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It's finally here!

Exciting news and updates from The Art Yard Gallery.



by Stan on May 2024

Welcome to this first edition of The Art Yard Newsletter. We intend to produce one every two months. In it you will find lots of information about what's happening at TAY, local events and some short pieces featuring some of the local artists and crafters who regularly exhibit their work.

If you haven't been in our Gallery for a while, why don't you pop in? You'll be amazed by the quality and variety of arts and craft work on display. There is always new work to see every month.

Remember, if there is anything you'd like included in our newsletter, drop us a line.

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THIS EDITION'S
TOP STORIES

Breaking News!



by **Stan and Forbes** on May 2024

Resident Artist Martyn Harris has been selected to exhibit examples of his work at the 2024 Annual Exhibition of The Royal Society of Portrait Painters at The Mall Galleries in London. Follow the links below for further information.



Youtube video showing the selection process:

[▶ RP SELECTION PROCESS 2024](#)

Royal Society of Portrait Painters Official Website:

<https://therp.co.uk/portrait-exhibitions/annual-portrait-exhibition/>

A catalogue of all the works in the exhibition can be found here...

<https://buyart.mallgalleries.org.uk/current-exhibition/>



Also, Martyn's submission 'Paul's Emporium' (Shown above) has been selected for the RBSA Portrait Prize Exhibition 2024. This will be on display among other outstanding works at the gallery in Birmingham from 7th May to 9th June 2024.

<https://rbsa.org.uk/event/rbsa-portrait-prize/>

Martyn always has a great selection of his artwork which you can view upstairs at The Art Yard Gallery. If you're lucky you may catch him at work in his studio.

Spotter Otter at Dudley Zoo



by [Forbes](#) on May 2024

“Over the past few months, eight otter sculptures have been colourfully decorated, inspired by a variety of themes including the zoo, wildlife, the Black Country and pop culture. They spent February half term here at Dudley Zoo and Castle, before being installed at various venues around the Dudley borough. They will then return to the zoo for the summer holidays. At the end of the season, the otters will be auctioned off to raise funds for two ‘otterly’ amazing charities – The UK Wild Otter Trust and The Himalayan Otter Network.” - Dudley Zoo & Castle

Our very own regular volunteer Greg Broad designed and painted Otter 6 - Saga Dawa.



Learn more about Greg's inspiration for his design, and all the other otters and contributors, on the Dudley Zoo & Castle website:

<https://www.dudleyzoo.org.uk/spotter-otter-trail/>

If you would like to see an Otter for yourself then pop into TAY from 3rd June until early July. Look forward to seeing you.

Artist in Focus: Diane Boswell



by [Stan and Forbes](#) on May 2024

In each edition of The Art Yard Newsletter we want to feature the work of one particular artist, who regularly contributes to the work of TAY and our mission and values.

In this edition we specifically focus on the work of Diane Boswell. As an accomplished painter Diane uses her skills, imagination and insight to create landscapes that are both 'atmospheric and evocative'. We present below Diane herself along side a few examples of her work.



If you would like to explore Diane's work in more detail take a look at her excellently curated and regularly updated website, then follow her on Instagram. She regularly contributes to The Art Yard Open Exhibitions where you can view her amazing work in person.

Website:

<https://www.dianeboswellart.com/>

Instagram:

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

John Lloyd Retrospective Exhibition



by Stan on May 2024

It is with great regret and sorrow that John's friends at The Art Yard received news of his death in early January of this year, As a mark of the great esteem in which John is held by TAY artistic colleagues, we will be holding an exhibition of John's work in our gallery. John's exhibition will run from the twentieth of May to the first of June, with a launch event for invited guests at 6:30 pm on 20th May at TAY. Please come along to what we know will be a memorable event. We look forward to seeing you.



Artisan Craft Fayres and Open Art Studios



by [Sonia](#) on May 2024

Throughout the year we hold Artisan Craft Fayres and open our resident Artist Studios to the public. We have 10 Artisan Craft Tables amongst the Art work on the walls and cabinets. There are 4 resident Artist studios that people can visit upstairs on the day. Bringing Crafts and Art together under one roof. Ooh and refreshments are available too!

