

Dear HAF Members,

Below is my monthly Chairman's Letter for April. It contains some important information for our next demo meeting and our 2023 Exhibition.

Our next Demo Meeting - 3rd May

John Edwards, our next artist, is an artist, teacher, and illustrator. He has been teaching art and design for over forty years at various venues that include schools and colleges. John has always been a favourite when he has demonstrated in the past. This time he will be painting a 'Sea Scape in Acrylics'.

Our next Workshop.

Earlier in the year Gillian Key ran a workshop for HAF members and it was a great success. She is planning to hold another workshop in May and will provide more details on that nearer the date.

Our 2023 Exhibition

Our Exhibition timetable is as follows:

- Set Up Day - Saturday 29th July
- Hand in day - Monday 31st July
- Preview Evening - Tuesday 1st August
- Exhibition Opens - Wednesday 2nd August
- Exhibition closes – Tuesday 15th August 4pm.
- Handout and put away - The afternoon of Wednesday 16th August

Help will be needed for all of the above so we will be asking for volunteers for specific tasks over the next few weeks and months.

There are a few changes:

- As well as the usual framed / unframed paintings we will include miniatures and cards.
- In addition to our 'Young Artist of the Year' selected from Highcliffe School we are inviting two Junior Schools to exhibit some of the children's art artwork.

- We will be opening on the two Sundays from 13.00hrs to 16.00 hrs to attract more weekend visitors.
- Updated rules for this year's Exhibition will hopefully be available for the 3rd May but if not, they will be available soon after that.

Stewarding

As always, it is a requirement that anyone entering paintings into the exhibition must carry out at least two stewarding sessions unless there is a very significant reason why not.

- The board for booking your slots for stewarding will be available at our demo meetings from 3rd May onwards. I suggest that you book your time slots as soon as you can, especially if you have specific dates when you are available.
- Ideally, if you are not able to carry out a stewarding session that you have previously committed to we would expect you to arrange to swop with another member. If that is not possible there will be a process to follow in the rules.

As we get closer to the date of the Exhibition, we will keep you fully informed of any updates, changes or just more detail.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our demo meeting on 3rd May.

Best regards,

Mike Daniels,
Chairman, Highcliffe Art Fellowship