



Jane Powell Obituary



Jane Powell B.Ed (Hons): A.T.D. & F.R.S.A. who died recently, exhibited extensively over the years, whilst teaching art and art history at secondary schools both in Coventry and Warwickshire. She held exhibitions firstly, at the Belgrade Theatre in Coventry in the sixties which provided a successful beginning for other exhibitions at Leamington Spa Art Gallery, The Herbert Art Gallery, the Ikon Gallery in Birmingham and many other venues. Jane had periods of producing canal paintings and drawings, interiors, local scenes and even designing and producing a pub sign for the Rose and Crown at Ratley, Warwickshire.

On leaving teaching, she set up the Jane Powell Art Studio, firstly in Balsall Common and then in Kenilworth at the Bank Gallery in the High Sheet. Working in conjunction with her cousin Marie, they expanded the business which provided three small galleries in which artists could exhibit their work and, from time to time, Jane shared exhibitions and staged her own one woman shows. The Studio exhibitions were many and varied with regularly displaying group shows of two and three-dimensional work, one man/woman displays and Open exhibitions. During these twelve years she also taught both adults and children on a weekly basis at the studio. In 2002 Jane became Chair of the Coventry & Warwickshire Society of Artists.

Since retiring from the Kenilworth premises in 2008, Jane was able to concentrate still further on her own painting. Many of her paintings were autobiographical and she enjoyed building on the canvas, looking through, distorting and tearing the surface. She saw this as life and how these positive and negative issues affect us all and make us who we are.

In 2009 Jane became President of the CWSA. And was largely responsible for the very successful 2012 Centenary "Century of Art" Exhibition at the Herbert Art Gallery in Coventry. In 2013 Jane was made a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.

Jane was not only a prolific artist but a mentor, friend and inspiration to many and will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Jane is survived by her cousin Marie Lines. Her funeral will be on Wednesday 27th June at 2.15pm at St John Baptist Church, Berkswell CV7 7BJ and afterwards, refreshments at the adjacent Jordan Room. No flowers please, and no black by request. Donations may be made to Marie Curie. Marie sends thanks to everyone for their cards and messages, far too many to thank personally.

The CWSA Annual



Our 106th Annual Art Exhibition was held at East Lodge Gallery, Jephson Gardens from **Wednesday 30th May to Sunday 10th June 2018.**

The Ralph Brassett Trophy was won by **Jack Kirk** and the Richard Gill Silver Salver was won by **Agnieszka Niklewska**. Highly commended awards were won by **Giuseppe Pittarello**, **Judith McCoy** and **Gill Buick** with commended awards going to **Tanya Kozin**, **Uthaya Swoboda** and **Lynette Weaver**. The new President chose a piece by **Paul Chokran** as her favourite art work.



Sales were the highest we've had for quite some time with 8 pieces being sold and plenty of greetings cards. A total of over £1000 worth of art was sold. The feedback from visitors was superb and this was reflected in the number of votes cast for favourite art work. Over 200 slips were counted. The winning paintings were by **Giuseppe Pittarello** for his bold and brilliant 'Reach Out' piece and **Judith McCoy** for her beautifully stunning tiger entitled 'The Watcher' who tied on 12 votes each.



Warwickshire Open Studios

Warwickshire Open Studios has over 270 artists in 139 venues showing unique and fascinating work, where visitors have the chance to talk to the artist, see how the work is made and even have a go themselves and entry is FREE. Please see the website for all details of our Member Artists participating. www.wostudios.org



John Piper Exhibition Visit

The John Piper Exhibition was excellent with lots of information from the curator who spoke for 40 mins. We saw a huge body of work including his work on Coventry Cathedral. John Piper travelled round the country painting buildings that were bomb damaged. The Ministry of Information publicised the Coventry Blitz and through it John Piper became a famous artist. In 1950 Basil Spence commissioned John Piper and another artist to design a huge stained-glass window in the new Cathedral. The Exhibition was part of the preparation for the City of Culture. It was a shame that only two members attended.

Recent events

The CWSA have ongoing exhibitions at the Talisman Theatre in Kenilworth. Collection of art work from the current exhibition is **Thursday 28th June at 10 am**. Please contact Jacqui if you are unable to collect.

CWSA Future Events

July: **Pascale Bigot**, Pastel Workshop, 10-30 am till 2.00 pm **17th July** at Stoneleigh Village Hall. This will be an interactive session and you are asked to bring your pastels, together with hair spray.

August: **En Plein air** at Stoneleigh Abbey. Meet Thursday **23rd August** at 12 noon. Ground tickets £5. There is an Orangery that serves sandwiches, cakes, and other refreshments. (Reminders will be sent!)

September: **Tom Shephard**. Many of you have already enjoyed Toms sessions and this one is sure to be filled quickly. Do book early. (Full details to come)

October: **Estelle Robinson** is a freelance artist based in Warwickshire, specialising in pastel portraits of animals and people. (Full details to come)

Further bookings have been outlined for November, December and January so lots to look forward to!

Warwickshire Art - is your artwork on show?

July at Compton Verney. 2nd and 3rd July sees the Summer Festival. Join them for three days of brilliant beats, fantastic food and lots of family fun.

Art at the Gallery, Kenilworth features exciting work by local artists. Changing every 6-8 weeks the art we display is a mix of photography, original paintings, limited edition prints and textiles.

LSA are delighted to showcase 4 artists works Veronika Pock, Sue Southern, our own **Virginia Murphy**, and Yvonne Morris. All 4 artists will be at East Lodge on various days during WOS.

Let us know if you are exhibiting your work – our members can be inspired by your art

What's on at The Loft Theatre

11th- 21st July – **Nell Gwynn** "*Remember ... oranges are not the only fruit...!*"

24th & 25th July – **The Princess, the Frog and the Big Nosed Prince** "*Endearing, heart-warming and funny.*" programme of events <http://loft-theatre.co.uk/>

Local Art and Craft Classes

Susan Moore, Art Classes and Workshops Tel 07745 144 922 www.susan-moore.co.uk

Tanya Kozin, Art Classes and Workshops: Tatiana.kozin@gmail.com www.tanyakozin.com

Jacqui Smithson Felting Workshops: Jacqui.a.smithson@gmail.com www.jacquismithson.com

Virginia Murphy offers Glass Painting, Needle Felting and Wet Felting Workshops at Bridle House, Cawston, Rugby 07833353872 or email virginiamurphy53@yahoo.co.uk.

For the latest information visit: <http://www.covwarsocart.co.uk>

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