

Art Awards

Art Awards for the Over 60s re-launched for 2003

At the Supermarket
Mrs Edith Borton-Koessler, aged 71
Tring, Hertfordshire



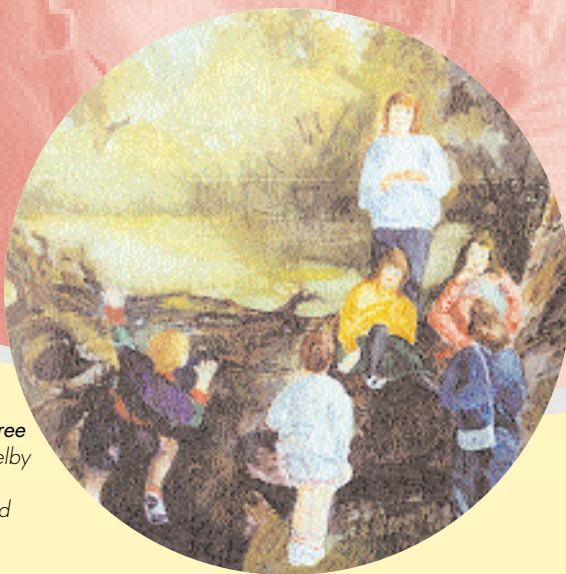
Daffodil Fields and China Clay Pits
Mrs Jennifer Davidson
aged 62
Redhill, nr. Bristol



Windowsill
Mrs Suzanne Clarke
aged 77
Cleeve, nr. Bristol

For 7 years, EAC's annual event Art Awards for the Over 60s has provided encouragement and pleasure to many thousands of amateur painters. Now, after a year's break, Art Awards is back – with more volunteers on board determined to further raise its profile and scale.

The Uprooted Tree
Ms Alexandra Selby
aged 91
Sutton Coldfield



As always, Art Awards will have particular appeal to older people who live in sheltered or retirement housing and in care settings, as well as those who attend day centres. Special prizes are designed to encourage their participation, and EAC works closely with landlords, managers and home owners to help publicise the event and celebrate local successes.

Art Awards is a national competition open to all amateur artists over 60 and in the past has attracted a large number of very talented people; some of whom have painted all their lives and others who only took up the hobby in retirement. The last competition attracted over 3,500 entries and one of the winners was aged 103! So it is never too late to enter. Paintings by the 80 finalists will be displayed on the EAC Art Awards Stand at the Artists and Illustrators Exhibition at the Business Design Centre in London between 24-27 July 2003. This exhibition attracts 18,000 visitors.

Art Awards offers cash prizes of £500 in all categories – and in the case of the special prizewinners, and additional £500 for their sheltered or retirement complex, care home or day centre, to be spent for the benefit of everyone there.

There are many other prizes too:

- Daler-Rowney are being extremely supportive as well as giving boxes of paints, in the medium of the winning picture, to all the winners.

- The SAA are giving vouchers to the runners-up for artist's materials.

- The Earnley Concourse in Chichester has again, generously, offered a Painting Weekend for two. This prize is for the picture considered by our judges to show exceptional imagination and creativity.

- Artists and Illustrators Magazine are giving our winners a year's subscription to their magazine as well as free entry to the Exhibition for all finalists.

Re-launching Art Awards has been made possible by the recruitment of two active and enthusiastic new organisers, Meri Benham and Jenny Fidgen, to support and build on the work of Dorothy Kershaw and Jennifer Finegold. They bring with them new ideas to add spice to the original concept, and are keen to hear from anyone who would like to be associated with the competition, through sponsorship, by providing prizes or simply by promoting it.

Entry Forms and Posters are available by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope to: EAC over 60's Art Awards, The Old House, Rotherwick, Hook, Hampshire RG27 9BB.

For further information please contact Meri Benham Tel/Fax 01256 764139, e-mail mehenam@lineone.net



Meri Benham
Jenny Fidgen
and Dorothy
Kershaw

PARTNERSHIPS IN ART AWARDS

Art Awards is a vehicle for celebrating artistic endeavour and achievement by older people. It is also capable of communicating a powerful message about the importance of suitable housing, support and care to enable all older people to lead their lives to the full. It is therefore a natural partnership venture; one which has cemented alliances between EAC and many other organisations and individuals who work with and for older people.

Already involved in the re-launch of Art Awards are NAPA (National Association for Providers of Activities for Older People) and The Dark Horse Venture, plus housing providers English Courtyard Association, Hanover Housing, Housing 21 Peverel Group, Retirement Care Group and Wales & West Housing Association.

Come and join us! Help make Art Awards the event of the year for older people associated with your organisation!

ENTERTAINERS DIRECTORY



The Entertainers Directory is a handy reference for all managers of care homes, sheltered housing, day centres and other settings where older people meet or live.

It features 75 performers, all specialising in providing entertainment for older people in London and surrounds.

Acts include cabaret, comedy, song, dance, workshops and theatre performances, with more than half of the entertainers charging less than £50.

The Entertainers' Directory is published by EAC in association with Age Concern London, and is now available to all readers of this Review at the special price of just £8 including postage. Contact EAC on 020 7820 1343.