

## CAS Newsletter - January 2025

Dear Members,

What a fantastic Christmas party we had on 5th December. 45 members, friends and family attended, and we all had a great time. A big thank you to all those who provided food for the party, what a magnificent spread, devised the quizzes, painted pictures for the competition, ran the raffle, helped in the kitchen and helped with the setting up and clearing up afterwards.



Well done to Jane Davies who won the painting competition with her painting of Father Christmas carrying gifts and a tree through the snow.



**Christmas Party** - If you wish to be reimbursed for any expense incurred please contact me at [maggiemaylawrence@hotmail.com](mailto:maggiemaylawrence@hotmail.com)

### **Introduction of Standard Policy on Solvents:**

It has been decided by the Committee that owing to some people having serious allergic reactions to the fumes of volatile solvents like turpentine and white spirits that they will be banned from use at all demonstrations, workshops and Painting with Friends. Acceptable alternatives will be allowable, such as Zest-it, Sansodor and Gamsol.

### **2025 Programme**

We have a great programme planned for next year with a variety of artists both old and new, including some we haven't seen for a while, demonstrating, running workshops, adjudicating our awards and giving talks.

The programme will be on our website soon and in your Membership Card when you renew in January.

**Thursday 2nd January - Sue England** will be giving a presentation and demonstration on **Working Towards Abstracting the Landscape**. (morning meeting)

Sue is an abstract artist based in Chichester who works in oil, mixed media, prints and drawings, mainly inspired by 'nature' and the landscape. Her images develop from sketches done in situ, photographs, found objects and the memories of those experiences. She has a Diploma in Art and Design (Manchester Art College) and an Art Teaching Diploma (Reading University).

**Thursday 16th January – Stephen Foster** will be giving a demonstration entitled **'What's the Point of Abstraction'** (evening Meeting)

Stephen's technique of mixing colours on the painting rather than on the palette is very liberating and always achieves exciting results.

### **Painting with Friends starts again on Tuesday 7th January.**

If you haven't been before why not make coming along and giving us a try your New Year resolution. We are a very friendly and welcoming group of mainly CAS members. Why not bring a friend along, you don't have to be a member to take part.

It runs from 1.00pm to 4.00pm, is untutored and costs £4 a session paid on a drop-in basis. You can paint in any medium, but please be aware that if you paint in oils, we have banned solvents such as turps and white spirit.

Please read our Standard Policy on Solvents above.

### **Library**

The librarians have asked me to remind you that owing to the weight of the library bookcase they can only bring a selection of books out to be displayed at meetings. These are generally related to the subject and medium being used at the demonstration.

A list of the books owned by the library are on our website. So please have a look and don't be shy about asking.

The Committee wish you a happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Regards,

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