

NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2019

Our first workshops at the Manx Museum will be on February 7th and 8th when Maria Preece of the Embroidery Guild gives us a demo on how to embellish our work. An opportunity to bring in any work you have done that might be improved on with a little embroidery touch !

At this February meeting we will also be making a decision on what we will enter in painted silk for the "Wearable Art" exhibition this year. We will make a choice from the "Florabundance" New Zealand collection of wearable flowers. This workshop will take place on March 2nd at The Isle of Man Art Society – Thie Ellyn, Douglas

Back in the Museum again on April 25th and 26th We will be bringing in our throw out pieces of painted silk and exploring the idea of making a quilt. Brenda Williams of the Isle of Man Quilters will introduce us to the idea.

This year is the Bi-Annual Festival of the UK Guild : "Beside the Sea" - taking place in Southend – 13th – 14th July. Workshops will be at the Essex College in Southend . Details of the exciting programme of events will be available for you all at the February meeting. We intend to travel out on Friday 12th July via Luton with a mini-bus pick up to Southend staying 3 nights at The Weatherspoons Hotel adjacent to the College. Five members have already booked Hotel and flights. We will decide on workshops at our February meeting. There is a Gallery Exhibition and a Group Challenge to submit a banner/ wall hanging depicting the theme "Beside the Sea". There is also an Individual Challenge for the theme to submit 4 postcards mounted. On the Saturday there is a Gallery Reception followed by a Festival Dinner. We are considering the idea of incorporating our Isle of Man Town banner cards onto one banner with sea background for our Isle of Man Guild entry. All details will be available to the February meeting or go online to www.essexsilkpainters.co.uk

On our return from the Festival at the end of July – 27th we are at Thie Ellyn for a workshop to create designs on silk from the Isle of Man Flower Festival exhibits.

"Art of Nature" Exhibition April 14th – September 14th 2020 - The House of Manannan

Last year I was approached by The Manx Wildlife Trust to invite The Mannin Art Group painters into the Trust's Nature Reserves for their Spring/Summer outside painting programme with a view to an Exhibition. This is now on the Manx National Heritage programme for next year with a 5 month exhibition. Works will go on sale with 25% of any sales split between the Manx Wildlife Trust and the Manx Heritage Biodiversity Fund. In addition to paintings we will have 3 display cabinets for wood carvings, glass, ceramics and silk. A number of our members are Mannin Art Group members and participated in the outside painting programme last year. I will have the 2019 outside programme to distribute at the February meeting for those of you interested in participating. This year we will also be including Manx National Heritage sites. The programme will commence from May – on the Monday of each week through to September – excluding Bank Holidays.

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