



# *Nuntii Botanicart*

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Welcome to the first edition of '*Nuntii Botanicart*', the newsletter of the Scottish Society of Botanical Artists or affectionately known as the SSBA. We aim to provide members with news and views delivered to your letter box or via email every quarter. No doubt it will grow in time and we hope there will be contributions from members.

Why Nuntii - what's in a name, any name, but really what does Nuntii mean? Nuntius is Latin for messenger or announcement and Nuntii is used to mean news. Combined with botanical it should be Nuntii herbarium (Latin for botanical), but that does not seem so appropriate as Botanicart which better reflects our artistic endeavours.

*Nuntii Botanicart* will present current news and developments and provide information about future events.

## **Future Fixtures and Features**

In any publication there needs to be a little bit of structure and a layout so that you can find your way around and quickly find things.

What's happening where and when is always a good starting point, so every edition will have Diary Dates.



## Diary dates for 2016 and 2017.

### Exhibition dates 2016

- ***'A Botanical Art Spring Fling'***

Saturday 30th April to Friday 6th May in the Cass Art premises 63 - 67 Queen Street Glasgow G1 3BZ

- ***'Enchanted Forest'***

Park Gallery, Calendar House, Calendar Park, Falkirk, FK1 1YR, from Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October. This exhibition will feature paintings showing plants discovered by the Scottish plant hunter George Forest, who was from Falkirk.

### Exhibition dates 2017

- ***'Spring exhibition'*** at Scottish Arts Club, Edinburgh date to be confirmed

See website for venue information <http://www.scot-tishartsclub.co.uk>

- ***'Autumn exhibition'*** at the Stirling Smith Gallery, Stirling from Saturday 2nd September to Sunday 22nd October 2017

See website for venue information <http://www.smithart-galleryandmuseum.co.uk>

## Painting days 2016

These provide an informal opportunity to meet other botanical artists and use the studio of the Scottish Arts Club, 24 Rutland Square, Edinburgh, EH1 2BW, from 10.30 to 15.30 on Wednesdays. There is a £10 charge for each day and if you would like a sandwich lunch please let Aileen Jorgensen know in advance

by contacting her via [membership@thessba.org](mailto:membership@thessba.org)

The Dates are:

- Wednesday 18 May
- Wednesday 15 June
- Wednesday 13 July
- Wednesday 14 September
- Wednesday 12 October
- Wednesday 16 November



## Social Events - coming soon



***Picnic Garden Party - Sunday 19th June at Easter Cottage, EH52 6PU.***

Tea and coffee supplied, bring your own picnic.  
Share the post "Picnic Garden Party"

**NEW  
BEGINNINGS  
AT  
DOORS OPEN**



**ART EXHIBITION  
At  
GLASITE MEETING HOUSE**

33 Sarony Street, Edinburgh EH2 2HX  
On  
Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> and  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September 10am to 4pm  
Greyfriars Art Peoples Choice Award  
Scottish Society of Botanical Artists  
[www.thessba.org](http://www.thessba.org)  
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**Exhibition news and reviews** There will be some overlap with our web page news, but we'd like to make sure that you have the accounts to enjoy.

***'New Beginnings at Open Doors'*** exhibition September 2015

Having been offered a handsome room in a prestigious listed building by the Scottish Historic Buildings Trust (@SHBT), we held our first exhibition during the Doors Open Day at the Glasite Meeting House, Edinburgh. With fine examples of flowers and plants from eighteen artists showing twenty-six paintings, the exhibition proved successful with many visitors remarking on the quality and skill of the work.

Thanks to all on the Exhibitions Committee for their hard work in making this a fantastic start for the Society, and to Jared Earle (@jearle) for the photography.



## 'Natures Bounty' exhibition October 2015



### NATURE'S BOUNTY



Our Hamilton exhibition was opened by Keith Donnelly, a local Arts Development Officer, at a most enjoyable preview, which was attended by members and friends from far and wide.

The works on display attracted some very favourable comments, as did the exhibition space itself. The variety of subject matter, the quality and detailed study of leaf and flower, fungi, fruit, and seeds all contributed to the overall excellence of the exhibition. The skill with which the artists applied the paint and observed the detail of the plants was the subject of much admiration. Visitors came from as far afield as Cumbria, Edinburgh, Fife and Stirling and seemed to enjoy chatting to the artists in residence – in all it was a most successful show.

