



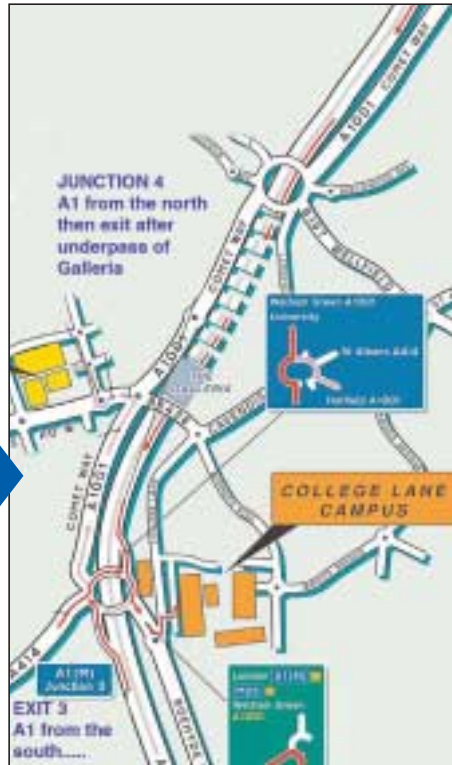
MEMBERS MEETINGS 2007 FOR YOUR DIARY

• *HVAF SPRING MEETING* •

Please note, the INSIGHT meeting is on **FRIDAY 27th APRIL at 7.30pm**. Following their very successful first exhibition, the lens and digital group, Insight, will be hosting the meeting on April 27th. They will be showing a range of work, which demonstrates the diversity of the group - which encompasses traditional and experimental photography, installation, video, mixed media ... There will also be an opportunity to discuss any technical and creative problems you might be encountering - so bring along a laptop if you wish."

OUR NEW VENUE
ROOM No. C154
Main Reception
UNIVERSITY OF HERTS
College Lane, Hatfield
Herts AL10 9AB

Parking free after 4.30pm.
Car Park 9 is large – turn left between buildings 2 & 3 on the left as you enter campus. Main entrance to room C154 for our meeting is building 5.



HVAF APRIL MEETING:

AN EVENING WITH INSIGHT, HVAF LENS & DIGITAL GROUP



Come to the April meeting - on Friday 27th April, 7.30pm for 8pm at the new location at the University of Hertfordshire, (Room C154 in the main reception area) and find out what InSight, our Lens and Digital group, has been up to. InSight was formed two years ago to cater for the increasing popularity of what is loosely termed 'new media'. As their recent first exhibition showed, the remit is broad - ranging through traditional and experimental photography, video and film, installation, digital imagery, and mixed media. The group will present a range of work, and discuss the creative challenges and possibilities involved.



BRAINSTORMING!

As part of the evening, you will have the opportunity to discuss with individual members of the group any creative and technical problems you may be encountering. We don't guarantee to solve them, but we'll try and help! So if you want to bring a laptop along, please do.



Not to be missed!



Have you entered Open Studios 2007?

Then look out for the proof of the text for your brochure entry which will be posted out to Individuals and Group Contacts in the week commencing 23rd April. If you do not receive your proof by 1st May, please contact the OS Coordinator, Wendy Dumbrell email openstudios@hvaf.org.uk, tel 07813 100651.

Open Studios Community Projects 2007

The HVAF/OS Funding Group has now considered the proposals submitted for Community Projects this year. The successful projects are:

Open Studios in the Community: West Herts College Mobile Workshops - visits to 10 schools and community centres in the week commencing 23rd April 2007. Planned activities include T-shirt printing, clay modelling, felt matting, batik, performance and video. A small exhibition will accompany the workshops.

Insight into the Maltings – an interactive event over the weekend of 8th/9th September in the Maltings shopping centre in St Albans by members of Insight, our lens and digital media group. Plans include an artwork based on footfall, performance art, pavement art and various installations and activities involving the public.

Royston Area Visual Artists – a promotion event with the local business community, a town centre interactive event, involvement with an international kite festival, plus a supporting exhibition in a town centre pub/restaurant over the weekend of 31st August/1st September.

More information on these projects will be posted on our website.

Further funding will be available for Community Projects in 2008 and the application process and deadline will be published later in the year. But put on your thinking caps now for creative projects that reach out to the community and meet the aims of this initiative. See the website for more details: www.hvaf.org.uk/os/community.htm

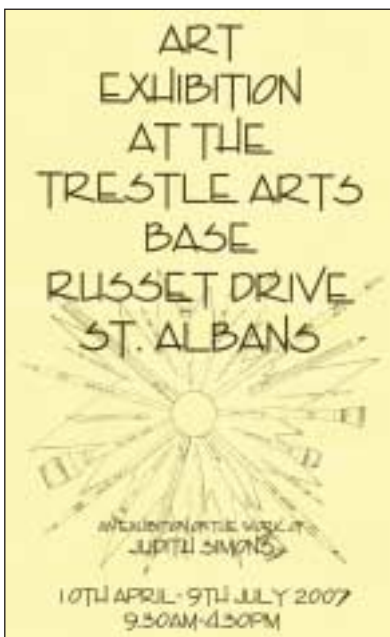
Pension Advice to Artists

Arts Council England has been working with EUCLID on the development of advice to artists on pension provision.

