

Welcome to the July edition of the Newsletter. We wanted to remind you that Zoom workshops are available throughout July on Saturday mornings with Ruth Lewis. Places are limited so please contact Pat Hazard to book as soon as possible. Details at the bottom of the Newsletter. Ruth has provided our main article this month - some unusual facts about some well known artists.

Did You Know? - Ruth Jayne Lewis

The French artist Georges Braque, who helped the development of cubism and fauvism, was the only living artist to have art displayed in the Louvre.

Pablo Picasso, a Spanish artist, who was baptised as Pablo Diego Jose Francisco de Paula Juan Nepomuceno Maria de los Remedios Cipriano de la Santisima Trinidad Martyr Patricio Clito Ruiz y Picasso.

Leonardo Da Vinci was a vegetarian and animal rights activist.

Leonardo left fewer than 30 paintings, unfinished. He did leave hundreds of drawings, sketches and notes.

Edgar Degas was fascinated with ballet dancers that he became obsessed, it is estimated that he created 1500 paintings, pastels, prints and drawings of dancers.

Peter Paul Rubens was knighted by both Phillip IV, king of Spain and by Charles I, king of England

Vincent Van Goch had an older brother who died at birth. His name was also Vincent Van Goch.

In a period of ten years Van Goch painted 900 paintings and only sold one. His brother Theo who supported Vincent financially and emotionally, is supposedly to have smuggled a 7mm pistol to Vincent when he was in the asylum, where he shot himself in the wheat field. It took him 3 days to die.

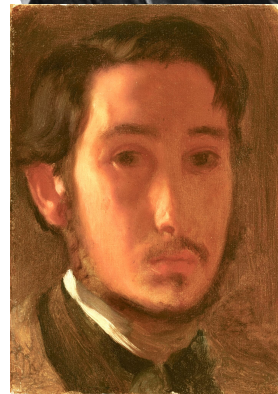
Jackson Pollock often used his cigarettes to paint.

Paul Gauguin once worked on the Panama Canal.

Frida Kahlo, a Mexican artist, had several affairs including communist Leon Trotsky and dancer Josephine Baker.

Surrealist Spanish artist Salvador Dali believed he was his dead brother's reincarnation. He produced over 1500 paintings, there is a portrait or silhouette of Dali in every one.

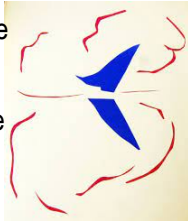
Carravaggio, an Italian artist known for his use of chiaroscuro, was a violent man known for brawling and had been fined and imprisoned many times, his worse crime was killing a gangster over a tennis game.



Caravaggio

Chalk portrait of Caravaggio by Ottavio Leoni, circa 1621.

Henri Matisse's work *Le Bateau* was put the right way up after hanging upside down for 46 days without anyone noticing at the Museum of Modern Art in New York.



Johannes Vermeer used a forerunner of the camera during the 16th century known as the Camera Obscura. Vermeer used the camera to project the scene he was to paint onto his canvas.

Michelangelo, renowned painter of the Sistine Chapel was averse to cleaning himself and would rarely change his clothes.

Ruth's challenge to members.

Using primary colours and secondary colours only, to paint any scene be it a landscape, seascape, figures, or still life, in any medium.

The primary colours are cadmium red, cadmium yellow, cobalt blue. When you mix these you will have secondary colours orange (red + yellow), purple (red + blue), green (yellow+blue). The only other colour you can use is white.

Total number of colours for your painting is 7.

Happy painting!

In the June edition Yvonne Boxall's challenge asked you to send us your paintings based on relationships. We've only received one, from Pat Hazard. Thank you Pat for this lovely painting.



Blasts from the Past

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Sheila Harries, exhibition secretary of the Llanelli Art Society, and fellow artist John Hopkins hang paintings at the Neville Gallery, Llanelli, for the society's winter exhibition.

AN ART award established last year has been won by Mr Frank Goddard for his painting of Llanstephan Castle. The winner of the Hugh Richards trophy, a bronze sculpture designed by students at Dyfed College of Art, was unveiled at Llanelli Art Society's Winter Exhibition. The show at Llanelli Library's Nevill Gallery was opened by the deputy borough mayor Mr. Dilwyn Bowen, before a capacity crowd.

Painting of castle wins award at art society show

There were more than 100 paintings and three pieces of sculpture on view, but local artist Mr. John Bowen who headed a judging panel comprising the Lord Lieutenant of Dyfed, Mr David Mansel Lewis, who is the art society's president, and Mrs Margaret Hughes, chairperson, praised the 'considerable techniques' employed by Mr. Goddard.

Missing Vowels Quiz

Five French and five American artists both Christian and surnames with vowels removed.

HNRMTSS	French	5 & 7
CLDLRRN	French	6 & 7
NCHLSPSSN.	French	8 & 7
GSTVCRBT	French	6 & 7
PRRGSTRNR	French	6-7 & 6
DWRDHPPR	American	6 & 6
GRGKFF	American	7 & 7
RCHRDBNKRN	American	7 & 10
JCKSNPLLCK	American	7 & 7
RYLCHTNSTN	American	3 & 12

Quiz Answers

Henri Matisse.
Claude Lorraine.
Nicholas Poussin.
Gustave Courbet.
Pierre-Auguste Renoir.
Edward Hopper.
Georgia O'Keeffe.
Richard Diebenkorn.
Jackson Pollock.

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Society's pride in it's 'A team'

A GROUP of eleven mature students, all members of Llanelli Art Society, have been successful in passing their 'A' level in Art and Design after studying at CCTA, Graig Campus.

The successful candidates are: Ruth Breton, Sylvia Bain, Betty Hopkins, Joan Jones, Patricia Lane, Maureen Pattern, Gordon Price, Meriel Ruddall, Sylvia Samuel, Edith Thomas and Jean Thomas.

The dedication of students and guidance and inspiration from tutors were the factors which brought about such an excellent success, said a spokesman for the Arts Society.

To contribute to the newsletter, whether it's an article, a letter, a quiz, news, or examples of paintings you're working on please EMAIL us at llanelliartsociety@gmail.com or write to 10 Waun Deri, Pembrey Llanelli SA16 0LF. We would love to hear from you.