

Art «

# Highly Original



Make a date for Alton Art Society's annual show, from 8th to 11th October, celebrating the creative efforts of all ages.

Alton Art Society was formed in 1923 and this annual show, which takes place at Alton Assembly Rooms, will be the 84th in the group's history. Visitors to this vibrant, free event will find lots of original pieces of art work and cards for sale. The society welcomes artists of all abilities and has an active membership of almost 300 people.

Exhibition secretary Kaye Garrett says: "This is always an exciting time to see new work from our artists; previously shown work is not permitted. We've just had a great Summer Exhibition in conjunction with Hampshire Open Studios at Treloar's and earlier in the year exhibited at the Allen Gallery. With three shows in the year it has been a lot of work, but the artists keep finding inspiration. All exhibits are for sale and it's much nicer to have an original on your wall than something you'll see anywhere."

Society members enjoy a monthly programme of talks and demonstrations during winter months as well as indoor painting afternoons each Thursday. The exhibition is enriched by children's work, submitted by almost all local schools. Alongside paintings in various media, there are also sculptures, ceramics, textiles and other art works. It is judged by the society and prizes will be awarded to winners in all age groups from 11am on the Saturday.

Membership of Alton Art Society costs £15 per year and entitles you to join in all of the society's activities, including the right to display work at the annual exhibition. Membership runs from October 1st. To find out more, visit [www.altonart.btck.co.uk](http://www.altonart.btck.co.uk)

● Alton Art Society's annual exhibition will be open from 10am to 5pm from the Thursday to Sunday.

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