



NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2025

209TH NNAC EXHIBITION

THE MUNNINGS MUSEUM

10 - 21 SEPTEMBER 2025

Our next exhibition will soon be upon us.

Ninety one works will be on display showcasing the rich and diverse talent of members. We look forward to seeing you at the show!



FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I'm looking forward to the 209th exhibition at the Munnings Art Museum this month - it promises to be another superb show, enhancing our reputation in the area. We were also pleased to have been picked up by the Art History Festival 2025 and the Activity Day now features on their website.

It's a very busy time of year for artists, with a variety of exhibitions featuring NNAC members being held throughout East Anglia and beyond. It's great that so many members are active in their communities, bringing joy to people in the area. Don't forget, if you are having your work in an exhibition or event please let us know so we can feature it in the next available newsletter.

Puppy update: little Buddy is growing up fast and spent his first day in the Bell Gallery Bungay where he welcomed visitors to our exhibition and behaved very well indeed!



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ART EXHIBITION

209th

Featuring selected work by members of the Norfolk & Norwich Art Circle

www.nnartcircle.com

MUNNINGS ART MUSEUM

Castle House, Castle Hill, Dedham, Essex CO7 6AZ

10 - 21 September

Open 10am - 4pm

Free entry to the exhibition in the grounds of the museum



The Art History Festival 2025 picked up on our Activity Day on 15 September and Jenny Hand (Director Munnings Art Museum) kindly offered to send details of our event to feature on the Art History Festival website (shown) as well as their own website. This year's theme is 'Art and Nature' and this is some very good publicity for the NNAC.



PAINTING DAY: COME AND PAINT WITH THE NORFOLK AND NORWICH ART CIRCLE

Inspired by the beauty of nature in his native East Anglia, Alfred Munnings first began exhibiting his paintings of country life, river landscapes and horses in his late teens with the Norwich Art Circle. 120 years later and the Art Circle is still going strong. For this event you are invited to paint alongside NNAC members in the garden of the Munnings Art Museum, which is formerly the home of Sir Alfred Munnings. Free admission to an exhibition of current work by the Art Circle is included as well as the opportunity to look around Munnings painting studio which still stands in the garden.

Please bring your own painting and sketching materials.

DATE: 15/09/2025 TO 15/09/2025

TIME: 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

ORGANISATION: MUNNINGS ART MUSEUM

PARTNER: NORFOLK AND NORWICH ART CIRCLE

TYPE: IN PERSON

LOCATION: MUNNINGS ART MUSEUM, CASTLE HILL, COLCHESTER, ESSEX CO7 6AZ, GB

FREE EVENT: NO BOOKING REQUIRED

ART HISTORY FESTIVAL 2025

Visit www.festival.forarthistory.org.uk/event/ and www.munningsmuseum.org.uk for more details

EXCURSION

The coach is now fully booked but please feel free to make your own way down to the Museum to take part in the Activity Day. Contact Hazel to confirm arrangements

Bookings are now open for Christine McKechnie's paper collage workshop on 11 April 2026. Contact Hazel Pidsley to book your place.



Excursion & Activity Day

Monday 15 September

MUNNINGS ART MUSEUM

Castle House, Dedham



BOOKING ESSENTIAL: contact hazelpidsley@hotmail.com

As part of Heritage Open Days and our exhibition during September, we are offering the chance to visit the show and spend a day at Sir Alfred Munnings' former home at Dedham.

You get:

- ♦ travel by coach
- ♦ access to the house and museum displays
- ♦ painting opportunity in the grounds (with help and advice by artists on site)
- ♦ drawing opportunity in the museum

The Tea Room will open serving delicious food, or you can bring your own.

WORKSHOP - PAUL ZAWADZKI

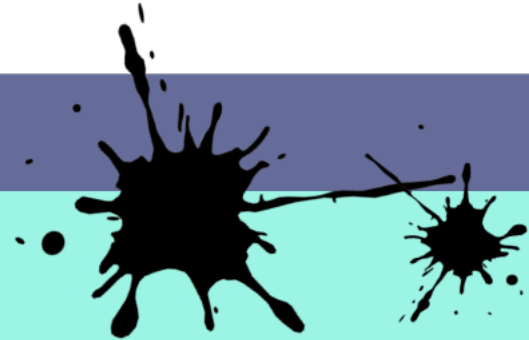
“Drips, blots and splashes”

Friday 15 August, The Pavilion, Cringleford

Eight members gathered with me in the Pavilion on a hot and sunny Friday to enter a world of experimental drawing and painting.

