



Dear Members

Firstly warm regards from the new Council led by our new Chair Hazel Pidsley. Thanks everyone who returned voting slips to ensure the work of the Art Circle can continue. Also thanks for all those who included their subs for 2020/21 !!! Council are communicating with each other and will be ready to resume activities when we are able, however being realistic about the virus and the age profile of membership this could be some while !! Life Group, Social Gatherings, Demos, Workshops, Exhibitions are all on hold.

If you wish to pay your subs by a single payment from your current account it is win -win easy for you and us !! £20 single £30 couple at same address. Our sort code is 20 62 57 our account number 13481778 - in the reference please put your name and SUBSNNAC - easy !!!

Five of our Council members are working together to look at online presentation of members work in the future !!

The picture heading this update is by Jeffery Camp RA who was an Art Circle member from 1946 to 1959 who recently passed away aged 96. You can view an obituary in the Guardian newspaper by Googling Obituary Jeffrey Camp RA"

Your current Council are :-

Clive – President

Richard Motley – Archivist

Rae Dunthorne - Council

Hazel Pidsley - Chairman

I moved to Norwich four years ago and took up art, and joined NNAC. Both things have given me so much joy and pleasure. Having had negativity as a child I suddenly was told I could paint, and although there is much to learn, I keep going. NNAC has given me great friends, learning opportunities, inspiration and work! I hope to be able to serve you all as Chairman. We have a great Council and we are trying to make some innovations to support the membership. I look forward to meeting you soon.

Malcolm Cudmore - Council

I am a working artist, tutor and demonstrator based at my studio on the outskirts of Bungay. I am an "observational" artist – preferring to work directly from the subject. I am particularly interested in "traditional" drawing and painting techniques which feature in both my own work and the techniques I teach. I am a member of several plein air painting groups and am a UK product ambassador for Daniel Smith original oils and Pan Pastels. I am a Silver Signature member of the UK Coloured Pencil Society. My DVD set "Yes, You Can Draw" is marketed by the SAA.

www.malcolm-cudmore.com

Caroline Ann Clarke - Council

I was born in Staines, Middlesex and have spent the vast majority of my life in Norfolk. I currently reside in the village of Taverham. Since retiring I have pursued my love of Art. I am self-taught and enjoy all aspects of Art & Crafts, with collage being a particular favourite. I create stories within my collage by incorporating colour, humour and warmth! I have exhibited and sold works at the Forum, Royal Norfolk Show, Hostry and Wymondham Art Centre. I joined the NNAC in 2015 and have been a Council member since March 2019.

Ruth Mann – Web Master

I started making art in 2007, trying different media in a realistic style. I soon found soft pastels which became my medium of choice, though I dabble with acrylic and acrylic inks occasionally. My style is still representational moving gradually towards impressionism. I love colour!

I have been exhibiting with the NNAC since 2010 and have sold work online and in other local exhibitions too. My work now hangs in places all over the globe. I was an elected member of the NNAC council from 2016-18 and since then have been ex officio as the webmaster.

Juliet Hodgson - Council

Since my retirement from teaching, I have developed a deep love and satisfaction in painting.

Being a long standing member of the NNAC, and actively involving myself in courses, demonstrations and committee work has certainly helped my artistic development. I really enjoy painting across a wide range of subjects from landscapes to people, animals and special commissions and I exhibit and sell my work wherever I can. My website is a good platform for displaying my work and you are welcome to visit:

www.portraitsbyjulie.co.uk

Sheila Volpe - Council

I joined NNAC in 2019 and found the group to be very welcoming and friendly. I have now become a committee member and look forward to all this involves. I studied Graphic Design at Art School and then worked in London for several Publishing Companies as Art Editor/Director. I also did illustration for books, magazines and greeting cards. After moving here I had the time to paint and draw much more and I love life drawing but more recently have started to paint abstracts with added texture mostly from imagination which is constantly developing and moving in new directions.

