

Alton's where the art is

AN exciting array of original art will be on display at the annual autumn art exhibition of the Alton Art Society held at the assembly rooms starting on Saturday, September 28 until Saturday, October 5.

It will open at 10 am to 8 pm daily including Sunday.

Admission is free.

There will also be folios of unframed works starting from £20. Selected pieces of sculpture and pottery will add to the variety on display. Some of the paintings will be the results of members work from the various painting days and workshops held during the summer. Marion Kelland, the society's Summer Programme Secretary, organised some excellent and well attended events.

Opportunities to capture the charm of old mills were enjoyed by many aspiring artists at Whitchurch Silk Mill, Greatham Mill and Neatham Mill, Holybourne.

Each mill provided a different aspect for painting. Whitchurch Silk Mill situated on Frog Island on the River Test is the last working silk mill in the South of England where-



as Neatham Mill is an old character building with a pretty stream nestling in attractive surrounding country.

The tutored painting days are always fully booked and this year was no exception. Wendy Jelbert, well known artist, author and teacher inspired her pupils when they visited her studio and colourful garden at Nether Wallop.

Terry Harrison another very popular local artist guided his enthusiastic audience during his painting day held at Chawton.

The delightful old granary in Jane Austen's seventeenth century home, which is full of

blown roses and flowering shrubs from its well established summer garden, made a perfect setting.

In complete contrast Mike Bernard advised attendees at a very different setting at Bass Brewery which should provide some interesting and novel studies!

Pauline Tompkins, Chairman of the Alton Art Society, seen putting some finishing touches to one her watercolours said:

"We have had a wonderful summer for painting in some stunning locations and I'm really looking forward to seeing the results and some surprises too at our exhibition". So do come along with family and friends and savour a delicious selection of art.

Over forty new people have joined during the last twelve months reflecting the friendship and encouragement given to both novices and established artists.

The winter programme starts on September 21 with a pastel demonstration by Roger Deller. If you would like to join please contact Jennifer Lines, Membership Secretary on 01420 563312.

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Another superb show for the Alton Art Society (running until Saturday 5th!) as exhibition secretary Gerald Woolley and chairman Pauline Tompkins discuss the finer points of art with town mayor Jerry Janes (JRP Photographic)

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