



SHROPSHIRE ART SOCIETY

**WORKSHOPS, CLASSES, GALLERY TRIPS, PAINTAWAY HOLIDAYS
& PRE-CHRISTMAS LUNCH EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM 2020 – 2021**

(for activities running from mid-2020 to mid-2021)

Despite the continuing uncertainty of the C-19 pandemic, we remain positive and hope to be able to resume some of our activities within the 12 months covered by this form. Therefore, we are asking you to tell us which activities you are interested in joining, as normal. Obviously, all practicalities (including for transport, hotels, galleries) are under review and may have to differ from those described. Should we not be able to meet in person, we are considering offering some of our classes and workshops by email correspondence – this option has therefore been added to the form. Please complete your choices below and send to the address given on the form. Thank you.

NB. Dates for these activities have not yet been fixed. If you express an interest in one of the activities, details will be sent to you as soon as they have been finalised. If you do eventually sign up, please honour the commitment. Your absence may be stopping others from taking part. Keep an eye on the Shropshire Art Society website as we often post news there too: <https://shropshireartsociety.org.uk>

SATURDAY WORKSHOPS: held at the English Bridge Workshop, opposite the former Wakeman School and now 6th Form College, from 10am to 4pm. The workshops are held roughly monthly through autumn / spring and are days when we work together around a theme, largely ‘self-helping’ each other, exploring the work of artists, painting ‘in the style of’. Lively introductions are given to the work of a range of artists. Joining fee is £25 to cover cost of 8 full day sessions. Tea and coffee available at 20p per cup; bring a packed lunch, unless you wish to spend the lunch hour in town.

WEDNESDAY CLASSES: held at the English Bridge Workshop, through autumn / spring in FIVE series, each of three classes, with a different tutor for each series of three. £39 per three classes must be paid in advance to cover tuition and room hire. If we need to employ a model, the cost will be higher.

PRINTING WORKSHOPS: Printing activities continue with a small but committed group with the Society now owning its own printing press. The sessions are held monthly between September and March usually on the last Wednesday of each month from 10am to 4pm. The first session in September will include an introduction to what can be achieved with the materials and equipment we have. You do not need to be experienced printers; help is given! Lino cutting, dry point etching on acetate, mono -printing and collagraph making will usually all be available. Cost for 6 sessions is £25. Sometimes a special session is arranged with a workshop leader and then an extra cost is charged. Paper and some other materials are available for purchase at cost at the sessions.

GALLERY DAY TRIPS: We organise several Gallery Day Trips per year for members and their guests. **These are on Saturdays.** We travel together by coach, with the focus of the day being a particular gallery or exhibition, but there is usually flexibility and/or free time available. Suggestions for venues and/or special exhibitions are welcomed. For example, in the past we have visited Liverpool, Manchester, Cardiff, Aberystwyth, Oxford, Cambridge and most recently Coventry.

ANNUAL GALLERY WEEKEND: Each year we organise a Gallery Weekend to a UK city, for members and their guests. **The trip usually runs from Friday to Monday over a weekend in March.** We travel together by coach and stay in a comfortable hotel at a specially negotiated Bed and Breakfast rate (with optional evening meal). The weekend includes a programme of gallery visits, including on the travelling days, but there is always free time for you to enjoy other aspects of the cities we visit.

ANNUAL PAINTAWAY HOLIDAY: Each year we organise an Annual Paintway Holiday for members and their guests. **This trip usually runs from a Monday to Friday in May** and is of the format ‘drive yourself’ or ‘share a lift’ to the venue. This is an opportunity to paint together in interesting and new locations. We arrange a comfortable hotel on a Half Board basis at a specially negotiated rate. We are hoping to base our 2021 Paintaway in Buxton (the location for our 2020 Paintaway, which unfortunately had to be cancelled).

PRE-CHRISTMAS LUNCH: Our popular pre-Christmas Lunch is normally held in early December on a weekday (not Saturday or Sunday), at a restaurant or inn near Shrewsbury, for members and their guests. This is a lovely opportunity to start your festive season!

Members may be interested in Life Drawing Workshops (not SAS organised) held at the English Bridge Workshop on Monday afternoons between 2pm and 4pm. Contact Dave Bissitt on 01938 570446.

Do be aware that places for our activities are allotted on a first come first served basis once details are sent out. There is always heavy demand for activities from our growing membership, with some members unfortunately being disappointed. All applications, accompanied by cheques, are dealt with strictly in the order of receipt.

We do not send out acknowledgements of cheques received. Please assume you are on a particular trip unless we contact you to report that it is not viable or it is oversubscribed, in which case we will ask you if you wish to be placed on a reserve list. In the rare event of cancellation, to avoid postage expense, after contacting you, we will destroy any unused cheques.

Annual Expression of Interest Form 2020-2021
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Name: _____ Tel. no: _____

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Email: _____ Current mobile: _____

Please CIRCLE your choices clearly to avoid ambiguity

If you are interested in joining Classes or Workshops at the English Bridge Workshop (EBW),
circle 'Yes at EBW' option.

If you are interested in alternative email-correspondence versions of Classes and Workshops,
also circle 'Yes by EMAIL correspondence' option.

I would like to receive information about **Saturday Workshops**

Yes at EBW / Yes by EMAIL correspondence / No

I would like to receive information about **Wednesday Classes**

Yes at EBW / Yes by EMAIL correspondence / No

I would like to receive information about **Printing Workshops** Yes / No

I would like to receive information about **Gallery Day Trips** Yes / No

I would like to receive information about the **Annual Gallery Weekend** Yes / No

I would like to receive information about the **Annual Paintaway Holiday** Yes / No

I would like to receive information about the **Pre-Christmas Lunch** Yes / No

Please return this form as soon as possible to:

Alan Townsend, 12 Oakley Street, Shrewsbury, SY3 7JU.