

# CAMBRIDGE DRAWING SOCIETY

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## MEMBERS

The Society has some 160 members, who include both amateur and professional artists. Past members include Gwen Raverat, Cecil Beaton, Ronald Searle and Peter Graham, a current Vice-President of the Royal Institute of Oil Painters, and others for whom the Society provided a stepping-stone to a distinguished artistic career. The Society motto "Draw a line every day" is taken from Apelles who is said to have hidden behind his pictures to eavesdrop on criticism. Visitors today are welcome to write their comments in the book provided at the exhibitions.

## HISTORY

The Society is believed to be one of the oldest of its kind in the UK, having been founded in 1882 by Lady Sandys, wife of the Public Orator. Thus in 2007 the Society celebrated the 125 anniversary of its foundation. Meetings initially took place in members' drawing rooms and later moved to the studio of one Mary C Greene. The early exhibitions were held in the Rate Room of the old Guildhall and the first public exhibition took place in 1906. Throughout its long history the society has fostered the aims of its founding members, "To encourage the arts of drawing, painting and sculpture in Cambridge and district and to promote exhibitions of members' work".

## ART WORK

Despite its name, the Society is not restricted to drawings, but exhibitions encompass a wide range of original paintings in different media, together with mixed media items, batik, sculpture and limited edition prints. The Society does not accept photographic reproductions, including digital reproductions, of finished original works.

## ANNUAL EXHIBITIONS

Each April/May the main art exhibition takes place at the Cambridge Guildhall. The works exhibited will be chosen by a Selection Committee of nine members of not less than 5 years standing and will be chaired by the President. All Society members are entitled to submit four works and receive a guarantee that at least one will be displayed. A second exhibition is held in the autumn at a different venue in Cambridge. The autumn exhibition is not subject to selection.

## NEW MEMBERS

Any artist living within a 30-mile radius of Great St Mary's, Cambridge is eligible for membership. The Guildhall Exhibition provides the opportunity for new members to apply by submitting four recent works, all of which must be for sale. The entries will be considered by the Selection Committee and successful candidates will be eligible, thereafter, to participate in all Society exhibitions and other activities provided they maintain regular payment of an annual subscription and remain resident in the region.

## APPLICATION

Application forms for membership and rules governing submission may be downloaded from the Society website [www.cambridgedrawingsociety.org](http://www.cambridgedrawingsociety.org) and are posted there in early January. Alternatively, these forms

may be obtained from either the Honorary Secretary or Treasurer on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope. Addresses are given below. Further information about the Society, its history, its activities and the works of current members, is also displayed on the website: <http://www.cambridgedrawingsociety.org>

## **SUBSCRIPTION**

In 2010 the Annual subscription for members is £21.00. It is a pre-requisite for showing work at the Society's exhibitions that the member's subscription for the current year has been paid. Membership must be continuous from year to year, and a member who does not exhibit in a particular year is not excused the subscription for that year.

## **FRIENDS**

Friends of the Society may not exhibit or vote but they are welcomed at all other activities, such as lectures, demonstrations and sketching groups. Friends will also receive an invitation to the Private View of every Society exhibition. The annual subscription for Friends is £10 and a cheque or crossed postal order, payable to the Cambridge Drawing Society, should be forwarded to John Glover, the Honorary Treasurer, or to the Secretary. Friends may join at any time.

If you have any other queries regarding the Society please do not hesitate to contact the Honorary Secretary.

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