



## SGA Bulletin: December 2025

### *We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our Christmas Social on Saturday (6<sup>th</sup> December)*

from 2pm at Bemerton Methodist Hall. Everyone is welcome, including guests (there is some parking at the Church and Hall in Roman Road, and there should be alternative on street parking on Roman Road, or behind in New Zealand Avenue, which has a cut through directly to the hall). Plans are in place for seasonal refreshments, and our speaker is the artist Russell Bignold – Russell is a portrait and figurative artist, tutor and speaker who will be showing examples of his work and bringing greeting cards for sale. Please don't forget to bring any art materials, items or books which are surplus to requirements for the swap shop – a chance to pick something up to add to your collection - or to try something new.....

Every year I try and paint my own Christmas card – partly because there aren't many 'christian' Christmas cards but mainly because it feels personal. Art allows us to say things that might be difficult or too plain otherwise - may I send my and the whole committee's best wishes for Christmas to you and your families.

**Martin (Webster), chairman**

### Exhibitions

#### Advance information

The first of our two exhibitions at the library next year will run from 28th March to 2nd May, 2026. Hand in will be on Wednesday 25th March (or Tuesday 24th 3.30pm – 5pm for those who cannot make Wednesday). Pick up will be on Tuesday 5th May (or 3.30-5.00pm on 2nd May).

### Workshops

Our chairman, Martin, provided the final workshop of the year last Saturday on Trees. There were 17 members out of their comfort zones learning about composition, length and shape of branches and leaves. Some members had never been to one of our workshops and some were stalwarts. Everyone produced great results, and the day was thoroughly delightful. Martin remarked how lovely it was

to see everyone talking and encouraging each other with joy. Biscuits, cheese, grapes, olives and of course cake sustained us throughout. A big thankyou to you, Martin.



**Saturday 24th January**

**Brusho and Watercolour Inks Workshop  
with Lucinda Nicholas**

These concentrated ink powders are available in an extensive range of colours and can be applied in various ways: by sprinkling on wet paper, applying to dry paper and spraying, or mixing with water to create a watercolour paint. They can be used for stencilling, decorative arts, monoprinting, and more. During this workshop Lucinda will demonstrate the use of Brusho and watercolour Inks. You will see how this medium moves and develops, and can then experiment with them yourselves to see what they can do, while having fun utilising them in your own art.



To book, please contact Bev via  
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More information on the full programme of workshops for 2026 will be published in January.

We are also pleased to include this information on Karen Welsh's workshops. We were disappointed that her workshop in September had to be cancelled - several of us have attended workshops with Karen and have benefitted from her insights.



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**Salisbury Sketchers: Advance Notice**

Join me, Loraine, at Salisbury Museum on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> January at 2pm to view the Open Landscape exhibition. It raises some controversial points as to what defines 'landscape' and how we depict it. I would encourage members to view as I found it opened up interesting conversations. If you have already visited, then you are welcome to join me for tea at 2.45pm in the cafe where we can have a chat about our art and future sketching events.

Please let me know by 11<sup>th</sup> January if you are coming, so that I can advise the cafe of numbers. In the meantime, I wish everybody a very Happy Christmas and an enjoyable creative year ahead.

Loraine [paperstitch@icloud.com](mailto:paperstitch@icloud.com)

Entry to the Museum and Exhibition is £10.90 per adult, (£12 with Gift Aid).

Museum Members - Free Admission.

Admission to Cafe only – Free

## More Dates for your Diary

### Exhibitions

**Saturday 28th March - Saturday 2nd May 2026: [Spring Exhibition at the library](#)**

Hand in: Wednesday 25th March      Pick up: Tuesday 5th May (or 3.30-5pm on 2nd May).

**Saturday 4th – Friday 31st July 2026: [Summer Exhibition at the library](#)**

Hand in: Wednesday 1st July      Pick up: Saturday 1st August.

**23rd October – 20th November 2026: [ArtCare Exhibition at the hospital](#)**

Hand in: Monday 19th October      Pick up: Monday 23rd November

### Workshops

**Saturday 24th January:** Brusho and Watercolour Inks with Lucinda Nicholas

### Friday Art

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

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