



LAWRENCE
ART SOCIETY

2026
PROGRAMME

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HELD AT THE CONSERVATIVE CLUB, LONG ST. DEVIZES

PAINTING A WINTER SCENE IN ACRYLICS

Nigel Downing 19.15, 05 JAN.

Nigel's work primarily begins with looking and drawing, and builds from this starting point. A landscape painter living in Somerset, Nigel also paints sporting subjects and illustrative material. He will be painting a winter landscape in acrylics.

www.nigeldowningart.co.uk

PAINTING A PORTRAIT IN OILS

Stewart Beckett 19.15, 02 FEB.

Hampshire-based artist, Stewart, has taken part in both Landscape and Portrait Artist of the Year and has recently been elected as an associate of the Royal Institute of Oil Painters. Stewart will demonstrate how to paint a portrait in oils.

www.stewartbeckett.co.uk

PAINTING A COASTAL SCENE IN GOUACHE

Kate Wrigglesworth 19.15, 02 MAR.

Kate describes herself as an artist, designer, and dancer, and works in a variety of mediums creating expressive works based on her environment. She will demo how to paint a coastal scene in gouache.

www.katewrigglesworth.co.uk

PAINTING A LANDSCAPE IN WATER-MIXABLE OILS

Simon Bishop 19.15, 13 APR.

A member of the Lawrence Society, Simon has developed a distinctive technique for using water-mixable oil paints, which he uses for both portrait and landscape paintings. Simon will be painting a landscape using water-mixable oil paint.

www.facebook.com/SimonBishopPaintings

PAINTING A LANDSCAPE IN WATERCOLOURS

Ian McManus 19.15, 18 MAY.

Ian, a watercolour artist based in East Anglia, is joining us for a demonstration followed by a workshop (on 19 May). Ian is known for painting street scenes bustling with figures and the hubbub of everyday life, as well as coastal and pastoral scenes.

www.ianmichaelmcmanus.com

PAINTING AN ANIMAL PORTRAIT IN ACRYLICS

Jonathan Newey 19.15, 01 JUN.

Jonathan comes from a long line of artists and specialises in drawings and paintings of wildlife, architecture, and impressionist landscapes. You can learn how to draw animals from his various books and watch him paint an animal portrait in acrylics when he joins us.

www.jonathannewey.com

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PAINTING A STILL LIFE IN OILS

Catherine McVean 19.15, 06 JUL.

Based in Ascot, Catherine is best known for her still life oil paintings, which she describes as 'quiet celebrations of everyday life'. Catherine will demonstrate painting a still life composition for us, focusing on capturing reflections and highlights.

www.catherinemcvean.com

COLLAGRAPH PRINTING

Hannah Cantellow 19.15, 03 AUG.

Hannah is a Wiltshire-based artist and printmaker, specialising in linocut, woodcut prints, and illustrative designs. Her work is inspired by a love of nature, landscape, and archaeology, and this is reflected in her work. Hannah will be demonstrating collagraph printing, where a textured plate is created, inked and printed.

www.hannahcantellowstudio.co.uk

OUTDOOR SKETCHBOOKS

Note earlier start time. 18.30, 07 SEP.

Following previous sketchbook sessions, we plan to go one step further and take our sketchbooks outside (weather permitting), where we will be drawing in a familiar location in Devizes (location TBC). This session will include guidance on sketching for those who need it.

DRAWING A PORTRAIT WITH CHARCOAL

Mick McNicholas 19.15, 05 OCT.

Largely self-taught, Mick is a portrait artist working predominantly in oils and charcoal. He has exhibited with the Royal Society of Portrait Painters and at the Royal West of England Academy. He will demo how to draw a portrait using charcoal.

www.mickmcnicholas.co.uk

STITCHING SCENES FROM LIFE

Harriet Riddel 19.15, 02 NOV.

Back to join us with a new demo, Harriet creates landscapes and portraits with her sewing machine. Her work is almost always created in situ and often using her pedal-powered sewing machine, which we may need a volunteer to power.

www.institchyou.com

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING / ART SOCIETY PAINTING CRITIQUE

David Coble 19.00, 07 DEC.

For December, we're going to try something new, with an opportunity for members to bring their artwork to show what they've been working on over the year. If they wish, they can also receive a critique by David Coble, Devizes-based portrait artist who demonstrated for us in 2025. We encourage members to bring a self-portrait; hopefully inspired by our demonstrations this year in paint, charcoal, or on a sewing machine.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

The Lawrence Art Society is a vibrant community for artists. Whether you're a seasoned painter or just starting your journey, you'll find inspiration, support, and opportunities to grow. The society hosts regular demonstrations, workshops and exhibitions, fostering a passion for art. Visit our website for details of group meets.

Adult membership	£30 pa + £2 per monthly meeting
Student membership (age 16-25)	£6 pa + £2 per monthly meeting
Guest	£6 per meeting

membership@lawrenceartsociety.co.uk

ANNUAL EXHIBITION

The 2026 Lawrence Art Society Exhibition will take place in the former church – St. Mary, Devizes, located behind the Castle Hotel on New Park Street. This event is the highlight of our calendar, drawing art enthusiasts from around the region. It offers a wonderful opportunity for members to showcase their art and for visitors to view and purchase.

Whether you're a seasoned artist or starting your journey, we invite members to take part.

EXHIBITION SUBMISSIONS

Tue. 30 June 16:00 – 18:00

Members should hand in their paintings between 16:00 and 18:00.

EXHIBITION PREVIEW/ EVENING

Wed. 01 July 18.30 – 20:00



DEVIZES

EXHIBITION OPEN TO PUBLIC

Thu. 02 – Thu. 09 July 10:00 – 17:00

EXHIBITION COLLECTIONS

Fri. 10 July 10:00 – 12:00

Members should collect their paintings between 10 am and noon.