Welcome to this First Issue

This is your newsletter, if you have an interesting idea, or wish to share a new painting or a social event for the club, please send it to me for inclusion in the next Quarterly Newsletter. (details on page 4) Pictures need to be jpeg. Text can be in any format.

Each issue will feature one of the members Painting, on the front page. You can then tell us how you came to paint it and share any tips on the method & media you used, the palette and any other information that you feel will inform members regarding the painting.

We would also like to showcase members paintings, featuring individual styles and their reasons for painting in that style. If we get your support, with pictures, text etc. this could be a Quarterly Feature. This is ‘Only an Online feature’. No prints.
Out and About
Exhibitions & Craft Fairs in our area

Railart Annual Exhibition
Derek Mills wearing his other hat as the Editor of the ‘Wheel & Artist’ magazine for the Guild of Railway Artist, a worldwide association, are holding their annual exhibition of ‘Railart’ at the Rail Museum Kidderminster (next to the Severn Valley) The exhibition opens on the 17th August to the end of September. Admission is free.

‘Busfest’
The world’s biggest Transporter Festival is held at the Three counties showground, Malvern, from the 6th to the 8th Sep. Lisa Bridge has taken a stall to sell her paintings, prints and cards of her speciality VW camper vans. For more details www.busfest.org for further details

Buying art at Auctions
Steve Riley
If you like having original art on the walls, I don’t know if you’ve ever considered buying from local auctions. I recently purchased what I consider to be lovely oil painting that way - though not everyone in the family agrees with my taste. I saw this painting, which I first thought was of an alpine village, showing street and chalets.

  In fact it turned out to be an imaginary village in the foothills of the Pyrenees, on the Spanish side. It is a very thickly layered oil painting made with a palette knife. He must have used quite a few tubes of paint on this one.

  The title is ‘Rincon Tipico De Vilamitjana’ by an artist who signs himself as Larra. It translates as a typical nook/corner in Vilamitjana, an area to the west of Barcelona. It is quite large, about 4ft tall by 2ft wide, and came in a really nice sturdy frame. I’ve tried to trace the artist and the only person with the correct surname is Raoul Torres De Larra who died in 1957. I’ve no proof at all that they are the same person, but the painting seems to date from the right era for him.

  Come the auction, in true Flog-It style, the price went down and down with no one bidding. When it got to £10.00, I thought ‘I just have to bid on this’ which I did. I expected the price then to gradually rise, but no one else was interested. So, I had my painting for £11.50, including commission. Please remember “Caveat Emptor”, Buyer beware

Open Studios in Worcestershire

Worcs. Open studios is organised for local artist and is a non-profit organisation. Our own Steve Letchford and a further eighty local artists have opened their studios for this event. The event is open to the public between the 23rd to the 26th August. I understand that the event is open to all professional artist in the area. For more details of the artists please go to: www.worcestershireopenstudios.org
Considered learning new art techniques?

You can subscribe (FREE of charge) to the relevant tutorial of your choice. If you wish to copy any of the screens. Then stop the screen (same controls as a video player). Click the Window sign in the lower right corner of the screen. Type snipping tool, in the search box, another box will open saying Snipping tool. Click Mode and choose the Rectangle, the cursor will change to a cross. Place the cross in the upper left corner and catch the window. Go to your Word document and press Ctrl v. The window will appear on your document. Remember to save your work. All the pics on the right were captured used the ‘Snipping Tool’

There is no limit to the art subjects available as tutorials on YouTube. Thousands of very professional artists willing to teach you and at no charge. From Russia, China, USA, UK I have found tutorials and demonstrations of their skills. Fine art, abstracts, pouring, acrylic ink, portraits, animals, landscapes etc

If you have not tried other media like acrylic ink, do take a look on YouTube. Also 3D art, is another media style and may appeal to some because the paintings are flat but appear as 3D, a lot of perspective and a lot of fun.

There are a lot of very talented artist out there and they are quite willing to share their techniques and secrets and all available FREE and at any time. Watching good artists demonstrating their skills does something make you want to throw away all your art stuff and take up gardening. But, do not despair, try them out and settle on a style and media to suit your taste.
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Please let us have your news and pictures. Do you have a subject that you feel would be of interest to club members.

Annual Exhibitions
The Main exhibition for the club. Start planning & painting
7th December 2019 to 25th January 2020
At Worcester Museum & Art Gallery
Handing in Sat 30th Nov 9.30 am to 12.30 pm
Preview day: Saturday 7th December 2019
Collection: 27th January 2020; 9.30am to 4.00pm

Future Club Competitions
23rd September No 3: “The Painter at work”
11th November No 4: “Reflections”
2nd December - “Wildlife” for the ‘Horse Head’ trophy
6th January 2020 No 5: “Pen & Wash”
23rd March No 6: “Your personal choice of subject and media”

More Members Gallery

Steve Riley
Peter Bailes
Colin Ross Jack
Steve Letchford
Errol Dyer
Jane Potter