

KINETON ART GROUP



NEWSLETTER DECEMBER - 2021

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WELCOME

We are delighted a small but stalwart few have once again been meeting in the Village Hall for our afternoon and evening sessions after so long. I know a few of you still may have concerns about meeting others but now we have the whole hall available for our afternoon sessions, tables are well spread out and everyone is being very careful. The evening session is still only in the back

area of the hall, but again tables are well spread out. We do hope that a few more will return to the sessions.

Please note that our last session for 2021 will be Monday 13th December. Please bring some of your artwork for a mini exhibition. Tea and mince pies available. We will resume our sessions on Monday 10th January 2022.

KAG EVENTS

AGM

The AGM was held in the afternoon session on Monday 8th November. 40 members attended, a heartening number and it seemed that the afternoon timing suited most people. I will only give brief details here.

Various reports were read although there was not much to report. Treasurer reported a healthy balance despite the fact that various expenses had occurred over the last year. There are 65 members with a few on the waiting list. We will open the membership again in the New Year when we feel we can fit more into the available space.

Graeme Bassett, Pat Stafford and Alison Petley are standing down from the committee after many years in their various roles. All other Committee Members are to continue in their various roles and 3 new members were elected onto the Committee. Chairman is Alison Hart, Treasurer is Jenny Stead and Secretary is Heather Lewis.

NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE, BURSARIES

The Newsletter will continue as will the Website. Check the website out at kinetonartgroup.com. There is also a Facebook page. After the President's address 4 bursaries were awarded.

WORKSHOPS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

Jacky Buckingham, Programme Secretary, has announced that there will be 4 demonstration sessions, 2 afternoon, 2 evening early next year. She is currently investigating resuming Workshops again for some time later in the year. Watch this space.

EXHIBITION

We had a very successful one day exhibition in October. Due to various restrictions for covid there were many changes made. Everyone realised just what a lot of hard work it took to set up an exhibition and various comments had been made regarding the new format. The Chairman threw it out for the membership to discuss and how we proceed from here. After lengthy discussion it was decided that for next year there will be only one exhibition for 2 days on 7/8 May 2022 with possibly some kind of community project exhibition in Kineton later in the year, details to be discussed in the future. The format will be as this year's exhibition in that each person will have or share a board for all their work. Each person will hang their own work. There will be no catalogues. Cards and browsers will also be available for sale. We will see how this goes for this year and review it for next year.

SKETCH BOOKS

You may remember just immediately before the first lockdown in March 2020 small sketch books were issued for people to sketch anything they wanted to. These were to be submitted for scrutiny by John Lines and a £50 prize awarded to the best sketchbook. No doubt many had forgotten all about them. Well, get them out and fill them up with sketches, paintings, drawings, whatever you like, whatever subject you like. They will be presented to John just before the May Exhibition and the prize will be awarded then.

A copy of the full AGM Minutes will be put on the Art Group noticeboard in Kineton Village Hall.

