



### DAN Hub February Still Life Session



DAN welcomed members to their February meeting at the Hub. This was a 'Still Life' drawing session guided by **Bryonie Williams**. As you can see from the photos there were many and various objects brought in by Bryonie for members to use to draw and paint. Some of these masterpieces are shown later in the newsletter.



### Mug Owners

**Mug Owners;** If you ordered a DAN mug but have not yet received it, you can collect it from the Hub any time the Hub is open.

**Hub Volunteers;** If you are a volunteer at the Hub over the next few weeks, please note that the mugs to be collected are in boxes at the back of the Hub behind the screens. Each mug is in its own box which shows the name of the owner. Some people have ordered more than one mug. The large boxes show people's names and the number of mugs each person has ordered.

Mug owners have been asked to pay directly into the DAN bank account, but if they want to pay by card in the Hub, please make a note on the daily log/sales sheet. Each mug costs £6.50.



### Membership Secretary Invitation – March Drink and Doodle

Firstly, a warm welcome to our new members. We look forward to meeting you through the year at our events. We really are a friendly bunch!

This is a reminder of our Drink and Doodle **on Monday 4th March**. A get together event for our paid members only. So, bring whatever creative piece you are working on, a flask or mug (\*) and sit, chat, create and make friends with likeminded people.

Drink and Doodle events will be held on the first Monday of every month; with the exception of April and May which will be held on the second Monday because of bank holidays.

Currently, the Drink and Doodle's will be held at The Hub, St Andrews Square, Droitwich. From 6.30-9.00pm. Please arrive via the back entrance. We advise people to park on the Morrisons's car park, it's free after 6pm and helps keep the back doors of the hub and the bakery free of obstruction.

Drink and Doodle is in addition to our other scheduled events and we hope it will enhance your membership experience within the Network. There is no need to let us know if you're coming but if you do have any questions or want to check on where to come then please text/call me on 07738017076 or email to [wendysimmons29@gmail.com](mailto:wendysimmons29@gmail.com)

\*There are tea and coffee making facilities, but please bring your own cup/mug to limit the need for clearing up for our volunteers. We really do look forward to seeing you. **Wendy** (DAN Membership Secretary)

## 2024 Programme

**Drink and Doodles** are usually first Monday of the month. With the exception of April and May which are bank holidays, so hence moving to the second Monday on those months.

- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March** – Drink & Doodle at the Hub (Members only)
- **March 23<sup>rd</sup>** – a Hub Dabble day possibly Easter themed – **we need volunteers for this event – do feel free to help.** Contact us [here](#)
- **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April** – Drink & Doodle at the Hub (Members only)
- **April.** Clay/ceramic demonstration and ‘have a go’ session
- **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May** – Drink & Doodle at the Hub (Members only)
- **May.** Pastel Demonstration in the Hub - members free
- **June.** Possible film night
- **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July** – Drink & Doodle at the Hub (Members only)
- **July.** A Dabble day
- **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August** – Drink & Doodle at the Hub (Members only)
- **August** – En plein air and picnic in Lido Park
- **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** – Drink & Doodle at the Hub (Members only)
- **September** – possible Mini Arts Fest
- **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October** – Drink & Doodle at the Hub (Members only)
- **October.** World Mental Health Day with the theme ‘Anxiety’.  
**Jessica Wood** will be involved with art therapy ‘Creativity for Well-Being’. Also decorating the Hub window with poppies. Maybe an Art Competition with the winner having their painting displayed on the big easel
- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November** – Drink & Doodle at the Hub (Members only)
- **November** – Camera Club phone app tutorial (on Zoom) to be confirmed
- **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** – Drink & Doodle at the Hub (Members only)
- **December** - Decorating the Hub for Christmas.