Issy Coe - Treasurer

"Trained as an occupational therapist some 50 years ago and worked for many years in the NHS before running a large charity in East Anglia. Now retired, I am able to concentrate on teaching art classes, giving demonstrations to art societies and running workshops.

Working in watercolour, oils and mixed media, I am inspired by the East Anglian coastline, landscapes and fantastic big open skies, visiting the many harbours around our coast to paint "en plein aire" and gather photographic references for use in the studio.

I exhibit regularly and have sold works in UK, Australia, South Africa and USA"

Geoff Kitchen - Secretary

I have enjoyed "colouring in" since I could hold a colouring crayon. My creative side was almost completely absorbed by my 34 years as a teacher. Now retired, I have returned to my crayons!, My passion is flowers and faces. Encouraged by fellow Art Circle members and joining workshops such as Sue Williams has run for the NNAC I have developed my work to include acrylic inks, masking fluid, embossing paper to colour over – how much creative fun can you have ?

Richard G Clarke - Council

I was born in Wymondham I now live in Taverham. In my profession I was a Chief Shoe Designer working with High Class Ladies footwear in Norwich and Kendal in the Lake District, employed by top companies, K Shoes, Holmes, and Vandal. I travelled the world extensively sourcing new trends. My designs were sold in top London Stores and featured in leading fashion magazines.

A self taught artist working in all mediums, both Modern and Contemporary. I exhibit at the Royal Norfolk Show, Wymondham Arts Centre and have sold works at the Forum and Hostry.

In 2015 I was shortlisted in the Royal Academy's Summer Exhibition, London and in 2019 my artwork "Yellow Net" was selected and sold on the buyers day before the exhibition opened..

Joined NNAC in 2015.

Elected to the Council March 2019.

Eleanor Alison - Council

I only really started painting after taking early retirement. I attended various adult education classes and quickly became hooked on painting. I paint mainly in oil, often applied with a palette knife to give more texture. I also experiment with scratchboard art and abstracts with acrylic inks. I have joined Paintout Norfolk and won a Judges Commendation last year.

I joined the Norfolk and Norwich Art Circle in 2012, with my first submission being accepted for the exhibition, which was thrilling. By 2014 I was on the council, becoming Vice Chairman in 2017 and Chairman in 2018. This is my last year on the council.

Sue Willmer- Council

Hello, I'm Sue Willmer, I've been a member of NNAC for fourteen years and served as a member of our council and chairman of the art circle. I am also a member of the Society of East Anglian watercolourists and associate member of the Institute of East Anglian Artists . Very happy to come back onto the council and help steer the art circle through the ' lockdown ' under the direction of our new chairman . Like many members I shall be making the most of this enforced time at home to work on my own art .

John Blatchford – Council

John Blatchford gained a BA Honours Degree in Fine Art at Saint Albans College of Art.

He moved to Norwich in 2013 and joined the Norfolk and Norwich Art Circle a few years later becoming a member of the NNAC Council in 2019.

He has recently taken over the running of the monthly Life Drawing Group at the

United Reformed Church Hall and is looking forward to when the “lockdown” ends and the Life Group sessions can once again resume.

Rosanne Ridler - Council

Hello Everyone. I am an abstract artist living in Norwich. I think mark making is fascinating and important in itself. Experimenting with every medium, tool, surface and technique that I can get my hands on is what floats my boat! Playing, being intuitive, just sitting down and doing! So important!!! Don't be a paint hoarder, be a painter! (very relevant to me whose first instinct to prepare for the covid crisis was to panic buy a load of paint!). I am delighted to become a council member and look forward to becoming more involved. Being a NNAC member allows me to see demonstrations and enjoy workshops from great artists which I would otherwise not have access to. Being able to exhibit with the NNAC is really exhilarating and gives you approbation for your work and I would recommend you give it a try. Rosanne Ridler New council member