



Newsletter

June 2024

FRIENDS
of MUSEUM & ART
SWINDON

Hello Friends

Friends' Monthly Talks

Note: two talks in June

- 13 June Dee Ferris, the Brighton based painter of two of the most recent acquisitions to the Swindon Collection, 'Sleepy Hollow' and 'The Places We Go', in conversation with Katie Ackrill, at the Civic Offices, 7pm for 7.30pm
- 27 June Melanie Vandenbrouck, Chief Curator of the Pallant House Gallery on "The Shape of Things: Still Life in Britain", the current exhibition at the Gallery.
- 25 July Wilfrid Wright on the Elisabeth Frink Exhibition at Museum and Art Swindon
- 29 August Harriet Still on Hardy's Wessex exhibition at Museum and Art Swindon.
- 26 September Phillip Dearden on his grandfather Harold Dearden, Head of the Swindon Art School for over 30 years, with several paintings in the Swindon Collection.
- 31 October Ann-Rachael Harwood will tell us about 'The Wilson' Gallery in Cheltenham.
- 28 November Dr Gill Clarke will talk about the 'Purbeck Artists' exhibition, which she will be curating at the Russell Cotes Gallery, Bournemouth.
- 5 December AGM

Social Media Links for Museum and Art Swindon

Website: <https://www.museumartswindon.com/>

The online shop selling books, jewellery and toys is now available on the website.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MuseumandArtGallery/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/museumartswindon/>

Friends' Social Media Links

Friends' website: <http://www.friendsofmas.org>

For newsletters, news, information about planned talks and videos of past talks.

You can join the Friends, renew membership or make a donation through the website.

For news of Friends' activities over the past 13 years visit:

Friends' blog: <http://friendsofmas.blogspot.com>

Instagram, with 1,549 followers: <https://www.instagram.com/friendsmuseumartswindon/>

Friends' Talks

Apologies for the problems encountered with accessing the May Zoom talk. This was very disappointing for all concerned, particularly as we've had four successful 'Zooming' years. We are very fortunate that Melanie Vandenbrouck, Chief Curator of the Pallant House Gallery has rescheduled her talk for the 27th June.

If Zoom problems occur again, try copying the link for the talk and pasting it into your web browser. In future we will also make sure that the passcode for the meeting is included in the email, in case you are asked to provide it.

We will be holding as many monthly talks as possible in the Council Chamber at the Civic Offices. Wine, soft drinks and nibbles will be available before the talk. There will be a charge for the talks of £6 for Friends and £8 for guests. An email will be sent out before the talk confirming the venue or, if necessary providing the Zoom invitation.

Out and About this Summer

Including our very own 'Museum and Art Swindon', check the MAS website for news.

Pallant House Gallery, Chichester

The Shape of Things: Still Life in Britain until 20th October 2024

Features two works from the Swindon Collection, including 'Bright Intervals' by Edward Wadsworth, 1928, which is also used on the exhibition poster.

8-9 North Pallant, Chichester, PO19 1TJ, Tel: 01243 774557, <https://pallant.org.uk/>

Barnes Coaches are running a day trip to Chichester on the 14th August

<https://www.barnescoaches.co.uk/itineraries/8183-chichester?&tourid=169576>

Tel: 01793 821303

Russell-Cotes Gallery, Bournemouth

A Painter in Paris: Albert de Belleruche (1864–1944)

until 22nd September 2024

'The first major retrospective of artworks by Albert de Belleruche.

The Impressionist movement's emphasis on capturing the fleeting effects of light and atmosphere left an indelible mark on Belleruche's work, infusing it with a vibrancy and spontaneity.'

Beautiful Bournemouth until 31st July 2024

For more information visit: <https://russellcotes.com/> Tel: 01202 128000

Barnes Coaches are running several day trips to Bournemouth during the summer

<https://www.barnescoaches.co.uk> Tel: 01793 821303

Victoria Art Gallery, by Pulteney Bridge, Bath
Toulouse -Lautrec and the Masters of Montmartre
until 29th September

'Our blockbuster exhibition celebrates the sights, sounds and characters of bohemian Paris'
Tel: 01225 477233 <https://www.victoriagal.org.uk/>

Chippenham Museum

Re/imagining Maud Heath 24 June – 31 August

An exhibition exploring the different ways in which Maud Heath and her Causeway have been celebrated by artists, writers, and everyday people across the centuries. From medieval documents to contemporary art, the exhibition will also include the opportunity to make your own Causeway and record your memories of this famous local landmark.

Fresh Air Sculpture Sunday 16th June – Sunday 7th July

'A Celebration of Contemporary Art In a Beautiful English Garden'

The Old Rectory, Quenington, Cirencester, Gloucestershire,

For more information visit: <https://www.freshairsculpture.com/>

Talos Gallery and Garden Summer Exhibition until 21st July

Broads Green Farm, Heddington, Calne, Wiltshire Tel: 01249 599069

For more information visit: <https://www.talosartgallery.co.uk/>

Wiltshire Museum, Devizes

A Wiltshire Thatcher – a Photographic Journey through Victorian Wessex
until 1st September 2024

For more information visit: <https://www.wiltshiremuseum.org.uk>

Ashmolean Museum, Oxford

BRUEGEL TO RUBENS GREAT FLEMISH DRAWINGS

until 23rd Jun 2024

Visitors and Members are strongly recommended to book tickets in advance to guarantee entry. For more information visit: <https://www.ashmolean.org/>

The Arts Society Kennet and Swindon

New subscription year begins in May, next three lectures:

17 June Music In Art by Sophie Matthews

16 Sept. Seaside Modern: Art and Life on the Beach by James Russell

21 October Frozen Breath of the Polar Night: An introduction to Art Nouveau Glass by
Justine Hopkins For more lectures and information:

<https://www.theartsocietykennet.org.uk/> or email: tas.kennetandswindon@gmail.com