### Drink & Doodle 2024

5<sup>th</sup> Feb, 4<sup>th</sup> March, 8<sup>th</sup> April, 13<sup>th</sup> May  
6.30pm – 9pm  
The Hub, St. Andrew's Square

Informal Social Event  
Paid Up Members Only

Sit, Chat, Create  
Meet Like Minded People

Bring whatever you are working on  
Instant coffee and tea bags provided  
Bring your own mug, flask, or soft drink

Enter and leave the Hub by the back entrance



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www.droitwichartsnetwork.org

## Revised Bookmarks

Our stock of bookmarks is running low so Rhys has made a few changes to the design. The new bookmarks have arrived and are available at the Hub

## Local Art Events



**DROITWICH SPA HERITAGE & INFORMATION CENTRE**

### Easter Egg Hunt & Crafts

**EASTER OPENING HOURS**  
25<sup>TH</sup>-28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 1:00-4:00  
29<sup>TH</sup>-30<sup>TH</sup> CLOSED  
31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 10:00-4:00  
1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 10:00-1:30

Join us for **FREE** Easter Crafts and an Easter Egg Hunt

Droitwich Spa Heritage & Information Centre,  
St Richards House, Droitwich Spa, WR9 8DS  
Tel: 01905 714322

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There aren't many weekends throughout the summer months that you won't find some kind of festival or event happening around the Vale and Spa towns. From Droitwich Salt Fest and [The Battle of Evesham](#) to bands in the park and the [Persore Plum Festival](#). [Staying in](#) and around Droitwich spa you're perfectly located to get out and about and enjoy our quirky, historical and fun events.



### Easter Kids Fun Fest

**Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Sun 31<sup>st</sup> March**  
**10.30am 5.30pm**  
**Vines Park Droitwich WR9 8LB**  
**FREE ENTRY**  
**The Craft Shop**

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**NO BOOKING OR ENTRY FEES** required. Just turn up and enjoy. **FREE ENTRY** Vines Park Droitwich WR9 8LB

The Easter Kids Fun Fest has been striving to bring something for the kids of Worcestershire.

Set in the surrounds of Vines Park which has successfully achieved the converted GREEN FLAG award.

The festival is designed around kids' entertainment, and enjoyment. We have everything to make the festival a day out for the whole family.

## Dame Laura Knight – Worcester Art Gallery

**Saturday 13 January to Sunday 30 June 2024**

[/ Paint Today](#) pays homage to this significant artist who was the first female artist welcomed into the Royal Academy and whose love of Worcestershire and the Malvern Hills inspired her art throughout the later years of her life. Tickets are required to visit this exhibition and [advance booking is available online](#). There are a variety of ticket options to choose from, and the rest of the Art Gallery and Museum is free to visit as usual.

For more information visit [www.severnarts.org.uk/light-night-worcester](http://www.severnarts.org.uk/light-night-worcester)

## Worcester 100 Open Art Exhibition

We are pleased to announce the public opening hours for The Worcester 100 Open Art Exhibition – a celebration of Worcester's unique creative community showcasing work by artists of all levels, ages, background & experience.

From Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March to Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024, the Artery Gallery will be filled with a showcase of 100 pieces of work by Worcester's local creative talent including paintings, prints, photography, sculpture, ceramics and more.

## Canvas and Cocktails @ The Artery

Fri, 22 Mar, 19:00–22:00 £35

[The Artery Studios CIC Arches 28, 29 Croft Rd, Worcester](#)

Join us at the Artery Gallery for a still life painting experience led by local Worcester artist Estée Angéline. Start the experience with a choice of free cocktails\*, with the option to top yourself up throughout the night, whilst Estée shows you how to paint your own masterpiece. This class is for all ranges of artistic abilities with the guarantee that you leave with a full canvas!

Estée will supply fun and creative subject matters for you to paint and will guide you through her system to transfer what's in front of you onto your canvas, all whilst enjoying cocktails, snacks and soft drinks on offer!

\*Please contact [estee\\_ap@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:estee_ap@yahoo.co.uk) with any dietary requirements, soft drinks options will also be available. Up to 4 free drinks per person will be provided.

## Broadway Arts Festival

The Mystery Masterpiece Auction is underway! Place your bids...

<<https://broadwayartsfestival.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c5df52e19748afd811de90a87&id=0cdaede649&e=1e730920ae>>

The Mystery Masterpiece Auction is now underway

### Place your bids!

Our online Mystery Masterpiece Auction has now started, your chance to snap up original artwork by internationally renowned and emerging artists. The bidding starts at just £25.

\* Maybe you'll spot a future rising star and get hold of a great investment?

