

EXHIBITION NEWS

210TH NNAC EXHIBITION THE FORUM NORWICH 8 TO 15 MAY 2026

Our 210th Art Exhibition will be at the Forum Norwich from 8 to 15 May. Please note SELECTION will be at the Willow Centre on **Saturday 14 March**.

Sponsor a page in the Exhibition Catalogue: £25 for ¼ page promotion

A wonderful opportunity to promote yourself in our catalogue which will be available to visitors at the NNAC exhibition at The Forum.

Send your information and images to Ally Zawadzki and she will arrange a page for you. Email her at: ally.m@artbear.co.uk and copy Hazel into the email for her to invoice you (hazelpidsley@hotmail.com).



FROM THE CHAIRMAN

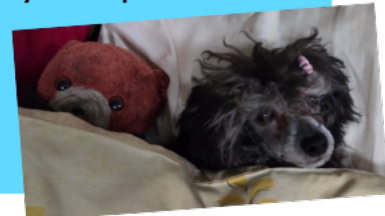
Time flies and it's March already, can you believe it? Not long now for our

210th exhibition at the Forum. I am looking forward to seeing the range of work by our talented members at Selection Day.

Something else to look forward to is a totally revamped and rebuilt NNAC website, which will be launched in the very near future so watch this space.

Puppy news - Buddy is very sorry he tried to escape recently and promises never to venture out on his own again...

Ally



REMINDER:

The NNAC AGM is 2pm at the Willow Centre, Cringleford NR4 7JJ on Saturday 28 March

ArtChat

Held at: The White Horse, The Street, Trowse Newton, Norwich, NR14 8ST

E-mail: eleanor.alison@btinternet.com

Tel: 0781821551

Next meeting/theme:

**Tuesday 10 March
'Circus'**

**Thursday 2 April
'Flowers'**

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.

DEMONSTRATION: GRAHAM WEBBER

Saturday 28 February

Graham Webber, Cityscape in oils

The Willow Centre was full to capacity for Graham Webber's entertaining demonstration on Saturday. He took us through the complete process of creating a stunning scene in his loose style, explaining his methods and approach to his practice. Many of the audience went away feeling informed and motivated, and I was personally inspired by his incredible sense of colour and the effective use of a limited palette.

Paul Zawadzki



PLEIN-AIR PAINTING DAY: MENDHAM MILL

Wednesday 8 July 2026

NNAC members have been offered a chance to paint in the grounds of the birthplace of Sir Alfred Munnings, Mendham Mill, Mendham, Harleston IP20 0NN. A £5 fee will be payable on the day. Tea and coffee and toilet facilities will be available.

Please contact Hazel Pidsley, e-mail hazelpidsley@hotmail.com

Please note - this opportunity is limited to only 18 participants.



WINTER THEME...



We have been sent a lovely pastel painting titled *January*, by Ruth Mann for inclusion in our monthly themed artwork showcase.

If you have a painting on the theme of **SPRING** for next month and would like us to include it in the newsletter, please send it to paulzawadzki@artbear.co.uk.



calendar 2026

DEMOS (Free for members, £5 non members)

WORKSHOPS 2026

11 April - **Christine McKechnie**

Paper collage

(£50 members, £70 non members)

BOOKING NOW OPEN!

Saturday 5 September -
Rachel Thomas

Mixed media with oils

(£50 members, £70 non members)

TBC

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

Workshops must be booked in advance.

Contact:

hazelpidsley@hotmail.com

> 25 April 2.00 - 4.00pm

James Power Horses in oils

> 23 May 2.00 - 4.00pm

Carole Massey Acrylic, gels, mediums, palette knives.

