



# In Touch with Bolton Art Circle



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Report of the Acting (we still need a real) Exhibition Secretary.

## Biennial exhibition at Bolton Art Gallery

Thanks to all who took part in our recent exhibition. Of the 125 entries, all of which were of sufficient quality to be hung, 83 were chosen. This was the magic number decreed by gallery management. Our judge, Mr Roland Arthur, had a very difficult task in winnowing the entries down to this low number. However he did it, and selected prizewinners, and gave high commendations to 13 other pictures without suffering a nervous breakdown! He deserves our very grateful thanks.

The exhibition was visited by an average of 20 to 30 people per day, most of whom had something interesting and positive to say to our artists in residence and six of them actually bought a picture! Some 659 visitors voted for their favourite picture and the most popular was **Harold Sharrocks'** "Reflections" with 6% of the vote. All but 12 received at least 1 vote – (*whose relations didn't support them?*)

In order of popularity, the top ten artists were:-

- Harold Sharrocks**
- Margaret Greenwood**
- Paul Gerrard**
- Michael Brannan**
- George Pott**
- Aruna Mene**
- Anna Chadwick**
- Graham Savage**
- Roland Arthur**
- Czesia Manifold**

*N.B. The most popular photograph only received as many votes as Czesia's painting!*

45 members sat in the exhibition for some part of most of the 55 days and produced 32 works of art for the "Chairman's Challenge". These are in quite an astonishing range of medium, style and subject. Well done to all. Judging is still going on and the lucky ( or skilful ) winner will be announced as soon as possible.

### Analysis of works exhibited in the Exhibition

	<b>Members who regularly attend Workshops on:</b>			<b>Members who don't attend Workshops</b>
	Mon.	Wed.	Thurs.	
<b>Entries accepted</b>	27	9	18	29
<b>Prizes</b>	1	1	0	1
<b>Highly commended</b>	3	2	2	6
<b>(male/female)</b>	(0/3)	(2/0)	(2/0)	(3/3)
<b>Sales</b>	4	1	1	0

Thank you for your support,

*George Hull*