

Thursday 7 July

New Members Night

An evening to get to know our new members and explore their work. An opportunity for new and old to come together to found new friendships whilst partaking of a glass of Pimms.

SUMMER BREAK

Wednesday 28 September

Committee Meeting

Thursday 29 September

Alix Bovey

Material witness: learning from looking, making and materials in the digital age

What can close encounters with objects, materials, and the experience of making teach all of us? This talk reflects on the value of close-looking, object-handling, an understanding of materials, and the opportunity to grind pigments in oil, whack a block of stone with a chisel, or attempt to wrangle gold leaf.

Thursday 13 October

Alice Kettle

Entangled stories

Alice Kettle uses stitch to narrate contemporary events interwoven with personal experience and mythology. Her recent works explore the experience of refugees through the migration of textiles and how stitch explores human connectivity.

Thursday 27 October

Louis Thompson

'This is only the beginning'

Louis Thompson is an artist who has worked with hot glass for over 30 years. A graduate from the Royal College of Art, his practice celebrates the diversity of the medium creating projects that can be challenging and unexpected. His work is held in museum collections in Germany, Japan, UK and the USA.

Thursday 10 November

Julian Eardley

The glitter in my chest hair: Pantomime dames - historical, hysterical and personal

After 33 years of mucking about in pantomimes, Julian Eardley is trying to work out the What, Why and Whatever of Panto Dames. Helped (or hindered) by Dame Lily Trott-Twankey, he may just crack it at the Art Workers' Guild.

Monday 14 November

Lara Maiklem

Mudlark (/ˈmʌdlɑːk/) noun

A person who scavenges for usable debris in the mud of a river or harbour.

Lara Maiklem has scoured the banks of the Thames for almost 20 years, in pursuit of the objects that the river unearths: from Neolithic flints to Roman hair pins, medieval buckles to Tudor buttons, Georgian clay pipes to Victorian toys. These objects tell her about London and its lost ways of life.

Wednesday 23 November

Committee Meeting

Thursday 24 November

Bro. Flora Roberts

Always painting flowers

Flora's work is based on historic references, updated for a modern audience. Between projects she specialises in painting seasonal flowers from life. Her first collection of wallpapers was launched for Hamilton Weston Ltd in autumn 2020, soon to be added to with new designs.

Thursday 8 December

Annual General Meeting (members only)

Thursday 15 December

Ruth and Torquil McNeilage

Conservation of wall paintings, sculpture and church monuments – Winchester, Worcester and beyond

From the painted timber bosses of Winchester to the 13th century Majestas of Worcester, Ruth and Torquil McNeilage describe recent exciting conservation projects in English cathedrals and parish churches - liberating concealed medieval polychrome and long-neglected sculpture from years of overpaint, dirt and indifference.



The Art Workers' Guild

2022 Programme

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Guild Meetings are held on Thursdays at 7pm.
Committee Meetings are held on Wednesdays
at 6.30pm.

Thursday 13 January

Master's Night

Getting to the root of things

Root: the basis of something, its means of
continuance or growth.

Route: a way or course taken in getting from a
starting point to a destination.

From (almost) the beginning, to the here and
now, and how. A meander along the route of our
new Master's roots

Wednesday 26 January

Committee Meeting

Thursday 27 January

**Bro. Hannah Coulson, Bro. Zebedee Helm
and Bro. Ruth Martin**

*The hows and the whys and the wows and the
highs of modern illustration practice*

Quick sketches or scribbled notes can be the first
steps for a new project or idea. But how do we
follow these creative threads? Three illustrators
reveal how they make their way from small
beginnings to finished pieces.

Thursday 10 February

Kim Wilkie

Touching the landscape

Landscape architect Kim Wilkie will talk about
the ancient British tradition of sinuous landforms
and how climate, death, celebration and geology
have guided the English landscape ever since.

Thursday 24 February

Howard Phipps

A sense of place

Howard Phipps will speak about the places that
have been the inspiration for his work as a wood
engraver, in particular how different generations
have left their mark on the ancient chalk downs of
Wiltshire and Dorset where he lives, be it the old
drove roads, or dramatic forms of early hill forts.

Thursday 10 March

Wendy Stott

*People, places and passions: managing in
the National Trust* Personal reflections on the
challenges, disasters and triumphs of a 20-year
career in the largest heritage charity in the UK.

Thursday 24 March

Bro. Helen Whittaker

*Old craft, new art: an artistic journey in stained
glass* Helen will talk about the inspirations
and creative processes involved in her artwork,
commissioned for churches, cathedrals and secular
buildings. Every commission, whether figurative,
abstract or representational, is inspired by the client,
the brief and the building.

Thursday 7 April

Jo Sealy

The Black Artisans

Focusing on Black interest subjects and those
around age and community, Jo's recent project
showcases and celebrates established UK based
Black artisans. This body of work seeks to enlighten,
educate and inspire everyone, especially young
people, to explore traditional and cultural heritage.

Wednesday 27 April

Committee Meeting

Thursday 28 April

**Peter Randall-Page RA and Thomas
Randall-Page**

An artistic collaboration in slow architecture
Father and son Peter and Thomas Randall-Page
present *The Art Barn*. In 2011 Peter bought a
nondescript, modern cow barn deep in the Devon
countryside. He commissioned his son to convert
it into an archive and store for his work. After
9 years of designing and crafting, the project is
complete, and clear evidence of how architecture
can benefit from being done slowly.

Thursday 12 May

Bro. Ged Palmer

*Time, place and techniques: a journey in
lettering*
Ged explains the cultural influences and
development of his practice from early influences
of 1970s graffiti in New York, to tractional
calligraphy right up to contemporary lettering
and the signwriting resurgence.

Thursday 26 May

Andy McConnell

The impact of glass

The EU recently declared glass the first man-
made material to be 'carbon negative' in that
its applications reduce CO2 emissions in
greater measure than those released during
its manufacture. This lecture examines the
astonishing impact of glass on both the lives of
our ancestors and, more especially, our own.