



SGA Bulletin: May 2026

“May is the month of expectation, the month of wishes, the month of hope” – Emily Brontë.

Well, it’s certainly that and more. As far as our art goes, we have a very successful art exhibition coming to an end and one to prepare for in July. So please keep painting in hope and expectation. Please also put in your diaries the AGM on Saturday June 13th at 2pm in the URC church on Fisherton street. Our speaker Tim Chadsey, is the lead on Youngs Gallery and has had an interesting life as a professional photographer and artist, do come and hear him.

Martin Webster, Chairman

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Exhibitions

With the April exhibition still running as we prepare this Bulletin and planning already starting for the Summer Exhibition in July, we will need to publish a Newsflash in mid May to report on the current exhibition and to confirm the arrangements for July. The Summer exhibition submission form will go up on line soon after that.

We are pleased that the current exhibition has run smoothly (so far!), and hope that everyone who has exhibited (and stewarded) has enjoyed the experience. The feedback has been very positive about the high standard of the artworks on display and how well it has been presented overall as an exhibition. A big thank you to the exhibition team, Annie, Becky, Pam, Sarah and Ros, and to everyone who has stewarded, it all seems to have worked as hoped - but any feedback is always welcome.

Summer Exhibition (Saturday 4th July - Friday 31st July)

The key dates are:

Submission deadline: Saturday 28th June

Hand in: Wednesday 2nd July 10.00 - 12noon (or Tuesday 1st July 3.30 - 5.00pm)

Hand back: Saturday 1st August 10.00 - 12noon (or Friday 31st July 3.30 - 5pm)

Meet the Artist: Saturday 4th July, 2 - 3.30pm

We do not anticipate any major changes to the organisation of this exhibition. Please remember, though, when pricing your art, that we have to put up the commission rate, back to 20%.

We'd like to make the summer exhibition a real showcase for celebrating the wonderful range of art which is being produced, and the enjoyment we all have in making it. Please get busy deciding what you want to exhibit - it is always a special pleasure when we hear visitors sometimes say they

look out for our exhibition each year, and how much they enjoy it. Please join us to make it a success.

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 23rd May

Figure drawing in Pastels, with Ella and Katie

Saturday 25th July

Painting Buildings and Street Scenes, with Fiona Forbes

in Watercolour.

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

Report on Sunday, April 19th, a visit to the Breamore Estate.

A perfect time to visit Breamore is a sunny afternoon, with brilliant sap green shoots bursting from trees, an abundance of bird song, and the crowning glory, spread across the woodland floor, of bluebells with their unique blue petals. (So difficult to find the right colour mix).

It was not surprising that so many people were heading for the ever popular bluebell woods to stand amazed at nature's spectacular display. One of our members joined them and produced a painted sketch whilst sitting amongst the lovely flowers. Some of us did not venture so far and concentrated on our chosen subjects until the air cooled and we headed for the ever popular tea room (carrot cake is recommended!).



Next time, on Sunday, May 17th we will be sketching in the Cathedral Close, meeting at 2 pm on the Green opposite Mompesson House.

Full details about the visit are on our website or from Loraine at paperstitch@icloud.com.

Loraine Sherlock, Salisbury Sketchers Coordinator

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Friday Art

Friday Art is proving really popular this year, so much so, we are having to double up on nearly all tables! It's such a vibrant and creative community. We can always make space if you wanted to give it a go or return. Contact Beverley Singleton on beverleysingleton@rocketmail.com

SGA AGM

Please note this years AGM is on Saturday 13th June 2pm URC hall Fisherton Street Salisbury. Speaker will be Tim Chadsey from the Youngs Gallery and refreshments.

Salisbury Art Scene, Art in the Square

We have planned to take a stall for the SGA group in the June, July, August and September Art Market.

They occur on the first Sunday each month on the Market Square.

Four events are planned for this year as follows:

Sunday 7th June: Host Martin Webster (full at the moment)

Sunday 5th July: Host Beverley Singleton (one space)

Sunday 2nd August : Host Mark Elling

Sunday 6th September: Host Martin Webster (one space)

Please see the website for their contact details

More Dates for your Diary

Sunday May 17th 2pm Salisbury Sketchers

Saturday 23rd May Workshop at Methodist Church Bemerton

Sunday 6th June Art in the Square

Saturday 13th June 2pm AGM URC Church Fisherton Street

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 (may be cancelled, more info to come)

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Sketchers

Sunday

SGA AGM

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Friday Art

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

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This Sunday coming Art in the Market



Please support the Art Trail 23rd May - 7th June, 2026

1st Wednesday

Talks



Wednesday 6 May

Three Harnham Artists

Jenny Monds, Margaret Gill and Anneliese Stoney will show some of their work and talk about their varied approaches and creativity

*7.30pm, Wednesday 6 May 2026
Harnham Parish Hall, Lower Street SP2 8EY.*

Further talks on the 1st Wednesdays of most months.

No booking necessary, donations welcome.

*All proceeds support the work of the
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