



Nuntii Botanicart

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Dear Member,

In the future the news letter, '*Nuntii Botanicart*', will be published in August and February. To make it more interesting and informative as possible, we would welcome your input.

If you know of anything happening in your area or nationally, which you think others would like to know about, please send the information to the Editor for inclusion.

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Suggested information:

Exhibitions, open studios, other activities or events. It is so easy to miss things, so hopefully this will be a way of highlighting anything of interest to fellow Botanical artists.

We also would welcome any articles and photographs on Botanically related topics.

Christmas Greetings from Hazel

We have just completed our fourth exhibition in two years, it has been a very busy time. I am delighted to be able to report that 'Enchanted Forrest', our first 'juried' exhibition was a great success. Judging by the comments in the Visitors Book, were impressed by both the quality and range of work displayed.

A huge thank you to everyone who exhibited, and in particular to those members who painted pictures especially from the Forrest Category. We had 19 pictures for this category, and managed to hang in total 42 pictures before literally running out of wall space.

Best Forrest picture was deservedly won by Kathy Munro for her *Peonia lutea*, with the judges awarding 4 'Highly Commended' comments to Anne Carlaw (*Gentian*) Aileen Friis-Jorgensen (*Papaver somniferum* seedheads), Nicola Macartney (*Abies forrestii* var. *georgei*) and myself (*Iris chrysographes* black flowered). The People's Choice Award was one by Sharon Fox for her *Lupinus gladiator*.

Well done every one!

Exhibitions in 2017

There are two exhibitions for next year, a Spring exhibition which will be hung in the Dining Room of the Scottish Arts Club in Rutland Square, and will run from the 4th April to the 2nd May.

The main exhibition will be in the Stirling Smith Art Gallery and Museum in Stirling, and will run from the 2nd September to the 22nd October.

With Christmas and the New Year just around the corner, I would like to take the opportunity of wishing everyone 'All the Best' for a good painting year in 2017.

Regards Hazel

'Enchanted Forest' Exhibition Awards.

Kathv Munro



The Best Picture in the George Forrest Category was won by Kathy Munro, with her painting of *Peonia lutea*.

Anne Carlaw



Highly Commended by the Judges was awarded to Anne Carlaw, Aileen Friis-Jorgensen, Nicola Macartney and Hazel Morris.

Aileen Friis-Jorgensen



Hazel Morris



Nicola Macartney



People's Choice Award sponsored by Barrie Scott and Co. was won by Sharon Fox.

Sharon Fox



Subscriptions 2017

The Annual Subscription of £50 for members, £20 for friends, is due in January.

Members Dinner 2017

- The dinner will be held on the 10th February.

AGM

- The AGM will be held on the 18th March 2017.

Exhibitions Dates in 2017

- Scottish Arts Club Exhibition – 4th April to 2nd May.
Title will be – SSBA Spring Exhibition, Application Forms and information will be sent out in mid – January. Last day for submission of forms for hanging space will be Tuesday 28th February. <http://www.scot-tishartsclub.co.uk>
- Stirling Smith Gallery – 2nd September to 22nd October
Title will be – The Colours of Nature.
Application Forms will be sent out in mid – June.
Last day for submission of forms for hanging space will be Monday 31st July

Stop press - exciting news

1. Fiona Strickland and Robert McNeill, internationally renowned botanical artists have agreed to run a course for us on Saturday 8th of April 2017 at The Burgh Halls in Linlithgow. The town is easily accessible by train, road and bus. We anticipate the cost will be in the region of £50.00 to £70.00.
2. Anne Carlaw and Aileen Friis Jorgensen will run a Botany course at Queen Margaret University on Saturday 6th May. Places on the course will be limited, so if you would like to attend, will you please register your interest with Anne Carlaw at annecarlaw6@gmail.com

Other courses in the pipeline for 2017

Courses on Vellum, Acrylics, Photography, Getting the best from your I-Pad/tablet.