\* Which will see the greatest interest and get the highest bids? Professional or amateur?

This is an exciting opportunity to purchase a piece of original art, a mini 'mystery masterpiece' with all works being approximately A4 or smaller and unframed. We can post masterpieces to winning bidders for a flat fee of £7.50 or you can opt for free local pickup.

Once bidding closes at 8pm on the 17th March, all will be revealed when the artists' names are published alongside their work on the website. Funds raised go towards our outreach programme with local primary & secondary schools and our bursary programme for students studying at university for a career in the arts.

A huge THANK YOU to the 80 artists who have so kindly donated their work.

Create an account to bid <<https://broadwayartsfestival.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c5df52e19748afd811de90a87&id=a109310b87&e=1e730920ae>>

View the online auction gallery & place bids <<https://broadwayartsfestival.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c5df52e19748afd811de90a87&id=7797849812&e=1e730920ae>> **GOOD LUCK!**



## DAN Exhibitions



Parks Café: **Rosie Philpott** will be exhibiting **during March**

Button Tree Café: **Marelize Yorke** will be exhibiting **during March**

Corbett Medical Centre: **Tina Watkins** and **John Dugmore** will be exhibiting **during March**

Droitwich Library: **Sylvie Coulthard** will be exhibiting **in March**

**The Guidelines for displaying your art can be found in the Members' Area of the DAN website.**

## ALL ARTS ALLEY

We really do thank everyone who sent in their splendid artwork photos for our All Arts project in this edition. If anyone has an idea for this spot, please do let me know – in the meantime please send in **ANY ART/CRAFT BASED WORK**. I just need photos of your work with any describing information, to show in the coming newsletter. Send email, [HERE](#). By **31<sup>st</sup> March**.

**Sheena Howarth** sent in these interesting paintings and says *"Here some of my Artwork for the March Newsletter. March is my Birthday month! So, celebrating 'things passed'. These paintings are memories of part of my work and history."*

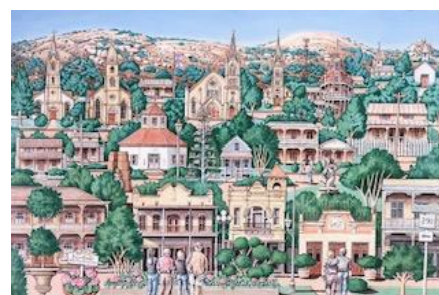
Working in Pompeii



Oxford



Fredericksburg, Texas. "Enchanted Rock"



**Stephen Evens** sent in this article and says *"While visiting our daughter recently, who lives near Chichester, I always find time to visit an art gallery in a venue called the Ox Market. On this occasion there was a very interesting show of unique work created by women artists. Titled – Tea, Coffee & Tequila – LINAPOLOGETIC An All-Female Perspective. Rather than trying to describe the group I have copied the leaflet I was given with all their relevant information as I thought it would be of interest to share with members."*

**Ken Bell** sent in the photo below and says *"I thought you may like to know I sold one painting in Parks"*



**Tea, Coffee & Tequila** LINAPOLOGETIC  
An All-Female Perspective

Each respected artist in this show has been hand-picked for inclusion not only for their artistic prowess, but also because of their success in addition to their practice. They may be business leaders, gallery owners or working mothers, who are highly educated, motivated, successful role models who have not allowed adversity to stand in their way.

We hope you enjoy the show!

*Louise + Bobby*

Please follow us to keep up to date with our upcoming news, shows & events.

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Instagram: @teacoffeetequila

