

READING GUILD OF ARTISTS

Some details for Exhibiting Members for the Annual Exhibition in 2019

Dear Members,

As promised, here are some details of our next, 89th Annual Exhibition, which is being held at the **Museum and Art Gallery, Reading**. This is something of a coup for us, but is unfortunately a one-off. We will be taking over the main Art Gallery for 3 weeks. The first week will be 'Family Activities' during half-term week, with a lively display of our small works, followed by 2 weeks for our more formal Annual Exhibition, (with no activities).

Full details for hand-in and hand-back, job lists, and the other usual details will be sent out in the New Year once we have had details agreed with Museum staff.

'Family Activities Week' Monday 18th – Saturday 23rd February 2019. We will have a display of small paintings, wall mounted as last year. These wall works should be no bigger than 450mm largest dimension to outside of frame. I would like this display to be happy and sunny, suitable for family viewing, and attractive to children and adults. This display will remain in place as part of the Annual Exhibition. I hope to be able to display one single 3D work per 3D artist (not in addition to small wall works) grouped together in the glass cabinets, plus a lively and inspiring display yet to be agreed. The Museum will be open everyday from 10am to 4pm including the Monday.

Council has asked me to mention that we need a group of Members who could run the Family Activities, which this year will include children creating a "Banquet". Part of the deal with the Museum is for us to run the Activities in the Main Gallery, then we can have 2 weeks for our Annual Exhibition, so we need to make a success of it.

The **89th Annual Exhibition** will be open from **Wednesday 27th February –Saturday 9th March 2019**. The Museum opening times for the public are 10am to 4pm daily, but closed Sundays and Mondays.

This exhibition will, as always, be by Full Council selection, based on artistic merit, which is especially important this year in this high profile venue. Fortunately for this exhibition we will not have the issue of wall space as we have had at Henley. For this reason I have increased the maximum size of the largest work to 1.50m largest dimension (including frame). Your second work can be up to 1.00m largest dimension (including frame).

As well as wall works, 3D works will, I hope, be able to be displayed in the glass cabinets, as well as on simple white plinths (artists own) within the gallery area.

We will have card and browsers for sale on all 3 weeks. Further details will follow.

We will not be increasing our price for submissions for this exhibition, which is £5.00 per submission for wall and 3D works. 25% commission will be taken from the sale price for the Museum.

At present we have no plans in place for a Private View, but we will be discussing this with the Museum in the New Year.

To Summarise:

1. Family Activity Week: Monday 18th to Saturday 23rd February 2019.

One small wall work (450mm largest dimension) OR one small 3D to be displayed in groups in glass cabinets.

2. 89th Annual Exhibition: Wednesday 27th February to Saturday 9th March 2019. 2 wall or 3D works per artist.

Largest wall work 1.50m largest dimension plus another wall work 1.00m largest dimension. 3D works for display in cabinets or artists own white plinths.

ALL WORKS SUBMITTED MUST BE NEW TO THE RGA and preferably not previously shown in the Reading area before. There is no title for this exhibition this year.

Get busy! I will send out submission forms and full details in the New Year.

Hilary Parkinson. RGA Exhibition Secretary