



June Meeting - Show and Tell with Alan, Claire and Rhys

Helen says “A huge thank you to Alan, Claire and Rhys for their show and tell sessions at our last meeting. During our Zoom meeting, **Alan Davey** talked about sculpture (his handmade glazed and high temperature fired stoneware clay moulding, *Wallace the Lion* is shown here), **Claire Hilton** about her involvement with Worcester Arts and **Rhys Jones** explained why black and white photography can be more interesting than colour and went on to demonstrate various ways of creating mono images. This was an excellent representation from the DAN Committee. All very interesting and accomplished presentations with great variety. It was good to see the number of attendees swell as the morning progressed and you could see that everyone was enjoying the meeting. Everyone seemed interested in future morning meetings. I also want to add my thanks to those of you who kindly continued chat typing with Colin and I am delighted that he felt included on Zoom. Thank you for the Zoom meeting Claire. A very successful event”.



DAN Upcoming Events

July 15th at 11.00 am: View our DAN Virtual Exhibition via Zoom. Members are invited to submit photos of a maximum of 3 pieces of artwork (can be paintings, sketches, photographs, sculptures, textiles, written work, etc). There is no fee. Please email your files to Rhys Jones at rhys@photomaestro.co.uk and all submissions will be acknowledged. Depending on the number of entries we may not be able to include all items but we guarantee that at least two images will be included for every member. To maximise the ease of holding a virtual exhibition, and to ensure fairness, some rules and guidance can be seen [HERE](#). **The closing date is Friday 10th July.**

Register in advance for your private view Zoom exhibition:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEtdOiupzouGtW1dkabu0FO5H4PvCNm0NV7>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

August: Further projects may include a virtual *Mini Arts Fest* activity during August where we hope members would be willing to perform poetry, sing, play instruments etc. Please let us know if you are interested in this.

Wednesday 16th September: Show and Tell. Please contact Rhys via email at rhys@photomaestro.co.uk to be included at the next Show and Tell session.

DAN Website: Please remember to send Rhys any information you think may be of interest to other members and the general public on the DAN website. Visit www.droitwichartsnetwork.org to find out about everything!

KING LEAR PRIZES - Times Up! What's next?



KING LEAR PRIZES thanked everyone who entered for the King Lear Prizes and say “We started this competition back in March, when it was first announced that over 70s were being asked to go into Coronavirus hibernation. We expected around 1,000 entries, but we have ended up with about **16,000 submissions!**”

They have a team of eminent creatives on their final judging panels, including [Gyles Brandreth](#) for poetry, [Julian Lloyd Webber](#) for music, [Steven Knight](#) and [Debbie Isitt](#) for drama, [Jonathan Watkins](#), [Salma Tugan](#) and [Yinka Ilori](#) for Art, and [Sam Leith](#) for Short Stories. The judging process has already begun and all entries will be processed by the end of June:

- Shortlist and Highly Commended TBA for early categories (Musical Composition, Drama): **by end July**
 - Winners TBA for early categories (Musical Composition, Drama): **by end August**
 - Shortlist and Highly Commended TBA for late categories (Poetry, Short Story, Art, Chair's Prize): **by mid-August**
 - Winners announcement for late categories (Poetry, Short Story, Art, Chairman's Prize): **early September**
- When these announcements are made, they will publish the shortlisted and winning entries on their website, and notify all entrants.

High School Writing Competition update

As you know DAN is sponsoring the High School writing competition and this is to inform you that the entries have now been submitted. **Helen** is part of the team of judges who are selecting a short list of the best entries and reports... "the standard of writing this year is exceptional with many close contenders for the prizes. It is possible that the standard is higher this year because pupils had more time to devote to their writing due to Covid". And, the winner is to be announced by the High School in good time!

Virtual Life Drawing Session – Looking Sketchy



With some trepidation I signed up for last Saturday's life drawing Zoom meeting with Looking Sketchy, a Facebook group. I had attended a couple of life drawing sessions several years back (when we could all be social) so was not totally daunted. Our model for the 2-hour gathering was the very vibrant Amy bringing her own festival inspired sunshine look to our screens and the tutor was there to guide us through. We started off with a couple of 10-minute quick draws and then onto a longer 20 20-minute sketch.

Sessions are open to beginners through to those who have more experience. The classes involve drawing from a nude or costume model who is based in one location, while you can draw from home and a tutor is at another location. It's a lot of fun!

Next session from 3.30pm until 5pm is on Saturday 4th July where Ginny Lemon (@ginnylemon69 for twitter users) will be modelling for us. It will be exciting to have an opportunity to draw a live (and VERY colourful) Drag Artist. The link to join is on their Facebook page or just send an email to consider your place booked. To find out more or join a session, drop an email to Lookingsketchylifedrawing@gmail.com



Claire's Blogs

Claire Hilton is working on a few blog posts and a video at the moment but her bracelet making video is here, have a look! https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWpZHF7dCNnXUHNMI2IZXkQ?view_as=subscriber and there is a new #LookingInReachingOut artists video released this week by Andy Garbi which may interest the photographers in the group exploring light. Claire was the artist mentor for the project with Caroline Wychavon Arts Development Officer. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q8rZ9ag_yNE

Claire's blog can be found on www.CreatingSpaceSessions.com/blog

And the Creating Space Facebook page can be found on <https://www.facebook.com/creatingspacesessions/>

Parks Cafe is out of Lockdown!



Parks are opening! They will be will be running with reduced menu and capacity due to the current situation, so they advise booking a table (01905776633), as space will be limited. Their opening times for the foreseeable future will be 10am to 3pm Monday to Saturday. Paul and Kate are looking forward to seeing you all soon. When they re- open this coming Saturday, the art on our walls will be by Roger Ricketts, who is displaying a selection of his work with resin which finishes on 18th August.

You can find out more about Roger at <http://www.rogersartwork.co.uk/>

And finally... an opportunity

Sytchampton School PTA are holding an online art auction to raise funds. If anyone has a painting, sculpture or any artistic object lying about which they are willing to donate, please email photo, plus your name, title, medium, size and value (and/or starting bid and reserve) to [syтчamptonpta@gmail.com](mailto:sytchamptonpta@gmail.com). They started uploading the auction lots last night and now have a link to the auction:

<https://auctionofpromises.com/ArtAuctionSytchampton> The auction start day is **10th July** but you can peruse the lots before then. More lots will be added over the coming week, yours could be amongst them!

For the latest information visit: <http://www.droitwichartsnetwork.org/> on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/208713719174369/> e-mail tina.watkins@ntlworld.com