



LISKEARD ARTS

SOUTH EAST CORNWALL

Chair's February Newsletter 2024

Dear Members

What a super talk we had last month from Tasha Marks exploring sugar sculpture and food as an artistic medium. Something completely different this month but I'm sure we'll enjoy listening to Roger Mendham just as much as he talks about 'Photography comes of Age'.

Don't forget to book your place on our Discovery Day led by Dr Helen Wilson on **Wednesday 20th March** who, as well as giving a talk on the Pinwill Sisters, will be exploring their wood carvings in two of our local churches, St Martin's Looe and Liskeard. Liz has emailed out the booking form but it can also be found on our website www.liskeardartsociety.org.uk. Click on the Discovery Day tab for more information and the booking form. There are also hard copies available at the desk ready for you to pick up. I do need to know numbers by the end of February as I have to confirm the various venues by then.

We have some changes to the roles of our committee members. I would like to thank Caroline Petherick for the work she has done leading on Discovery Days and the Website. Caroline has decided to take more of a back seat. She remains on the committee in a general role. She is such a long standing member of the committee and has a wealth of experience for us to call on. I would like to thank Sally Coleman for taking on both the website and social media within the work she does as our Publicity lead. Already, with the help of her husband, Mike, she has worked very hard to update the website and make it more immediate. See below for further information. Margie Tunbridge is now going to look after our charitable work by leading on Arts and Heritage Volunteering. This leaves me to pick up Discovery Days, visits and tours.

I'm pleased to be able to report that after quite a gap we are now able to offer a short break tour based around Wells and the surrounding area. Please see below for further details.

One of the jobs that our Programme Secretary carries out is to provide feedback on our speakers and their talks. This is used by the South West Programme Secretaries to identify the most interesting and engaging speakers and is also sent up to The Arts Society HQ.

Collecting your views in the past has been done through feedback forms handed out at a meeting. In future we would like to encourage you to go to our website, www.liskeardartsociety.org.uk. You should see on the front page a box saying 'Lecture Feedback'. Click here and it will take you to a page where you enter a password which is **Liskeard** and then can grade the quality of the lecture and the quality of overheads/slides. There is also a box for your comments. There are other places on the website that will take you to the feedback section, for example where the current talk is listed on the Home page.

Mary Utton, Chair

About the Speaker

ROGER MENDHAM



A keen and accomplished photographer, Roger Mendham is now retired. Roger has gained Distinctions from the Royal Photographic Society and is currently the President of the Surrey Photographic Association. He is a scientist by background. His interest in art was sparked by his wife's academic studies into the History of Art and he has a particular interest in 20th century art.

With his focus on the visual aspects of art he has studied the evolution of photography from its earliest days in the early 1800s to becoming a major art form in the late 20th and now 21st centuries.

An experienced public speaker, his talks are all richly illustrated with both his own and images from some of the leading photographers in history.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMES OF AGE

Roger Mendham

Tuesday 13th February 2024
at 19:30

Join us in Liskeard Public Hall from 19:00
Refreshments available

Guests (£8) are always welcome.

From the very first, grainy image created in 1826, photography has evolved into a major art form.

Developments in photography have posed challenges to more traditional art genres and it interesting to see how some of the great artists have adapted to using cameras as part of their work.

This talk looks at photography over the past nearly 200 years, looking at key advances in technology and the inter-relationship with art movements.

The work of pioneering women photographers is particularly interesting, and the talk concludes with examples of some great photographs that have been sold for millions of dollars at auction.

Looking ahead: Talk on 12th March

Our speaker will be Tim Mirfin. His talk is entitled "Great Operatic Rivalries – Handbags at Dawn?". Tim will be exploring the life of an opera singer.

This is a change to our scheduled speaker, Jeni Fraser. It is such sad news that Jeni has passed away and our thoughts and best wishes go out to her family. Jeni was well known to our Society and we were always pleased to invite her to join us for one of her quality talks. Several of you will also have attended the art courses she delivered for The Arts Society. Jeni will be sadly missed.

Looking ahead:

DISCOVERY DAY
on 20th MARCH

led by
DR HELEN WILSON

Don't forget to book your place!

The topic is:

'The Remarkable Pinwill Sisters'

We begin the day at St Martin's Church, Looe Community Hall for a short introduction from our Church Recorders before we hand over to Helen for her illustrated talk. The morning ends with the additional pleasure of seeing the Pinwill's work in St Martin's, Looe. In the afternoon we move to St Martin's Church, Liskeard for Helen to show and talk about the carvings there.

You will have already received the booking form by email or picked one up on the way in. You will also find the information and form online at www.liskeardartssociety.org.uk
I look forward to welcoming you along to this event.

Looking ahead:

TOUR of
'The Houses, Gardens &
History of Wells,
Gloucestershire &
Wiltshire'

24th – 26th September 2024

Run by Liskeard Arts in
conjunction with Tailored
Travel

Day 1: En route to our hotel, the 3* Limpley Stoke Hotel, we stop off to visit the National Trust's Dyrham Park

Day 2: We visit Wells for a guided tour of the Cathedral followed by time to explore the Bishop's Palace and Gardens. In the afternoon we walk to Stoberry Park Garden for a welcome talk. We also enjoy an included cream tea.

Day 3: After checking out of our hotel we journey to Bowood House and Gardens for a tour of the house and time to explore the gardens and grounds landscaped by 'Capability Brown'.

Full information and the booking form is available in hard copy from the registration desk at our meeting. You will also find it online at www.liskeardartssociety.org.uk under the Visits and Tours tab. Liz will also email out the pdf version along with this newsletter. The tour is open to members, their family and friends.

It would be great to get our tours off the ground again. For this tour to go ahead we need a minimum of 25 people and we have a deadline of 22nd April to gather that number of bookings! I'm very much looking forward to this event; an occasion to get to know other members. Please sign up and join me for a fun and interesting event.

REMINDERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Refreshments Refreshments are available from 7.00pm. As well as teas and coffees we also serve wine which is now £3.50 per glass. If you wish to partake of a cup of coffee or tea, bringing your own cup would help us in our attempts to be as environmentally friendly as we can be. Unfortunately, due to rising costs, we have raised the price to £2 per cup.	Guests Welcome! Our doors are open to guests. If you have family nearby or visiting, or have friends interested in seeing what we're about, please do encourage them to come along with you. Even better would be for you to persuade them to become members! Membership contact: 07790 821714
Hearing Difficulties If you have difficulty hearing our speaker, please email me or Liz Undy by 9.00am on the day of each talk if you wish to reserve seats at the front	Raffle Please bring your £1 coin for the raffle. Tickets will be on sale for £1 / per ticket with a chance to win a bottle of wine.
Liskeard Arts Website Have you ever visited and explored our website – www.liskeardartsociety.org.uk ? If not I encourage you to do so. There's all the relevant information there about talks, Discovery Days, visits, tours and other activities we have been, are and will be involved in. You can also give feedback on the speakers and their talk.	

YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN:

THE ARTS SOCIETY MID CORNWALL (previously AS Bodmin) DISCOVERY DAY, Wednesday 27th March 2024
Double Dutch
Symbols, Emblems and Double Entendre in Dutch Painting with Lynne Gibson
Price £39 or £42.85 for a pasty lunch
Full details along with the booking form can be found at www.theartsocietybodmin.org.uk under the documents tab.

If you have any ideas, comments or queries please contact me.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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