Exhibition Date in 2018

3rd Annual exhibition at the Lillie Art Gallery, Milngavie from Saturday 29th September to Sunday 22nd October 2018

See website for venue information <http://www.edlc.co.uk/arts/galle.aspx>

SSBA Drop in Days at the Scottish Arts Club, 24 Rutland Square, Edinburgh.

These provide an informal opportunity to meet other botanical artists and use the studio

of the Scottish Arts Club. The day starts from 10-30am until 4pm.

Cost to non members of the SCA is £10 for the day.

Painting Dates 2017

- Wednesday 11 January
- Wednesday 8 February
- Wednesday 8 March
- Wednesday 12 April
- Wednesday 10 May
- Wednesday 14 June
- Wednesday 12 July
- Wednesday 13 September
- Wednesday 11 October
- Wednesday 8 November

If you wish to have lunch or a sandwich, this should be ordered on the preceding Tuesday or early on Wednesday morning. Please inform Hazel Morris if you wish to make an order, Aileen Friis-Jorgensen will take the orders after 1st April 2017.



SSBA Regional Representatives.

- Berwickshire and Scottish Borders - *Catherine Kellie*
- East and Mid Lothian - *Kathy Munro*
- Edinburgh - ***Margaret Nicolson***
- Falkirk - ***Sharon Fox***
- Fife - ***Anne Carlaw***
- Glasgow and Renrewshire - ***To be confirmed***
- Inverness-shire/Highlands - ***Julie Price***
- Lanarkshire South - ***Sharon Bradley***
- Lanarkshire North - ***Jill Sievewright***
- Perthshire (Perth and Kinross) - ***Nichola McCourty***
- Stirling and Clackmannanshire - ***Susan Stewart***
- West Lothian - ***Aileen Friis-Jorgensen***
- Western Isles/Outer Hebrides - ***J Anne Rabbits***

The following regions have no representation:Argyle and Bute, Ayrshire & Arran, Dumbartonshire, Dumfries, Dundee and Angus, Greater Glasgow, Grampian, Inverclyde, Moray, Orkney and Shetland Isles. [Feel free to volunteer to represent these areas.](#)

SSBA Committee 2016 - Current

Committee Members:

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

Exhibition Committee:

Hazel Morris, Ann Dana, Valerie Gordon, Kate
Braithwaite,

Events Committee:

Anne Carlaw, Sharon Fox, Margaret Nicolson,
Mary O'Neil

Web Editor:

Victoria Braithwaite.

SSBA Members 2016 - Current

Miss Dorothy Allan, Mrs Sharon Bradley, Miss Victoria Braithwaite, Mrs Kate Braithwaite, 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, Ms Judith Gray, Mrs Jenny Haslimeier, Mrs Marianne Hazlewood, Mrs Lesley Henderson, Mrs Morna Henderson, Dr Lindesay Irvine, Ms Catherine Kellie, Mrs Sandra Klaassen, Dr Susan Lewis, Mrs Nuala Lonie, Miss Sarah Madden, Mrs Nichola McCourty, Mrs Nicola Macartney, Mrs Frances MacFarlane, Mr Robert McNeill, Ms Fiona McNeill [Strickland], Mrs Margaret Maxwell, Mrs Hazel Morris, Dr Kathleen Munro, Ms Margaret Nicolson, Mrs Mary O'Neil, Ms Shyama Perera, Ms Katharine A. Prentice, Mrs Julie Price, Mrs Coral Prosser, Mrs Jocelyn Anne Rabbitts, Ms Sarah Roberts, Miss Linda Russell, Ms Sandra Russell, Dr Alicia Salaza, Mrs Elisabeth Scott, Mr. Clive Scott, Mrs Sarah Howard Sherlock, Ms Jill Sievwright, Miss Alexa Smith, Ms Sylvie Soudan, Dr Joan Somner, Mrs Susan Stewart, Mrs Pauline Stevenson, Miss Linda Sydnie, Mrs Pamela (Pam) Townsend, Mrs Margaret Walty, Ms Fiona Ward, Mrs Catherine Waterman, Dr Janet Watson, Mr Charles Wilson, Ms Marion V. Wilson, Mrs Mavis Wilson.