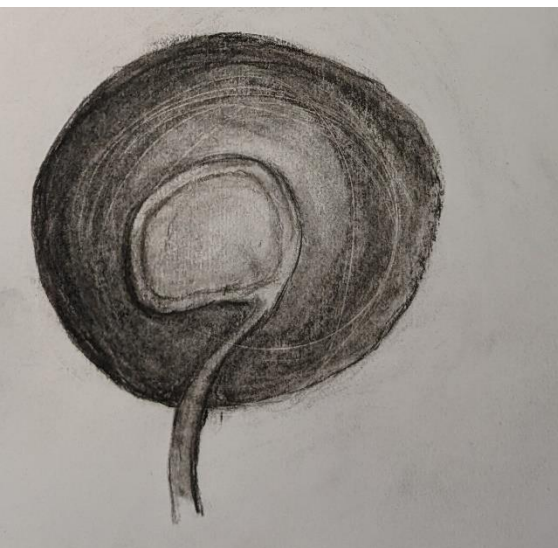
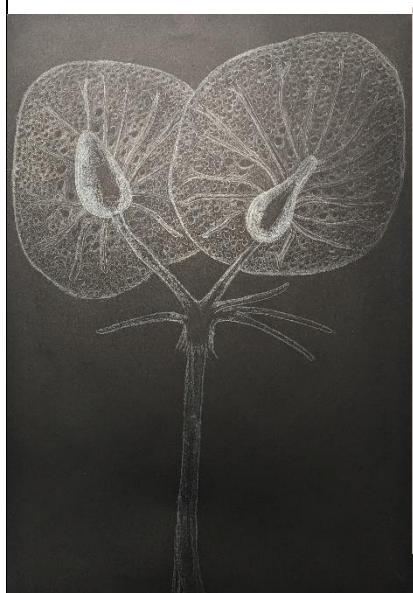
**Maggies Room** Wilson Gallery

In this room we invited our artists to create a unique piece of work that expresses a particularly poignant moment in their life - one that is often absent from their usual art practice or kept from public view. More often than not these moments deal with considerable angst. These works are set against the backdrop of a fictional teenagers bedroom – an almost universally relatable period of change & upheaval. Everyone has/is/or will go through periods of struggle. They will have to deal with the unexpected in their lives. How these times are handled will impact your future path. As you pass through this room, we hope you'll gain an insight into these artists personal struggles before entering the main gallery & seeing what they achieve 'in spite of'...

*Tea, Coffee & Tequila*

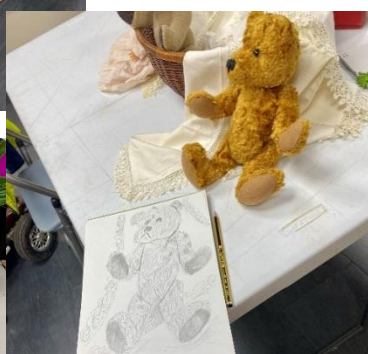


**Tara Powell** sent in her paintings and says



*"Some seed pods as it is the time of year for planting."*

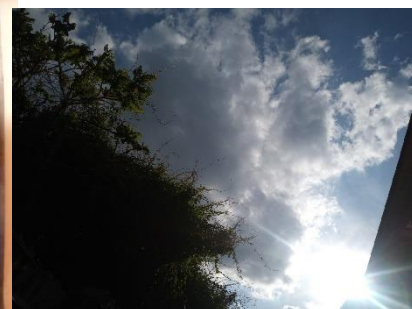
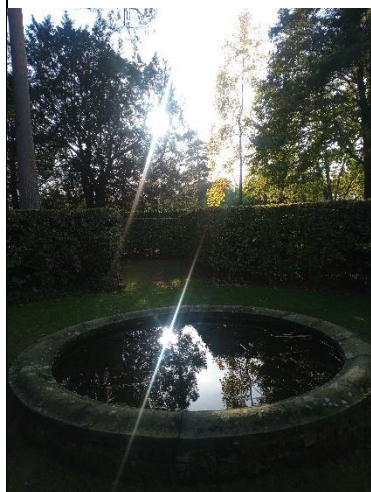
**Some of the rather good drawings from the DAN still life drawing session**



**Tina Watkins** is delighted to have sold three of her entries below at the CASE exhibition at the Herbert Art Gallery in Coventry. I also enclose a brand-new portrait" All pastel on PastelMat as usual.



**Jacqui Cashmore** send in a few more of her pieces and says *"The first photo is taken at Hanbury Hall and captures some beautiful light and water shapes and reflections. The sky caught my eye in the second of the photos- I love the moodiness of it. The fourth image is of another moody image - of a Scottish loch, and I wanted to use different shades than I normally use to capture the water. The stylised beach scene is a copy of a painting I came across in an Art book and painted to make into a card for a friend."*



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