



PAISLEY ART INSTITUTE

MEMBERS NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2012

This year saw a successful 124th Annual Exhibition where twenty three prizes were awarded to artists and forty two paintings sold. At the **124 Postcards for Paisley Fundraising Event** forty eight postcards were sold, raising in excess of £5000. A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED THE INSTITUTE SO GENEROUSLY.

The Schools Competition was opened by one of Paisley's favourite sons, **John Byrne RSA HRGI HPAI** where he presented prizes to the next generation of artists, a great day was had by all.

Six new PAI's and three HPAI's were elected: **Paul Murray RSW, James Cosgrove, Emma Davis RSW, Ronnie Smith RSW RGI, Michael Clark and Neil Macdonald; Mr Hugh Henry MSP, John Byrne RSA, HRSW, HRGI and Ken Howard RA OBE.** All whose work continues to enhance the quality and reputation of the Institute.

NEWS The Institute would like to congratulate **Hazel Nagl RSW RGI PAI** who has been appointed as the new Convenor of the Royal Glasgow Institute of Fine Art. We wish her every success in her new role at the RGI.

We would give thanks and praise for the miraculous delivery of **Michael Clark PAI** and his family who suffered a tragic car fire at 70mph on a French motorway. Tragic, because 60 bottles of wine were consumed in the flames. So quickly was the car engulfed by fire that, all that they possessed were the clothes that they stood in. A special thanks to artists Marysia Donaldson (widow of David Donaldson) and partner Chris Stanton who came to their aid. After misery upon compounded misery they arrived safely home with new passports.

2012 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Please come along to the AGM, Thursday 18th October (doors open at 6.30pm), not only to discuss important changes but take the opportunity to make the AGM a sociable event.

PLEASE SEND YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS! Every year brings a greater shock with the price rises in postage. Fifty pence for second class post will see the doubling of our postal costs for the year ahead. This has forced us to make email our preferred method of communicating with both the membership and artists submitting to the annual exhibition. In light of where even a small initiative saved one hundred pounds at the 124th show, we want to continue looking at making important changes: Downloadable schedules, new, interactive labels and listing accepted artists work at the annual exhibition on the PAI website.

If we don't have your email address already please contact Membership Secretary carabroadley@yahoo.co.uk . Members who don't have email need not fear, normal communication by post will continue.

NEW ARTIST MEMBERSHIP The PAI Artist Member selection committee will meet on the 18th October 2012. It is easy to apply for artist membership, just download an application form from the PAI website.

THE PAI WEBSITE The PAI website has been updated and our corporate image is looking very fresh, however very few artists have given images to be included on the website. ***It is very important that our collective appearance shows the Institute to its best advantage, giving a true reflection of the standard and diversity of work being produced by our members.*** It is very inexpensive to have your work included in the PAI site, your image also links to your own individual websites. Please send your images to Hugh at hjdesignsuk@gmail.com with cheques directed to PAI Secretary, £7 for existing images, £15 for new (please note that the fee is not included in our very low membership subscription).

EVENTS: At the Smithy Gallery, Blanefield, **Sandy Murphy RSW RGI PAI, James Cosgrove PAI, Euan MacGregor** and **Michael Durning PPAI**, have a show opening on the 23rd September. **Sandy** will be exhibiting at the McGill Duncan Gallery in Castle Douglas, 30th August – 1st November. He also will be showing at The Jerram Gallery, Sherbourne, Dorset; 24th Nov. – 19th Dec. **Euan MacGregor** is currently exhibiting at The Dancing Light Gallery in West Linton, until 3rd October.

On the 23rd September, **John Kingsly PAI** will be opening his solo show at the Contemporary Fine Art Gallery, Eton. **John** will be contributing to a joint show with **Charlie Jamieson PPAI PAI, Michael Clark PAI and Liz Knox PAI PPAI** at the Glasgow Art Club. Their “Glasgow Haiku” exhibition will have paintings accompanied by Haiku poetry written by the artists, opens 3rd November.

Again **Charlie Jamieson PPAI PAI** and **Michael Clark PAI** are showing with **Irene McCann** in an exhibition entitled, “Through the Looking Glass” at the Limetree Gallery in Longmelford, Sussex, from September 8th to October 16th.

Irene McCann will be busy this winter, showing at Gate House Gallery from 30th September, with Christmas shows at John Green Fine Art, Glasgow and The Lime Tree Gallery, Bristol; she'll be doing the Affordable Art Fair (25 -28th Oct.) with the Marle Gallery of Axminster and Edinburgh Art Fair (16th-18th Nov.) with Gallery Q, Dundee.

Joe Hargan PPAI PAI exhibits at the Lemond Gallery, Bearsden from October.

Ronnie Smith RSW RGI PAI has the ground floor of the Billcliffe Gallery for his exhibition of new work opening on the 20th October.

Hazel Nagl RSW RGI PAI, Peter Graham ROI & George Devlin RSW RGI RBA ROI represent Scottish art in Oxfordshire with an exhibition at Whittington Fine Art, Henley on Thames from Nov. 10th-23rd.

Neil Macdonald PAI and Alice McMurrough will be showing at the ever popular Smithy Gallery, Blanefield, 4th Nov – 23 Dec. **Alice** will be representing Scotland at the Stockholm Art Fair with The Tig Gallery of Tighnabruich. **Neil** and **Alice** have started new, untutored art classes at the Glasgow Art Club every Monday, bringing this famous studio back into use, contact a.n.a.j.macdonald@btopenworld.com

The Institute's historian **Jonathan Macdonald** will be touring his popular talks first given at Paisley Art Institute, “The Commercial Success of the New Glasgow Boys”, hosted by Helensburgh Art Club at Helensburgh Sailing Club on September 27th, “The Glasgow Boys Use of Photography”, at Stirling Art Club, 3rd December and the Glasgow Society of Women Artists, 3rd January 2013. *For more details contact a.n.a.j.macdonald@btopenworld.com*

As we seen there are many events at the Glasgow Art Club this season, another show to go to this winter is the exhibition by winners of the Glasgow Art Club Award. Artists include **Elaine Speirs, Cara Broadly, John Kingsly PAI and Euan MacGregor**.

The PAI Membership Secretary, **Cara Broadley** will be standing down at the AGM. She will be concentrating on the completion of her PHD at Glasgow School of Art, we all wish her the very best of luck. **Irene McCann** will be stepping into her shoes, so to renew your subscriptions and arrange standing orders from October 18th, get in touch with Irene at irene_mccann@hotmail.com

OBITUARIES During the year we were informed of the passing of three members, Dr Margaret Greenshields, Eileen Haughney and Mrs Kathleen Wade, people of great humour and character who were staunch, long time supporters of the Institute. They are remembered with great affection and will be dearly missed.

Please let us know of news and events for inclusion in the PAI Newsletter, contact the Institute by email at info@paisleyartinstitute.org.uk