

# SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF ARCHITECT ARTISTS

## Ligne et Couleur e-newsletter *April 2015*

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### AGM NOTICE 2015

**SUNDAY 3rd MAY 1.00pm**

Dundas St Gallery, Edinburgh,

The President and Committee invite you to the SSAA Annual General Meeting 2015 to be held in the Dundas St Gallery, Edinburgh on **Sunday 3rd May**. 1.00pm - 3.00pm.

SSAA President Bob Anderson will demit office following decades of wise counsel and guidance which has contributed hugely to the Society's current vigorous status. Bob has represented SSAA at many 'Ligne et Couleur' events and is recognised and admired by architect-artists throughout Europe. David Cameron also stands down having successfully grown and refined our Membership and subscription base over recent years. Both Bob and David have generously offered continuing support and assistance for ongoing projects.

Following the success of last year's format, invited speakers will this year discuss how to promote work for sale, and how to present work in a 21st century market. The AGM will close our 2015 Spring Exhibition and members will also be able to collect unsold works after 3.00pm

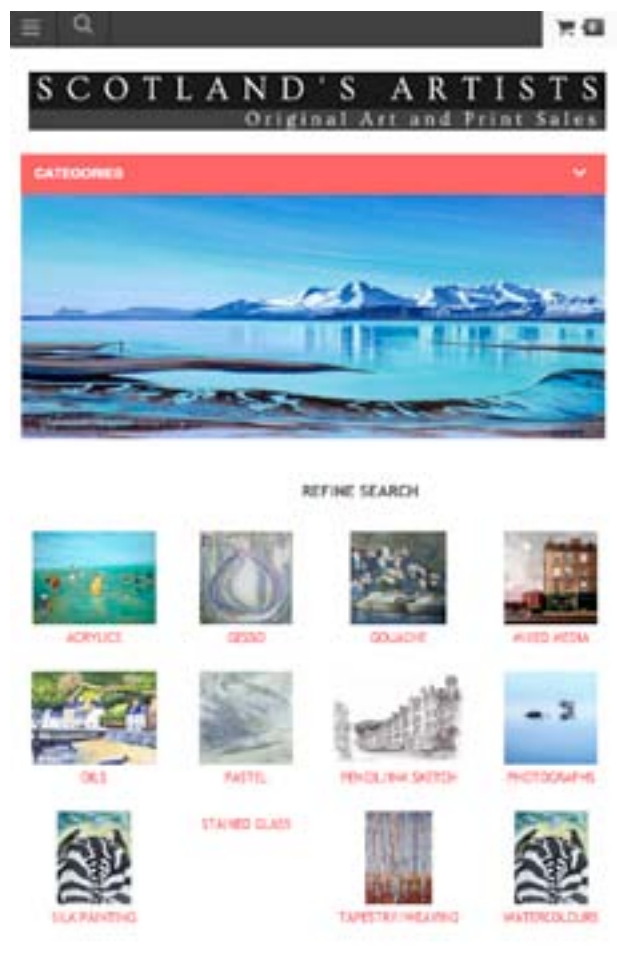
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### SSAA Subscriptions 2015

As suggested at 2014 AGM rather than collect subs at the festive season when we all have other things in mind, SSAA now aims to collect forthcoming subscriptions in Spring. Those who pay by direct debit have enjoyed 15 months of membership until next renewal in April 2016. In order to maintain the modest £20 per annum charge for membership it remains important that we receive all subscription fees by the AGM.



Guest Speakers at the AGM will include Karen Cairns one of Scotland's most prolific architect artists and John the founder of web gallery [www.scotlandsartists.com](http://www.scotlandsartists.com)



## KAREN CAIRNS

Karen's first exhibition was in Clachanmore Art Gallery in 2002, where her opening sale was a vivid still life bought by MSP Alasdair Morgan. Since then she has exhibited throughout Scotland, delighting the public with her ability to capture the vagaries of restless weather and the rare moments of light which transform familiar urban settings into living art.

Buyers are now regularly tempted to add a Karen Cairns original to their collections. Galleries she has shown in include Scotland-art, (Glasgow and Edinburgh), Smokehouse Gallery, (Eyemouth) Art Exposure, (Glasgow), Jerdan Gallery (Crail), Morningside Gallery (Edinburgh), The Beresford Gallery (Ayr), The Airport Gallery, (Edinburgh) and also at the Art Fairs of Glasgow, Edinburgh and Pittenweem.

## [www.scotlandsartists.com](http://www.scotlandsartists.com)

Scotland's Artists started in March 2003 following on from a conversation that noted that there was not a Directory/listing of artists who lived and worked in Scotland. As I was becoming interested in creating a website it seemed like the ideal subject to tackle. Working full time I was only able to treat this as a hobby but over the coming years, after a slow start, the number of artists who have joined has grown steadily to over 339 (currently) and the website is now visited by a substantial number of people (not hits which give a false impression) and is also used by several galleries around the UK to source artwork for exhibitions.

Fast forward to January 2012 and the decision was taken to place Scotland's Artists on a more formal footing. This would enable us to move from a free listing website to one that was able to offer a range of additional services to our members. A year and a few months later I retired from my job as an ICT Technician at a school in North Lanarkshire to concentrate on Scotland's Artists full time.

From the outset it has always been Free for artists to join and that will always be the case.

For some time your SSAA Committee has been searching for a way to make our website 'Gallery' more useful and perhaps even offer items for sale. Re-inventing the wheel can be unrewarding and a waste of time so we propose to introduce experts in this field 'ScotlandsArtists' to our SSAA membership.

[www.scotlandsartists.com](http://www.scotlandsartists.com) not only offer free listing for artists, but by arrangement will sell ORIGINAL works on line, and can make 'Giclee' art quality PRINTS for sale, or Art Cards as required. Some SSAA members Charina Beswick, Stuart Campbell have already experimented with this and have found it to be very useful! In particular I like the fact that the purchaser pays the site before the artist despatches the artwork. If there is any dispute about the product or arrival the client can be refunded, but more commonly the payment is released to the artist. This gives certainty to both the artist and the purchaser.

Come along to the AGM and learn how easy it is to get started with your own art sales on line!  
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