Forthcoming events will be held on the following dates:

Saturday 8th June 2024

Saturday 28th September 2024

Saturday 9th November 2024

PoArtry: An Evening of Poetry



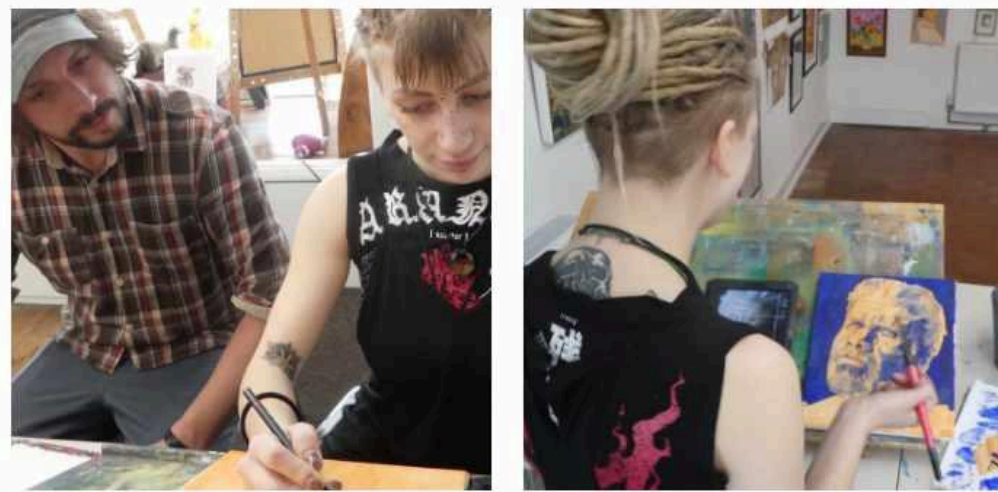
by Stan on May 2024

Are you a poet (we'll avoid the line- 'and don't know it!)? Someone who'd like to try their hand at writing some poetry? Or someone who just likes listening to poetry? We've got just the group for you. TAY runs it's own PoArtry group every two months (see the way we've brought art and poetry together there!). Newcomers are welcome! The date and time of the next meeting is shown below with a link if you want to find out more details.

<https://www.mfaa.co.uk/poartry>

Resident Artists: One-to-One Tuition

by Stan and Forbes on May 2024



Both Warren and Martyn continue to produce high quality artwork from their studios in the gallery. Both have very different styles (check the links below) and they are also both available for one-to-one lessons. If you are interested in finding out more they can both be contacted directly.

Warren McCabe-Smith

An Introduction to Portrait Painting with Acrylic Paints on Canvas.

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

<https://wozart.sumupstore.com>

07799 820430 / wozartuk@gmail.com

Martyn Harris aRBSA

Bespoke programs tailored to suit the Artist's ambitions, including drawing and painting from novice to professional levels.

<https://www.instagram.com/martyn2184>

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Sonia's Stitch & Chat

by Sonia on May 2024



My Stitch & Chat Sessions are open to everyone that wishes to join us for a cuppa and biscuits while working on their own projects in the company of others with similar interests. eg. Crossstitch, knitting, crochet, tapestry, patchwork, latch hook, teddy bears and much more. These are held on Thursday afternoons between 1:30pm-4pm.

Contact via infoartyard@gmail.com or call us on 01384 910968 for more details.

THE ART YARD GALLERY'S
EXTRA SPECIAL MENTIONS

Introducing Peter Lopeman

by Stan and Forbes on May 2024



Peter Lopeman is a relatively recent recruit to our resident artist team. A recognised expert in the field of photography with a wealth of professional experience but also an accomplished painter too. Numerous examples of his work, including stunning photographic prints, can be seen on display at The Art Yard Gallery. You can also follow him on instagram for regular updates.

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

Toby's Robot Goes on Show

by Harry on May 2024



Toby Harris (aged 7 yrs) proudly delivered his homemade robot named A30RCF to Harry at The Art Yard gallery in Cradley Heath.

A30RCF was designed and constructed by Toby using oddments of wood, nails, a door knob, a few screws and gaffer tape. But, the robot is now taking a prominent display position in the gallery front window for all passers-by and visitors to see.

Well done Toby!

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.



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