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We're back!

Exciting news and updates from The Art Yard Gallery.



by Stan on May 2024

Well, that's the summer gone! The time is right, we thought, to put together the new edition of The Art Yard Newsletter. Thanks very much for the positive comments many of you made about our first edition. It helped when it came to planning this one. Ideas for new features and any feedback are always welcome.

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THIS EDITION'S

TOP STORIES

A visit to the Royal Birmingham Society of Art (RBSA)



by Stan and Forbes on Oct 2024

One thing we pride ourselves on here at TAY, is the way we bring together artists of different ages and from different backgrounds. A couple of Sundays ago, a small group of us went to the RBSA to

view their Summer Prize exhibition (Martyn had two portraits in the show). We've chosen a picture of Gillian and Jack as we felt it captured what we are about.



<https://rbsa.org.uk>

TAYkers



by Stan and Pete on Oct 2024

We have just launched, as part of our new initiatives, a photography group called The Taykers. Pete Lopeman, our resident photographer and artist, runs the group. Recently we went along to see Pete and asked him to explain what the group is all about.

“The Taykers is a collective of photographers who share a love for photography and who come together to learn and share their experience. So far we have had three meetings with around twenty five people signing up.”

So what's the purpose of the group?

“Well, we've had presentations about aspects of photography, as well as discussing ideas about possible projects. Some members have already organised outings to Himley Hall, and local canal boat festivals.”

And do you need to be experienced to join in?

“Definitely not! Whether you’re a novice or a professional, you’ll be made to feel very welcome. If you want to have a look at what we’re up to go to our Facebook page ([Taykers Group](#)).”

How often do you meet?

“Every four or five weeks at 6:30pm at TAY. And if you want to contact me you can leave a message at Facebook or on The Art Yard website.”



Artist in Focus: Gregg Broad



by Forbes and Gregg on Oct 2024

Gregg Broad is our featured artist in this edition of TAY Newsletter. We recently had the pleasure of meeting up with him, as it gave us the chance to talk about his background and why art is important to him.

Can you please introduce yourself, what's your name and where are you from?

"My name is Gregory Michael Broad. I live in Sandwell, West Midlands."

What inspired you to become an artist, and how did you start your art journey?

"I was inspired by my brother's drawings, I was about 8 or 9 years old. That's my earliest memory of how I got started."

Can you describe your creative process and how you approach a new piece?

"Difficult question, as my art practice is always changing. But what remains a constant is colour, composition and questioning."

What themes or messages do you try to convey through your work?

"I have two themes going at the moment, my craft work is a fun element making paper mache vintage style air balloons. My paintings are gravitating towards symbolic abstract expressionism. It's been moving at a fast pace over the last year or so from wildlife, to portrait, to abstraction."

Who or what are your biggest influences, and how have they shaped your art?

"Again, at the moment, my work is influenced by the big questioning of self discovery, and the investigation into hidden histories. Unfortunately, this is so current I only have one small piece of art attributed to this theme."

What advice would you give to aspiring artists who are just starting out?

"Inspired by Bashar's Formula... Act on your highest excitement, to the best of your ability with absolutely zero insistence of an outcome. Do this always."

Why do you choose to volunteer at The Art Yard?

"The art yard is a very unique place unlike any other gallery. It's not only about art as an end product. TAY is striving to reach a wider audience to encourage the production of different expressions of art for the promotion of an inner wellbeing."

You can see examples of Gregg's artwork in person at The Art Yard Gallery. He occasionally posts photos of his latest art on Instagram... <https://www.instagram.com/broadgregg>



Art For All: 2024 Auction at The Mall Galleries



by Forbes and Martyn on Oct 2024

Art For All is a charity fundraising auction by The Federation of British Artists.