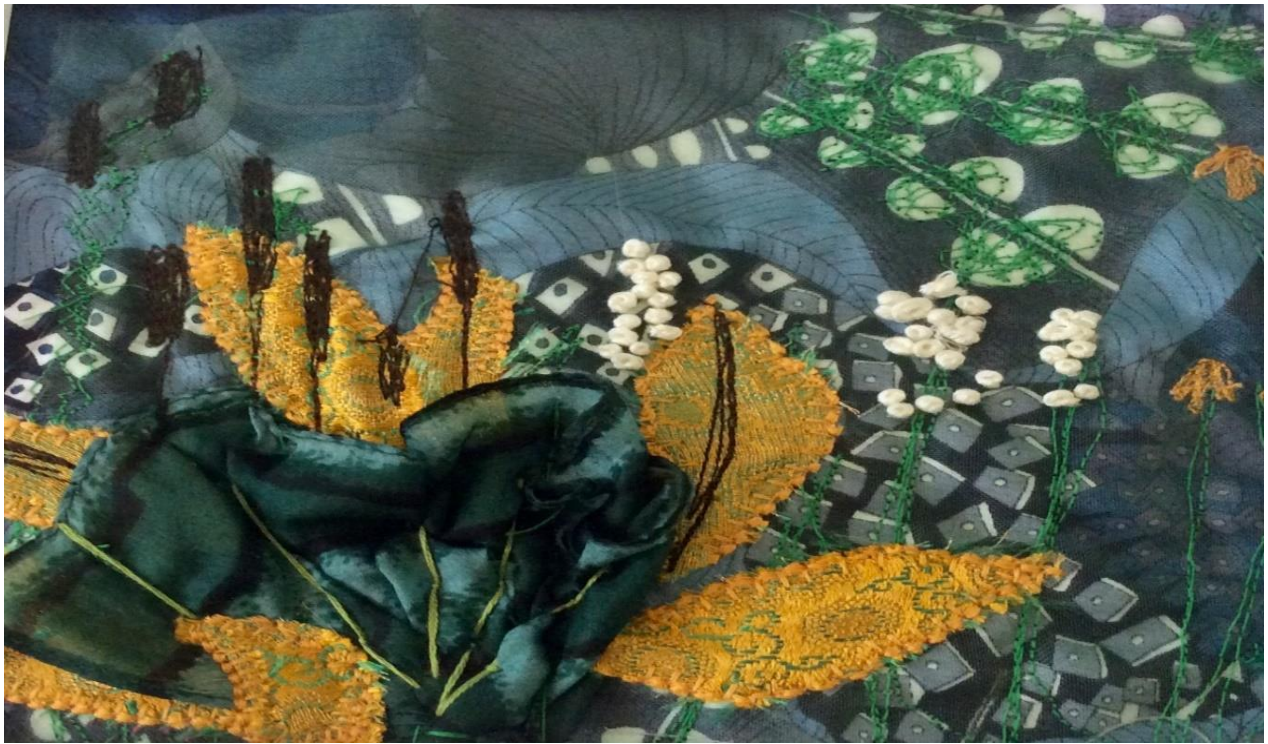


PROFILE

ALISON HART - CHAIR



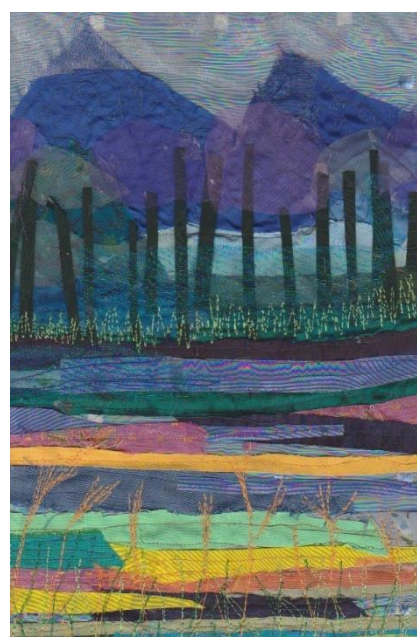
I first wrote this profile in January of this year intending it to be the first of KAG quarterly newsletters. Unfortunately, my word processing skills are limited and I soon learnt that I had sent it out in the wrong format and it was difficult to read! Anyway Gaynor kindly took over the job and we have completed our first year. The newsletter was intended to keep folk connected to KAG during the pandemic especially for those members who don't use social media.



After retiring from early years teaching, I began painting and sewing, both activities I had enjoyed in my youth. I have an eclectic taste in art and enjoy visiting exhibitions, veering more towards Impressionism and contemporary works. However, I appreciate the skills of fine artists. I have always had a love of texture and colour and find that I am naturally drawn towards textiles and enjoy creating 'little stitched landscapes' using my photos to inspire. I do wish I could draw and paint well!!! It is evident from the recent KAG exhibitions that we have some very talented artists in our midst. Let us hope, looking to the future, that Kineton Art Group members will enjoy learning from visiting professional artists, demonstrating new techniques and be able to participate again in workshops, creating new pieces in different media.



I have been a committee member of Kineton Art Group for 6 years now. These last 2, supporting Graeme as Chairperson. The exhibition coordination was 'a baptism of fire' and I learned to appreciate what a hard task it is. As KAG Chairperson for this next year, I look forward to the support of the new committee and all the members.



Editor's Note – It is a shame that we do not have the space to reproduce Alison's collages in a much larger format or you could see the intricate work and detail which goes into each piece. It must take you hours Alison. Beautiful work.

WHAT'S ON

The Royal Academy 'Summer Exhibition' was delayed because of the pandemic and is currently on in London until January. Some wonderful paintings and there is also a section on textiles. Well worth a visit. Visit website for details.

Coventry City of Culture – Turner Prize Exhibition on from 6th November – 12th January 2022 at Herbert Gallery & Museum. Announcement of the winner on 1st December. Book tickets via coventry2021.co.uk/whats-on/turner-prize

Compton Verney

Grinling Gibbons - Centuries in the making until 31st January,
John Nash – Landscape of Love and Solace until 23rd January,
Gallery tours – until 31st January, Dementia Café – Tuesdays until 7th December.

Celebrate the Festive season – 3rd- 24th December

Santa's Magical Woodland – 10th - 23rd December

Festival of Light – 11th February 2022 – 5th March 2022

Go on the Compton Verney website for details and bookings.

SPECIAL REQUEST For the March Newsletter I hope to have a preview gallery of member's work for the Exhibition. So please, get painting, photograph your work and send it to me by 10th February 2022 for inclusion.



Merry Christmas and Happy and
Healthy New Year to all our
members from the Committee.



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