



Abergavenny Art Group – Spring 2018

Our Programme

Following the Christmas break we resumed with a very interesting talk and demonstration on ***colour and line in plein air landscapes*** by Mark Warner, originally from Wales but now living in Shropshire. The sight of his rather impressionistic work was surely a hefty injection of inspiration for us.

As always our events are detailed on our website www.abergavennyartists.co.uk together with other news and pictures.

Andrea Jackman has become our Facebook champion and it is thanks to her that the page is kept brisk and bright. Contact her on andrea29@abergavennyartists.co.uk

The Sir Ray Tindle Fund

We are pleased to announce that we have received a £200 cheque from the Abergavenny Chronicle's *Sir Ray Tindle Fund*. The application was made by Katherine Jordan to whom many thanks go. The aim is to use the cash as prize money in an open art competition to be held later in the year. There will be more details of this available later.

Abergavenny Arts Festival 2018

For the first time Abergavenny will have its own Arts Festival this year. To be held over the weekend of 29th June to 1st July 2018, it is hoped that local residents, community groups, schools, businesses and visitors of all ages and artistic tastes will join in the fun at the Festival. The Art Group is participating in the Festival and the organisers are pretty sure that there will be something going on for you to enjoy whether you like to get involved in 'arty events' or not.

The Festival's Theme

The artistic theme for the 2018 Festival will be 'Water' which complements the Welsh tourism theme: '2018 Year of the Sea'. This will be interpreted by the various artists as loosely or literally as they wish.

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This is currently being created but it will include painting, dance, drawing, sculpture, jewellery, collage, felting, theatre, photography,

performance, film, poetry, pottery, procession, ceramics, music and comedy as well as site-responsive art, singing, street art, knitting and some experimental art work.

We do know that Sunday 1st July will include an Art's Festival Marketplace within the Abergavenny Market Hall and the Art Group have reserved several tables to display (and sell) our paintings and other creative work. So the challenge for you is to interpret the "water" theme in whatever way you wish.

Keep in touch with our website www.abergavennyartists.co.uk/artsfestival for further developments and details.

Howard Jones

On 12th March he will be giving a presentation entitled *An Introduction to Watercolour on Yupo Paper* at the Abergavenny Community Centre at 7:30pm. There will be a £4 entrance fee for all.

Workshop 26th March

Put yourself out of your comfort zone by choosing a ground other than your usual one on which to paint. Now this could be fun!

Change of plans: from 9th to 10th April

Unfortunately Adam Webster cannot make his talk on painting conservation planned for 9th April. However, we have organised an art day at Landmark Trust's Llwyn Celyn (near Llanthony Priory) which is to take place on Tuesday 10th April from 11.00 am to 4.00 pm.

Mark Warner will be giving a plein air art demonstration for a couple of hours, followed by our own painting session. Mark will stay on for an hour or so to help us with our own work. There is a covered area should it be wet.

Our Stall in Abergavenny Thursday Market

The Art and Craft markets resume again in April but there will be a charge for the stall this year! Linda Wood is continuing with the stall; it is a chance to have your artwork on display and for sale to the public. It is also an opportunity to advertise the Art Group and its activities.

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