> 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

> 24 October 2.00 -4.00pm

Tracey Ross Norfolk coastline in acrylic & mixed media



LIFE DRAWING GROUP

Next session:
**Wednesday
11 March**

booking for the
summer term will
open early April

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

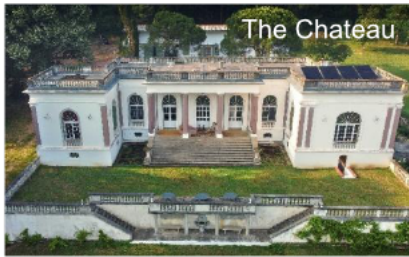
Booking for the term opens early January. Please contact Sara Edwards at sara@gullmeadow.co.uk

Cost: £30 per term for NNAC Members, £45 for guests.

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

PAINTING HOLIDAYS

with Carole Massey 2026



The Chateau

CHATEAU DE POURPRY, France

MAY 3 – 8

New for 2026

**Sketching & Painting Landscapes +
Portraits from life.**

Contact Eric: <https://www.d.pourpry.com>



The studio

THE PEAK DISTRICT with Alpha Painting Holidays

OCTOBER 4 – 8 <https://www.alphapaintingholidays.com>

Studio based course with sketching / taking photos on location
to be worked into paintings back in the studio



**GIBRALTAR with Alpha Painting
Holidays** *New for 2026*

NOVEMBER 7 – 14

<https://www.alphapaintingholidays.com>

Staying in the famous Rock Hotel,
with days out to stunning locations
around the island as well as the
beautiful town itself



Experienced tutor • All abilities • "Wonderful experience" • Superb hotels •
Demonstrations and one-to one tuition • Non painting partners welcome
Full Board • Airport transfers included

Contact Carole for more details

E: carolemasseyart@gmail.com • www.carolemassey.com

CREATIVE HOLIDAY OPPORTUNITY

big sky art

Do you want a really inspiring experience to develop your watercolours and connect with like minded people on a wonderful luxury creative holiday this spring?

Nicky Hunter is pleased to share her fourth year tutoring as one of the selected artists at the prestigious BIG SKY ART luxury art retreat, which hosts national and international artists to bring you the very best painting holiday experiences in the UK. She will be teaching her Expressive Watercolour Workshop from 8–13 March 2026.

Set in the stunning White House on the Norfolk coast, this luxury painting holiday combines beautiful surroundings, delicious food, and the company of like-minded creatives.

Together you will explore flowers and wildlife and use traditional watercolour techniques with a loose,

expressive, contemporary twist. Nicky will guide you how to successfully use bold colour, composition and brushwork - helping you to create vibrant, joyful paintings that truly sing from the page.

View Nicky's artwork: www.nickyhunterart.com

Book your place: www.bigskyartcourses.com



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: EXCURSION TO LONDON



We have planned a coach trip to London on Wednesday 29 July. £22 for Members, £30 for Guests.

There will be a choice of two drop-off points in London - The Royal Academy and Trafalgar Square.

To book your place contact Hazel Pidsley*

MEMBER EXHIBITIONS:

Work by NNAC members will be on show at the annual SPRING ART SHOW at the Forum, Norwich from 11 to 15 March. This exhibition showcases some of the best artwork from about 40 artists in our region. If you want to come to the PV (11 March 7.30pm) contact Paul Zawadzki.

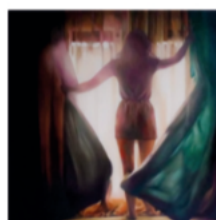
PORINGLAND EXHIBITION

Several NNAC members are showing work at the annual PORINGLAND ART EXHIBITION taking place on 17 and 18 April at Poringland Catholic Church, Upgate NR14 7SH. Preview is on Thursday 16 March. It is always an interesting and diverse show from artists of all ages and experience.

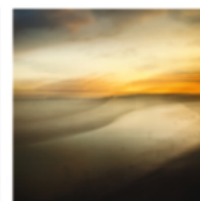
Have you got any art events/ exhibitions coming up that you would be willing to share with members?



Over 40 artists from the East of England



11th - 15th March
at ^{the} **forum**, Norwich



For more details visit springartshow.co.uk

If so, email paulzawadzki@artbear.co.uk to discuss inclusion in our monthly NNAC newsletter. Please note the newsletter is produced in the last week of the month so info needs to be with us by the 25th for inclusion in next months issue

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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