum in the Park from 2 – 4pm on Wednesday 8, 15, 22 and 29 November. Wednesday Winter Warmer event, free, with coffee and biscuit.

Stroud Book Festival <https://stroudbookfestival.org.uk/> from 8 – 12 November.