I think it's fair to say it was an unfamiliar world for most of the participants but one that harked back to those carefree primary school days when you could make a delightful mess and be proud of it!

The workshop was a light-hearted activity introducing the idea of allowing chance and randomness to inspire creativity. We started the day by doing exercises making hundreds of simple ink blots which, once dry, were used as the basis for making spontaneous drawings and paintings. It was very interesting (and amusing) to see how each of the participants reacted differently to these blots and produced completely different images.



We then had a discussion of how I use these ideas in my own practice and how making images this way gets rid of preconceptions about how things should 'look', and can inspire composition.

The rest of the afternoon was spent developing these ideas and experiments on larger pieces and looking at using 'found' materials such as feathers, fabric, pine cones, etc as mark-making tools.

I was so impressed by the work produced by the group and the enthusiasm towards working in an entirely unfamiliar way.

And, yes, it did get messy!

Paul Zawadzki



Next meeting/theme:

**Thursday 4th September
Perspective**

Future dates:

Tuesday 14th October/From Above
Thursday 6th November
Tuesday 9th December

The Art Chat meetings are a chance to meet and discuss art related matters with other interested people. We have a theme, which directs ideas into one particular area and helps to focus our thought processes. Meetings are held in the pub, normally in a meeting room or quiet side room by the bar. Some members will arrive early to have food in the bar before we start and obviously alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks are available. It is a great way to meet and learn from others.

£5 per person if using the larger room. Arrive from 6.30pm for 7pm start. The pub closes at 10pm.

DEMOS & WORKSHOPS

For workshops email Hazel to book your place



DEMOS

(Free for members,
£5 non members)

> 24 September *(*by ZOOM only)* 2.00 - 4.00pm

Sharon Hurst Watercolour

> 25 October 2.00 - 4.00pm

Stephen Martyn watercolour still life with limited palette.

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> 24 January 2.00 - 4.00pm

Marcia Whiting Munnings' life at Lamorna

> 28 February 2.00 - 4.00pm

Graham Webber Cityscape in oils

> 25 April 2.00 - 4.00pm

James Power Horses in oils

> 23 May 2.00 - 4.00pm

Stephanie Lacey Wildlife in pen & ink and charcoal

> 27 June 2.00 - 4.00pm

Ian McManus Landscape in watercolour

> 18 July 2.00- 4.00pm

Gareth Jones Seascape in pastel

> 26 September 2.00 - 4.00pm

Julia Tooley Still life in guache

calendar 2025/2026

WORKSHOPS 2026

11 April - **Christine McKechnie**

Paper collage

(£50 members, £70 non members)

BOOKING NOW OPEN!

Unless otherwise stated all events will be held at the Willow Centre, Cringleford, Norwich NR4 7JJ.

*For ZOOM demos participants must contact Hazel Pidsley for the email link.

Workshops must be booked in advance.

Contact: hazelpidsley@hotmail.com

LIFE DRAWING GROUP



The group meets at The United Reformed Church, Ipswich Road, Norwich NR4 6QR

**Next session:
Wednesday 10
September**

Places must be booked in advance and booking opens one week before the session. Please contact Sara Edwards at sara@gullmeadow.co.uk or text 07518 352250.

Model session from 10am, set up from 9.30am, finish 12.45pm. Bring your own equipment.

Cost £10 NNAC member, £15 guest. Please bring cash on the day or make your payment online and let Sara know you have done so.

A reminder that you must be a member of NNAC to be eligible for the member rate of £10. Membership forms are available on the website and guests are still welcome at the rate of £15.

FOR THE DIARY

Christmas Mingle

We know it's a bit early to be thinking about it at this time of year but, for your diaries, this year's 'Christmas Mingle' will be held on Saturday 6 December at the Willow Centre, Cringleford, Norwich.

MEMBER EXHIBITIONS

Have you got any art events/ exhibitions coming up that you would be willing to share with members?

If so, email paulzawadzki@artbear.co.uk to discuss inclusion in our monthly NNAC newsletter



Twin Hatters Art Exhibition

A selection of paintings, prints and cards by Eleanor Alison and Paul Clarke



4th - 10th September 2025

Studio 56, St Benedict's St
Norwich, NR2 4PG

NNAC OFFICERS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

If you are interested in becoming a Council Member, or know someone who would be, please speak to a Council Member or contact Hazel Pidsley or Ally Zawadzki. Interested parties are welcome to attend a meeting as an observer.

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