

Annual Report 2010/11

During the year we had 2 demonstrations by visiting artists both of which were very well attended. The first in May 2010 was Robin Millar who did a very well appreciated demonstration on Landscapes in Acrylics. The second in October 2010 was by Nichol Wheatley on Landscapes in Oils.

On the social front we had a Christmas night in the club. This was a great success again and proves ever popular with the members. Again because of the bad weather the Burn's night was cancelled but will be on the agenda again next year.

We have continued to upgrade the premises this year following on from the good work over the last few years and once again we have relied on the skills of the members to complete shelving, loft insulation and general tidying of the main work area and kitchen.

In addition we have purchased a number of films on Art, some historical and some on demonstrations from club funds and these have been showing on a variety of Friday evenings within the club so watch the Notice Board for when these are on.

At the end of the year we have made a profit of just over £800 and this follows deficits in the last few years. As a result there is no increase in Annual Membership fees which are due now.

The club accounts have been audited this year by Grace Donnelly and Eileen Cutliff.

Important Note: We do not employ cleaners; we do not employ someone to clean up after us; we do not employ someone to empty the bins. It is every member's duty to clean up after themselves and to leave all parts of the club as clean and tidy as they found it. It is also within most members' ability to empty the bin so please take a turn.

Date 2011/2012	Description
18 May	Demonstration
18/19 June	Summer Sale
24 September	Annual Exhibition
6 October	Demonstration
19/20 November	Christmas Sale
26/27 November	Christmas Sale
9 December	Christmas Pie & Peas Night in Club
14 January 2012	Haggis Supper in Club
7 March	Crit Night
4 April	AGM
14/15 & 21/22 April	Spring Sale

Demonstrations

Wednesday 18 May – Pill Pye – Seascape in Oils. Entry – Members = £2, Non-Members = £3

Wednesday 12 October – Angus Paton - Portraiture. Entry – Members = £2, Non-Members = £3

Wednesday 7 March 2012 .Crit night to be finalised – see Notice Board for details.

Art Events

This year we aim to arrange buses to a few outings so watch the Notice Board for details of these trips.

Social Events

Christmas – Wednesday 9 December in the Clubhouse. Members only. Pie & Peas night with games or Karaoke or both.

Bring your own beverage. **£2 per person.**

Haggis Supper – Saturday 14 January 2012 in the Clubhouse. (Organiser Gus Paton). Members only but if there are not enough members to fill the Club then the available spaces will be open to non club members. The cost of the evening will be approx £10 per person which will include your meal and all the fabulous entertainment. You bring your own beverage.

Subscriptions

In employment £30, Others £20 per year or part year. Subscriptions should be paid immediately. Memberships run from 1 May to 30 April. Each member will be supplied with a Membership card which will be left on the Club Notice Board. If you would like your membership card sent to you then please enclose a Stamped Addressed Envelope with your payment.

Please give us an email address when making payment so that we can update you with events going on in the club.

Cheques should be made payable to Greenock Art Club and can be left in the Treasurer's envelope on the notice board or sent to Robert Marshall, 11 Barrhill Road, Gourrock, PA19 1JX.

Film Shows

On some Friday evenings there will be Film Shows held in the club organised by Gus Paton. The shows will generally either be about Art Techniques or Art History. The club has recently purchased a number of Films on DVD to be shown in the club some of which are; The Devine Michelangelo, Leonardo Da Vinci, Simon Schama's The Power of Art, Hazel Soan - African Watercolour, What shall I Paint, A Splash of Colour' Daniel Greene - Erin (Portrait Demonstration), Peter Wileman - Painting the Light in Oils, Joseph Zbukvic - Watercolour on location, The Art of Fred Cuming RA, Charles Reid - The Figure in Watercolour, Rolf Harris - Paints the Queen, Ken Howard - Variations on a Theme, Ray Balkwill - Capturing Estuary Moods.

See the General Notice Board for details when these shows are on. **£1 entry**

Art & Craft Groups

The club is currently open at the following times for Painting and Craftwork.

Tuesday afternoon 2pm to 4.30pm

Tuesday evening 7pm to 9.30pm

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Thursday evening 7pm to 9.30pm Life drawing class and there is a charge of £4 for each evening attended to pay for the model. The club is always looking for new models so please pass any interested parties onto Gus Paton.

Outside these general times the club may be in use by one of the keyholders. During such times anyone can attend the club but they must leave when the keyholder leaves.

Art Exhibitions

In this section we wish to show a list of nearby exhibitions that members may wish to submit paintings to for sale or may just want to go along and admire the work on display. So watch this space next year!

Sales of Work

The Summer Sale of Paintings and Craft will be on 19/20 June. Hand in will be on the Tuesday and Thursday evenings before the sale weekend. The hanging will take place on the Thursday evening. Further details will appear on the Club notice board prior to the sale.

The Annual Exhibition official opening will be in the McLean Gallery, Kelly Street, Greenock at 3pm on Saturday 24 September 2011. Public viewing will be from 10am to 5pm each day except Sunday between Monday 26 September and Saturday 8 October. (Organiser – Sub Committee to be arranged)

The Christmas Sale of Paintings and Crafts will be on 19/20 and 26/27 November. Hand in will be the same as the summer sale.

The Spring Sale of Paintings and Crafts will be on the 14/15 and 21/22 April 2012. Hand in will be the same as the summer sale.

General

Insurance: Members are responsible for insurance of their works or personal possessions. Inside the clubhouse the Club is not responsible for any loss or damage.

Use of Club: The clubrooms may be used at all times, if you have your own keys. The last person to leave the premises should ensure that all fires, immersion heater, cooker and lights are switched off, the rooms left clean a tidy and that the doors are firmly locked. During the winter months the water should be turned off (in corner of loo) to avoid burst pipes.

Keys to Club: There are a set number of keys in circulation at any one time and once all keys are issued other members requiring a key will be put on a waiting list until a set is returned from a member no longer requiring them. Keys will be controlled by the elected committee and issue will be subject to their approval.

Club Website

The Club website can be found at www.greenockartclub.co.uk Gus Paton keeps the website up to date, so if you want a picture of one of your paintings to appear with your contact details contact Gus. We would like as many members as possible to display on the website.

There is also a forum where you can interact with other members and share ideas and comments.

Suggestions

The club actively encourages suggestions from the members for improvements and any ideas that they may have to help promote the club and to enhance the club. There is the forum mentioned on the website above and there is also a Suggestion Book in the club. Another method is to contact one of the committee members and have them put forward your suggestion at the next monthly meeting.

New Memberships

People wishing to join the club can do so at any time during the year by completing an application form which can be obtained from the Notice Board and handing it to one of the committee members together with one piece of recent artwork and a cheque made payable to 'The Greenock Art Club'. The proposed membership will be reviewed at the next monthly committee meeting. Please supply an up to date email address with your application so that we can inform you of upcoming events.

Materials Cupboard

We have a fully stocked Materials Cupboard within the club from which you can purchase paints, brushes, boards etc., at reasonable prices. Grace Donnelly is the current Materials Convenor. However, there are a number of people within the club with keys and you only have to ask and they will assist you with your requirements. All purchases must be logged in the Sales Book.

Monthly Committee meetings

Meetings will take place in the club on the first Thursday of every month at 6.30pm in the main club halls or on any other day and time as agreed by the committee. Dates and times of these meetings will be displayed on the General Notice Board.