



Newsletter March 2021

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Welcome from your President

Hello everyone

Welcome to our March 2021 newsletter. At times I still haven't grasped that we are in 2021. It feels like we have skipped a year. In many ways we have. But still, here we are in 2021, which hopefully is going to be a year of celebration, where we can start our classes again at the club but also celebrate our 60th Anniversary. Who would have thought, when the Club started in the swinging sixties, that we would be in the world we are now?

I hope many (all) of you will join in with the exhibition and get thinking and perhaps making what you would like to enter. As explained further in the newsletter the theme is 'joy'. A walk in the woods gives me joy, what will give me even more happy will be seeing my children back at school! The swinging sixties were before my time, but perhaps some members have photos of themselves in sixties fashion and if you don't mind sharing them with us, we would love to see them. Personally I love seeing the fashion, cars and furniture of that time.

Meanwhile Dot and May's online classes are still going and members participating are enjoying them, learning and, most important, being encouraged to paint and draw new things.

Kirkcaldy Art Club has been on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/artclubkirkcaldy>) for some time now, but we are also now on Instagram, you can find us @kdyartclub. We want to share more of the wonderful work that members are making. If you would like to share your work, please email it to us.

We are also looking ahead to our AGM this year. It was delayed last year but we hope to have this year's AGM in May as we usually do. It most likely will be online again, but we will let you know. Lou Doherty, who has been our treasurer for a while now, is looking for someone else to take on this role. Jayne Waring has had to step down from the secretary role due to work commitments. We thank Jayne for all her work and are pleased that Liz Mitchell has taken over. We are still looking for a Vice President.

The art club is run by volunteers and if it wasn't for them we wouldn't be celebrating our 60th Anniversary. Please consider if you would like to dedicate some time to help run Kirkcaldy Art Club.

Martine Greig

Quiz

Friday 26th March 19.30 – 21.00 (via Zoom)

The Zoom Christmas Quiz was great fun and challenged all who took part, especially the questions on art and artists! Lynn Robertson has agreed to organise another one for the end of March. Details about the Quiz and how to join in the Zoom session will be posted on the member's area of the Kirkcaldy Art Club website <https://www.kirkcaldyartclub.co.uk/> and emailed out to members.



60th Anniversary Exhibition

Kirkcaldy Art Club is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. We are delighted to mark this milestone with a major exhibition at Kirkcaldy Galleries from November this year to May 2022.

It is, first and foremost, a great opportunity to showcase the work of our talented members so this is where you come in. Each member can exhibit three paintings, five pottery pieces and/or ten craft items. We are still working on details such as the numbers of cards and unframed prints which can be included.

We thought it would be appropriate to have a theme for the show and, since we are living in a difficult time, the theme 'Joy' came to mind. This gives you quite a lot of scope - a place or a scene, a person or pet, an experience – anything that gives you joy. Where have you found joy in the last year? Could you produce something which encapsulates Joy for you? Although we would love it if you can create work that includes the theme, it isn't compulsory. You are free to enter what you want and, hopefully, creating the work for this celebration will bring you joy.

We would love all of our members to participate and make this a fantastic display of artwork. Please don't be shy – we can't all be Michelangelo or Kate Malone but all of you have produced work worthy of exhibiting.

I know some of you may have struggled to paint or draw without the teaching and encouragement of coming to classes. For potters limited access to the studio, clay and tools as well as tuition may have restricted the chance to create. Don't forget that you can exhibit "something you prepared earlier", as long as it hasn't been shown at Kirkcaldy Galleries before, or something totally new.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you would like to produce something for the exhibition and need access to materials or help and we will see what we can do.

We will send entry forms out later this year with a further newsletter, hopefully in August but, in the meantime, please get creative and think about what you could exhibit.

Socials

The online Art Club socials have been something new for members as well. It is nice to have a little catch up with other members, sometimes just to see their familiar faces, but also when members share the wonderful things they have been doing. A further four socials have been set up for March. These will take place as follows:

- Tuesday 2nd March at 7.00pm
- Wednesday 10th March at 10.00am
- Thursday 18th March at 7.00pm
- Thursday 25th March at 2.00pm

Details will be emailed out to members and can be found in the Members' area of the website

Obituary:

Sandra Cameron

It is with sadness that we pass on news of the recent death of former member Sandra Cameron. She was a loyal member of the club for many years, not only a committee member, but also a past President and Treasurer.

Her late husband, Ian, was also a member and did much to help maintain the fabric of the building. Sandra was also an expert coin slider at the Christmas Party!