EUCLID has now finished the planning for a national programme of pensions education seminars. These will run across the country over the next two months and are free to artists.

More info can be found at: <http://www.euclid.info/content/view/40>

Please pass this on to any artists' networks



Why not join The Arts Debate - a consultation on what people feel about public arts funding - finding out what people really want, rather than what they should be given.
Go to www.artsdebate.co.uk . The consultation runs till May.

For all contacts information & opportunities visit: www.hvaf.org.uk

ENQUIRIES:

By Email:

Use the links at www.hvaf.org.uk. Contacts page

By Post: HVAF, P.O. Box 894, St Albans, Herts AL1 9EG

By Telephone:

New Member Enquiries	01582 766624
Change your membership details:	01582 766624
Create or update a page in the web gallery	01582 766624
Send news for the website or newsletter	01707 650356
Open Studio Coordinator:	07813 100651
Sculptors Group	01920 461625
Painters North Group (Indigo)	01462 450393
Painters South Group	01727 863432
Lens Based Media Group	01442 877402
Textiles Group	01442 401795
Ceramics Group	01727 860615
Creative Herts Associate M/ship	01763 231522
Credit Card Facility	01462 450393
General Enquiries:-	0208 4419805

Commonwealth Arts and Crafts Awards 2007 (UK)

The Commonwealth Foundation has announced that the Commonwealth Arts and Crafts Awards 2007 are now open for application. Artists and craftspeople from all Commonwealth countries are encouraged to enter the awards, and from mid 2007 as many as ten winners will receive a grant of up to £8,000 to travel and study in another Commonwealth country.

The Awards are built around two-way sharing. Award winners undertake a residency period with an artist or arts institution in their chosen country where they develop their artistic and personal skills, and share skills and knowledge with artists and the wider community from the host country.

The closing date for applications is the 1st May 2007.

<http://www.commonwealthfoundation.com/culturediversity/craftawards/artsandcrafts/index.cfm>

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ENJOY! PUBLIC ART in Hertfordshire

The Hertfordshire Public Art booklet is now available.

Look for it in libraries, tourist boards etc and at HVAF meetings.

HVAF contributed to this book

ART FORM GROUP REPORTS

At the quarterly organising group meeting in March, leaders of the Art Form Groups spoke about the activities, successes and particular interests of their groups. There were a number of important shared needs – the opportunity to exhibit, network and discuss methods and events in their field of interest for instance. Several groups hold their meetings at different houses to ensure accessibility to members in various parts of the county. Many groups have an interesting programme of workshops, trips & activities at interesting places. The numbers of members for each group are fairly small however – averaging 15.

The need to improve communication and attract new and also younger members was mentioned by several leaders. Contact details for group leaders are already on the website, in the newsletter and in welcome information to new members. However, it was agreed to include more information about meetings and group activities on the website where easy & quick updates are possible. An interesting suggestion was that more inter-disciplinary activities could also be rewarding. Group leaders could liaise to plan an event now & then, open to all HVAF members and with the ideas & involvement of their own members. Several lively ideas were put forward.

A constant need to improve skills and technical expertise was raised – (for example computing & Photoshop). As this could not be effectively achieved by the groups, a class of some kind might be discussed with Creative Herts for instance. A laptop could be useful at meetings with a focus on technical issues.

Do you have any suggestions? If so, contact the group leader for your art form - see contact details in this newsletter.

Also

LOG ON to www.artsdebate.co.uk – for your say on the future of public spending on the arts

or www.enternet.org.uk for news of an April festival & conference on new technology.

INDIGO PAINTERS GROUP

Report of the January Meeting

Most of the meeting was taken up with arrangements for our forthcoming exhibition at Hitchin Museum. Twelve painters are taking part with ceramics from one member.

We also dealt with other matters of business, eg, the role of a group leader, and discussed our future programme.

Photographer needed!

With the help of Lottery Funding through Arts Council England, we would like to commission a professional photographer to take photographs of individual Open Studios during the 2007 event (8th – 30th September). These will be used for publicity and marketing purposes. If you are interested in being considered for this, contact the OS Coordinator, Wendy Dumbrell, for details. Email openstudios@hvaf.org.uk, tel 07813 100651.

Is there anyone looking for somewhere to exhibit?

Well-lit Exhibition Space at the Newton Price Centre in Watford (2 minutes walk from The Harlequin Centre). **Sharers and small groups welcome.** I am now taking bookings from April 2007 onwards. For more information please email me sarah.how@ntlworld.com or telephone 01923 441614.