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Monthly Competition



Last month's picture was a pastel entitled "Self Portrait with Eyeshade" by Jean Baptiste Chardin. I had no correct answers.



This month's picture, is by a Spanish artist. What is the title, its nickname, and the name of the artist?

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"? Please let Roland know about it.

Membership News

Subscriptions are now due, though **Brian Thomas**, our Membership Secretary says that already well over two-thirds of our members have renewed. If you still haven't paid, Brian will relieve you of the £15.00, anytime. Where else can you enjoy the convivial company of so many artists for this very small sum? Brian's details are on the front of last year's Membership Card. Or, if you wish, ring him on 01204 382973 or email membership@boltonartcircle.org.uk

We welcome new member
John Stewart of Platt Bridge, Wigan

If you have an email address and haven't yet told our Secretary, please do so. It will save your Circle postage costs. Send Roland an email asap. 83 out of 182 members are now "on-line"....

Gift Aid

We were able to satisfy a request from a lady for a picture with a cricketing theme to be given as a retirement gift.

A Demonstration with a Difference

Pam Potter of Preston, daughter of our Honorary Life Member **Stella Platt**, gave a fascinating demonstration of her unique painting technique. This was not for the faint hearted or even the neat and tidy painter and involved three stages.

First a careful drawing was made on the vertically mounted surface, to which was fixed best quality surface coated watercolour paper. Masking fluid was applied as required. Then paint was spread on the paper directly from the tube and sprayed with a fine mist of water. This caused the paint to diffuse down the paper, and rapid action with brush and palette knife encouraged it into the desired areas, creating some remarkable effects. The painting continued quickly to the bottom of the picture with more paint and spray and was dried. Finally the masking was removed and finishing touches were applied.

This yielded a complete picture in less than 2 hours and allowed considerable discussion on various interesting points. All in all a truly remarkable evening. **George Hull**

Pam's mother, Stella, sent a letter in April in which she says, "I have given a painting by John Bratby to your Art Gallery.....My husband (**J.K.Platt**, Hon. Sec. from 1948-1955) gave it to me for our 50th Wedding AnniversaryI am 91 and still painting..." Stella sends her best wishes to us all and says she would be pleased to see a group of BAC members at her home (Hunter's Cottage, Pooley Bridge) anytime, and would give us all a 'cuppa'. Perhaps some members would like to take her up on that offer?

Annual Exhibition

A joint approach to Bolton Metro with Bolton Camera Club has resulted in us being asked to get involved with the future Cultural Quarter. But as yet, we have not found a venue for an Annual Exhibition. However, for the more adventurous, why not book a stand at the:-

Newport Street Precinct - August Bank Holiday Weekend

There are just FIVE Stands left for this Outdoor Exhibition which we now run. We cannot guarantee good weather, but we can guarantee a wonderful atmosphere. If you feel you cannot fill a 12' x 6' stand, why not share one with a friend?

Don't forget! No Last Drop Art Fairs until 25th September.

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