



Newsletter - October 2023

Hi everyone,

Thank you to all those who attended our AGM and a welcome to all members, old and new! Here are the updates for the last year and our plans for the coming year.

Monthly meetings

We've had many interesting and creative demonstrations from our visiting artists over the last year and we look forward to the coming year. The syllabus is included at the end of the newsletter so please put the dates in your diary. And let Katherine know if you have any suggestions for new demonstrators.

Many thanks to Katherine for creating a really interesting programme for us.

Exhibition

We had another successful exhibition this year, there were 136 paintings (111 framed and 25 unframed) submitted by 27 members and we sold 53 (38 framed and 15 unframed). Many visitors commented on the excellent standard of your work in the exhibition.

The original cards that members painted were a great success, we sold 61 and they were very much appreciated by the exhibition visitors. So please remember to do more cards for next year.

Many thanks to all who helped with the exhibition, both by submitting paintings and/or during the exhibition.

At the end of the meeting, the winners of the **Belle Kilgour Memorial Trophy** and the **Earle Douglas Award** were announced by Douglas Ramsay, ex chair of the Corstorphine Trust.

Belle Kilgour Memorial Trophy: Lorna Hunter – 'Ardnamurchan'.

Earle Douglas Award – Carol Carden – 'Sanna Bay'.

Thanks to Soraya for organising the exhibition once again.

Finance

As you'll have seen from the Balance Sheet sent out prior to the AGM, we made a small loss overall. It would be good if we can eliminate that in the coming year, especially by increasing our membership.

Membership

Last year we had 47 members but, prior to Covid, we had over 70 members, so please spread the word and encourage your friends to join the club. Currently, only 21 members have renewed their subscriptions which are now due.

Please note: You can pay your subscription (£30) at the November meeting or send a cheque to Anne Henderson (75 Hillview Road, Edinburgh, EH12 8QH) or pay by Bank Transfer, but please remember to put your name in as the Reference (Corstorphine Art Group, Sort code:80 02 27, Account Number:06006096).

Thanks to Anne for all the work she does keeping the accounts and membership files in order.

Dower House Exhibition

Our exhibition at Dower House has been quite successful, over the 18 months it has been running, we've sold 18 paintings, raising over £800 for the artists – at the moment, neither the Club nor Dower House take commission on any sales. November 16th is the date for the next changeover of paintings at the Dower House and you should have received an email telling you what to do if you want to submit up to 3 paintings. We hope visitors to the café might decide to buy an original artwork for a Christmas present! Thanks to Katherine for organising this exhibition

Committee Members

We were delighted when 3 members put themselves forward to serve on the committee and we look forward to working with them. Thanks to Joanna, Michael and Julia.



Corstorphine Art Group



Chair	Husna Hussain	
Secretary	Carol Carden	
Treasurer	Anne Henderson	
Exhibition Organiser	Soraya Young	
Syllabus Organiser	Katherine Awramenko	
Regular Members	Margaret Ensor	Joanna Westwater
	Michael Brown	Julia Murden

Thanks too, to John Bryce who volunteered to be an Accounts Checker along with Sheila Paton. And thanks to Mike Partington for his support in this role for the last 2 years.

Club Logo

We've decided to hold a logo competition for members to design a new logo for the club, here are the guidelines:

1. Logo needs to be designed on a square piece of paper
2. It can be colour or black and white, the club colours are green and gold
3. Once completed, send a good quality photo to Carol Carden (sss@bueyonder.co.uk)
4. Entries to be in by 31st December 2023
5. Entries will be judged at the crit night on 31st January 2024

We're looking forward to seeing all your ideas.

Plans going forward

Tea and biscuits: We hope you will be pleased to hear that we've decided to bring back tea and biscuits at the end of each meeting and we hope this will make the evenings a more sociable event. We need members' help with this at the meetings and there will be a rota available at the November meeting.

Summer Workshops: we plan to organise a workshop in the summer months, with or without a tutor.

Name Badges: sticky labels will be available at meetings for you to write your name on which may help with any embarrassment over forgetting members' names.

Swap Shop: John Love, a former member, has very sadly died and his wife has given the club an easel and some canvases to pass on to the club members. This has led to the idea of a swap shop – where members can bring along their unwanted art materials on a specified night and swap with some materials someone else has brought along. More to follow on this idea.

Website and Facebook

Remember to check our Website (www.corstorphineartgroup.com) and FaceBook (www.facebook.com/CorstorphineArtGroup) pages to keep up to date.

We are always looking for new paintings to put on our website gallery page, so please continue to send photos by email to Carol (sss@blueyonder.co.uk).

2023-2024 Syllabus

2023

28th November Pam Thorburn - Abstract still life – (www.pamthorburnart.co.uk/index.html)

2024

30th January Leo de Feu - Crit night - (www.leodufeu.co.uk/)
27th February Jenny Mathews - Watercolour flowers – (www.jennymathews.co.uk/)
26th March Mark Holden - Abstract impressionism – (www.markholdenart.co.uk/)
30th April Hayley Whittingham - Crit night – (www.hayleywhittingham.com/)
28th May Sheena Philips - Big skies - (www.sheenaphillips.uk/)
27th July - 3rd Aug Annual exhibition
24th Sept TBA
29th October AGM