

Monthly Competition



November's Swan automaton resides in the Bowes Museum at Barnard Castle, Co. Durham. I received correct answers from **Carole Cormack, Kevin Gillibrand, Cyril Eaton, Keith Sloane, Maggie Taylor, Catherine Baxendale, Russell Eaton,**

Bryan Gallagher and Beryl Rushton.

Beryl tells me that the silver Swan is 27" high and was made for Thomas Weekes' "Museum of Mechanical Novelties", London, in the late 18th Century.

The subject of our painting competition this month is hanging in the Lowry. Can you tell me its title and the artist please?

Answers to Roland please by the end of the month. The answer and names of correct submissions in next month's edition.

Could you do a competition/ puzzle for "In Touch"?



Membership News

We welcome new member

Carol Parkinson from Bromley Cross

If you have an email address and haven't yet told our Secretary, please do so asap. It will save your Circle postage costs. Send Roland an email asap. 69 out of 176 members are now "on-line."

Exhibitions galore

YOU WILL ALL BY NOW HAVE RECEIVED a letter from **Sheila Booth**, our Exhibitions Secretary, which tells you of the many opportunities available to ALL members of our Circle to display your artistic achievements to the general public.

The second "permanent" exhibition is being installed at the Royal Bolton Hospital on Thursday 8th and Friday 9th December. We had hoped for around 90 pictures, but at the last count, we could only muster about half that number.

Last minute entries can probably be accommodated.

Despite the best endeavours of your Committee, we didn't manage our "Annual Exhibition" this year. But we shall be back-where-we-belong in the newly refurbished Central Art Gallery next November.

There is the new venture into the Phoenix Centre, in Bark Street West.....not to mention the Highfield Hall Exhibition (the "Intimate"), Rock Hall, the Precinct, Bolton Little Theatre, the Last Drop monthly Art Fairs (*we now have dates for those right through 2006*) and the North West Federation Exhibitions.

Also, as hinted by Sheila, we are taking up a challenge from the Leisure Painter Magazine.....but more of this later.

Talking of the Last Drop.....

The date of this month's Art Fair is 11th, and then, in 2006, 22nd January, 26th February and 19th March. Contact Roland as soon as you can if you would like a stand.

"Royal" Successes

IT LOOKS LIKE we'll finish up with four actual sales from the dedicated artist exhibition. Two for **Tom Watkins** and two for **Paul Titterton**. We also had a commission from someone else who wanted the Westhoughton Water Tower picture which had been seen after it was sold! All sales were attributed to hospital staff.

Maybe we could have done better with a little more publicity from the Hospital itself. It was promised, but didn't happen.

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IS THERE NO END to the demand for Bolton Art Circle Members' work? About 25 of our pictures brightened up the Bar area for the Bolton Little Theatre's production of "The Sunshine Boys" during the last week of November. And they have now asked us to provide a display of work for another production in January. So you'd better get those pencils, pastels and brushes out!

Art Thou Well ?

AT THE LAST COMMITTEE MEETING, it was suggested that we should appoint a Social Secretary who could keep in touch with regular members who had become ill or were no longer able to get to our events; perhaps sending "Get Well" cards, etc.

It was agreed that this is a good idea, but, from a logistical point-of-view, and since each workshop has its own peculiar characteristics and ambience, it was felt that we would be better having a separate person, (or persons) for each particular session. They need to be people who generally know and mix with people at their Workshop.

In consequence, **Jean Faulkner** has volunteered to "do" Mondays. Whilst **Norma Titterton** and **Pat Arthur** have agreed to take on Thursdays, **George Hull** has asked **Irene Smith** if she would be willing to take on Wednesdays.

So, it would be useful to these people if you know of some member who we used to see regularly, but who cannot now attend, for whatever reason, please let one of the above people know.

Christmas is coming,.....

The last workshops of the year will be :-

Thursday 15, Monday 19 and Wednesday 21 December.

The first sessions for 2006 will be :-

Thursday 5, Monday 9 and Wednesday 11 January.



.....and in the same vein,

on behalf of our Chairman and the Committee, I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and Good Painting and Drawing in the New Year.

EDITOR'S FOOTNOTE Items for this publication should be sent by mail, email, or by hand to your Secretary, Roland Arthur, 45 Sherbourne Road, Heaton, Bolton, BL1 5NN. Tel 01204 847607. Email secretary@boltonartcircle.org.uk

Stop Press: Does anyone know anything about one of our ex-Honorary Life members : **L. Barton** ? (Query on the website from person in Lincoln.)