### Botanic art events

Here are some upcoming exhibits and an open garden which may be of interest:

**'Art is the Flower, Life the Green Leaf'**. Rountree Tyron Galleries London. May 10th to May 20th. Lady Ann Fraser. Exhibition of 40 examples of her work to mark her 80th birthday. The work draws inspiration from her garden at Shepherd House in Inveresk, East Lothian. The garden will be open Saturday and Sunday 7th and 8th of May, 11 am to 4pm to see the tulips and also on Tuesdays and Thursdays 2 pm to 4pm until 14th July

[Rountree Tryon Galleries](#)



**‘Not The Chelsea Flower Show’** Gullane Art Gallery, Gullane, East Lothian from May 7th to May 29th.

Timed to roughly coincide with The Chelsea Flower Show, the gallery stages a major exhibition of floral works and have invited many well known names to participate.

[Gullane Art Gallery](#)



### **BISCOT - Botanical Images Scotia**

BISCOT takes place from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at

Royal Highland Centre, Edinburgh West as part of the Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society Gardening Scotland Show 2016. The exhibition then moves to the John Hope Gateway at Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh for three weeks until Friday 24th June <http://www.rchs.co.uk/events/biscot/>

**‘Painting Paradise: The Art of the Garden’** The Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh is looking back on four centuries of art inspired by the garden from August 5 2016 to February 19 2017. The exhibition charts the significance of the garden in fine and decorative art, from da Vinci’s early botanical illustrations, to ornate botanic inspired porcelain pieces.

## **Spotlight on Lives and Legends**

We would like to be able to have a series of articles on famous artists from the past and our current artists who are hitting the headlines. Anyone would can and who would like to contribute an article please get in touch as we would love to hear from you.

**Articles** It would be lovely to have your inspiring, educative, challenging and creative thoughts on paper. All contributions will be most welcome. Please send to Kathy the editor at [secretary@thessba.org](mailto:secretary@thessba.org)

**Adverts** such as for sale and wanted, art classes, art sales and others exhibitions. If you would like some space to promote an exhibition or event or to sell art equipment [not paintings] do please get in touch with Kathy Munro the editor via [secretary@thessba.org](mailto:secretary@thessba.org)



## Social events - past

Our dinner event, held at the Scottish Arts Club in February was very successful and hopefully we will be able to organise this again for 2017. Here are some photos of the event.



**PS** the AGM went well and the committee continues for 2016. They are:

Hazel Morris [Chair], Kathy Munro [Secretary], Anne Carlaw [Treasurer], Aileen Friis-Jorgensen [Membership Secretary], Kate Braithwaite - [Trustee and Communications officer].

We also have the following volunteers as members of the exhibitions and events committees; Ann Dana, Valerie Gordon, Sharon Fox.

Victoria Braithwaite continues as our web editor.



## SSBA Members 2016 - current

Miss Victoria Braithwaite, Mrs Kate Braithwaite, Mrs Sharon Bradley, Lady Jean Cameron, Ms Lyn Campbell, Mrs Anne Carlaw, Mrs Christine Daintith, Ms Anne Dana, Mrs. Brenda Davies, Miss Janette Dobson, Miss Margaret Duguid, Mrs Margaret Eccles, Ms Elizabeth Ferro, Mrs Sharon Fox, Mrs Aileen Friis-Jorgensen, Mrs Valerie Gordon, Mrs Marianne Hazlewood, Mrs Lesley Henderson

Mrs Morna Henderson, Dr Lindesay Irvine, Ms Catherine Kellie, Mrs Sandra Klaassen, Dr Susan Lewis, Mrs Nuala Lonie, Mrs Nichola McCourty, Mrs Nicola Macartney, Mrs Frances MacFarlane, Mr Robert McNeill, Mrs Fiona McNeill [Strickland], Mrs Margaret Maxwell, Mrs Hazel Morris, Dr Kathleen Munro, Miss Margaret Nicolson, Mrs Mary O'Neil, Ms Shyama Perera, Katharine A. Prentice, Mrs Julie Price, Mrs Coral Prosser, Mrs Jocelyn Anne Rabbitts, Miss Linda Russell, Dr Alicia Salazar, Mrs Elisabeth Scott, Mr Clive Scott, Mrs Sarah Howard Sherlock, Ms Jill Sievwright, Miss Alexa Smith, Ms Sarah Roberts, Dr Joan Somner, Mrs Susan Stewart, Miss Linda Sydie, Mrs Pamela(Pam)Townsend, Ms Fiona Ward, Mrs Catherine Waterman, Dr Janet Watson, Ms Marion V. Wilson, Mrs Mavis Wilson.

**PPS** If you have not renewed your membership we will be delighted to hear from you. Plan to be part of our fast developing Scottish Society of Botanical Artists and please also encourage your friends to join.