



SGA Bulletin: August 2026

Martin Webster, Chairman

“Just add water”, is a phrase we have become used to. Adding in water to rehydrate something, it saves weight and is very convenient given water’s abundance. That’s all fine till you have no available water. As an artist who loves to paint landscapes I just want to add water to it! Do people want to look at scorched earth paintings? Probably not....

Anyway, in spite of the heat and lack of water we have had an excellent summer exhibition please see Jill’s report below and thanks to all those who exhibited, stewarded and sorted things out. Well done. Now for a little rest till the hospital exhibition later in the year, keep your eyes open for details to follow.

Best wishes Martin m.webster609@btinternet.com

Exhibitions

Summer Exhibition

It’s been another lovely exhibition, congratulations to everyone who participated for contributing to its success. Special congratulations are due to Irene Colquhoun who won the People’s Vote with her painting in acrylics “Jive Mania”, and to the 13 artists who between them sold 19 artworks. We know of a couple of pictures which will be making their way to Australia and the USA!

I’d like to say thank you to lots of people – to Annie for curating so ably, and to the rest of the exhibition team, Becky, Pam, Sarah and Ros, who are always so positive and helpful, a group it is a real pleasure to be part of. Also to Pauline, Paul, Lyn, Martin, Jim, Mark, Jane and Mike who also helped with setting up, hanging or taking down the exhibition; to Ian for his many and various contributions; to Bev for sorting out the payments relating to the exhibition; and to Sallyann, Val and Hazel for organising the refreshments for Meet the Artist. It takes a lot of people behind the scenes to run an exhibition, and they all manage to make it an enjoyable experience rather than a chore. Thank you all.

ArtScene Exhibition, 23rd October – 20th November

A reminder that the next opportunity to exhibit is at the ArtCare exhibition at Salisbury Hospital. Full details will be added to the SGA website shortly and published in full in the Bulletin next month, but the key dates are as follows:

Hand in: 20th October, 10.00 – 11.30am

Hand back: Monday 23rd November, 10.00 – 11.30am

And then... we are booked in at the library in April and July 2027. We look forward to doing it all again next year!

Jill Tomalin

Workshops

Workshops must be booked and paid for at least two weeks in advance to avoid disappointment. They are filling up fast - only a couple of spaces on each one left, so if you are thinking about it, contact beverleysingleton@rocketmail.com ASAP.

Jake Winkle's workshop is now full.

We hope you will find something which appeals to you – something which can stimulate new inspiration or simply renewed pleasure in your artistic work. Or maybe to experiment with new techniques or materials, along with fellow SGA members, who share your enthusiasm.

All the workshops take place from 10am to 4pm at Bemerton Methodist Hall, Roman Road, Salisbury. Free tea, coffee and biscuits are available throughout the day. Workshops cost £45 per day (guests £50). Details on how to pay are on the SGA website.

To book, please contact me.

Beverley Singleton, Workshops Coordinator

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Saturday 19th September, Seascapes, with David Webb

Come along to explore this fascinating topic with David. Watercolour.

Saturday 28th November Animals in movement, with Jake Winkle

Jake has a wonderful mastery of movement, producing some stunning images in Watercolour.

Salisbury Sketchers

Salisbury Sketchers visit to Wilton Town Centre on Sunday, July 19th.

After the very high temperatures of the past weeks, it was a relief to have a cooler sunny day in which to sketch.

It was good to welcome two new younger people who joined as well as a couple of members who hadn't been able to come along for a while.

Wilton has plenty to offer sketchers, and whilst the majority of us spent the afternoon in the shade near the ruins of the old St Mary's church, drawings were also produced of the Italianate church and market place clock tower.



Next month on Sunday, August 16th, we are going to sketch along the river Avon between the Maltings and Waitrose, and around the River Park Project planted area in Salisbury. Meet at 2 pm by the white wall in front of the Elai Indian restaurant building situated in the Coach Park.

For further details visit the SGA website or email me at Paperstitch@icloud.com

Loraine,

Sketchers Co-Ordinator

Friday Art

Friday Art is going well in spite of the heat, do come and join us. It's such a vibrant and creative community. We can always make space if you wanted to give it a go or return. Contact Bev Singleton on beverleysingleton@rocketmail.com

Art in the Market

We have planned to take a stall for the SGA group in September Art Market.
As of now it is full up with artists exhibiting. If you are still interested contact Martin (m.webster609@btinternet.com) to go on reserve list.

More Dates for your Diary

Exhibitions

Drop off 20th October, 10.00 – 11.30am

– 20th November 2026: ArtCare Exhibition at the hospital. More details to follow

Workshops

19th September 10-4pm

Sketchers

Sunday August 16th 2pm by Elai restaurant Maltings Car Park

Friday Art

Weekly, 1 - 4pm, at Bemerton Methodist Hall, Roman Road, Salisbury. SP2 9BH

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