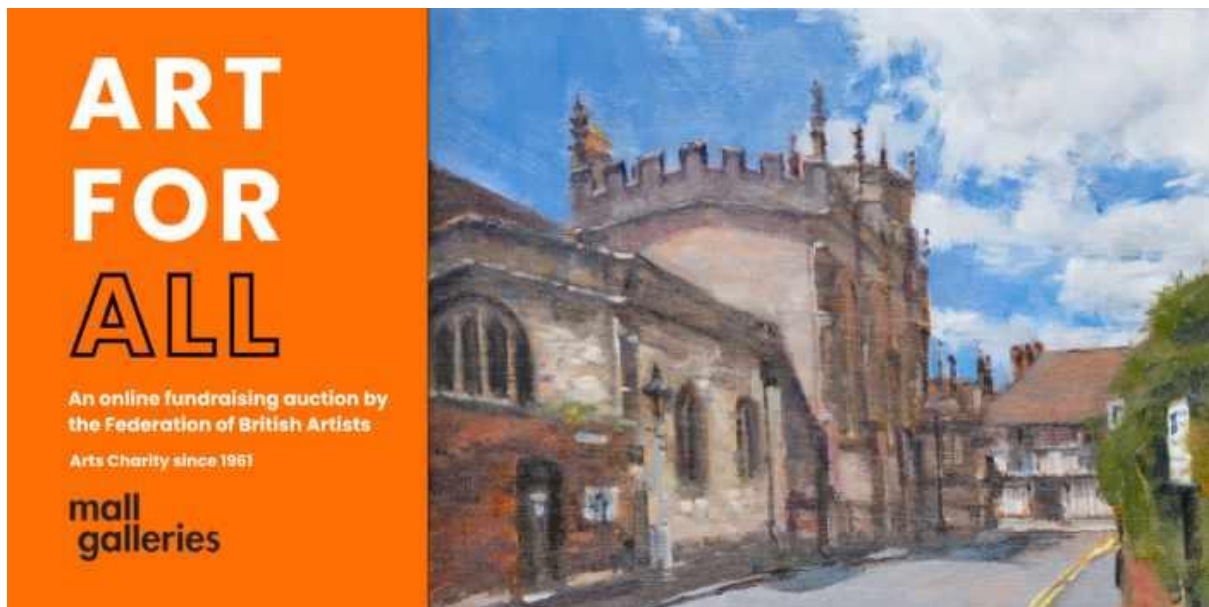
Many members and award-winning artists from the art societies within the Federation of British Artists have donated original artworks for auction.

Bidding starts from £40 for works on paper or card, and £50 for works on canvas or board, sculptures, and larger works. Plus, you may bid on several special experiences from just £10 and/or [donate](#) (to win a handmade tote bag.

The artworks will remain anonymous until after the auction has ended, however there is a list of contributing artists [here](#).

Our very own resident artist Martyn Harris has contributed so you should take a look and see if you can spot his work.

<https://app.galabid.com/artforall2024>



THE ART YARD GALLERY'S
EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Movie Screenings at The Art Yard



by Forbes on Oct 2024

That's right, The Art Yard are now holding a Movie Night!

With the help of the kind folks at Black Country Touring, Warren McCabe-Smith (Woz) a very talented artist and founding member of The Art Yard Gallery and Studios has organised a regular movie night. Being a long time movie enthusiast Warren has created a fun and inclusive atmosphere. Curating a fine selection of films drawn from his extensive knowledge it is a guaranteed enjoyable night out. The first showing was Dirty Dancing, with the amazing 'Lift Scene' illuminated in all its glory on a full size projection screen. The next movie screening will be The Lost Boys on Friday 25th October from 7pm, a classic vampire spooktacular just in time for Halloween. Entry is only £3! However, there are limited spots and tickets are selling fast. For more details visit The Art Yard website, social media or give us a call on 01384 910968.



Warren McCabe-Smith:

https://www.facebook.com/wozartuk/?locale=en_GB

<https://www.instagram.com/wozartist/>

Black Country Touring:

<https://www.bctouring.org.uk/>

Artisan Christmas Fayre at The Art Yard



by Sonia on Oct 2024

Already thinking about what to buy family and friends for Christmas? Then a date for your diary – Saturday 9th November. We will be holding our Artisan Christmas Fayre and opening up our Art Studios. Lots of ideas available for the discerning shopper including: wood carving; crystal, leather and glass art; jewellery; bakery: pastries; confectionary; teddy bears; metal work; needlefelt and a range of local, original, artwork.



Organised by Sonia's Crafts and Creations:

<https://www.facebook.com/sonzzcrafts>

THE ART YARD GALLERY'S

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Dates for your Calendar

Come visit the gallery...

Open Art Exhibition: Monday 21st Oct - Saturday 16th Nov

Movie Night: The Lost Boys - Friday 25th Oct

Artisan Craft Christmas Fayre: Saturday 9th Nov

Open Art Exhibition: Monday 25th Nov - Tuesday 24th Dec

Movie Night: True Romance - Friday 29th Nov

Movie Night: Scrooged - Friday 20th Dec

Other Events & Activities

For up to date information on all of our events and activities please visit our website and follow us on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube.

