

Hello fellow art and heritage enthusiasts. Now that the hectic month of July has passed, we can update you on our news and achievements this month.

I am pleased to announce that we were successful in the South Trafford Partnership Voluntary Sector Grant, organised by Thrive. Thank you to everyone who came to the Altrincham Town Hall to vote for our project. Your support has helped us realise a heritage project, 'Mother Knows Best'. It is a oral history project, working with the young and old in the Altrincham area to create sound bites for the North West Sound Archives and Art with a Heart. We will be organising monthly vintage teas and are looking to collaborate with students studying history, sociology or art. Please email me at karen@artwithaheart.org.uk for details.

Last month I had the opportunity to judge the winners of the Altrincham In Bloom, 'Paint a Sunflower Competition' with Keith Morris, editor of Messenger Newspaper. The results are: 7 and over – Winner Molly (aged 8), runner up Varen Batra (aged 9) Under 7 – Winner Lilia Nichols (aged 6), runner up James Christian (aged 6). All the work is now on display at in he old New Look unit, Stamford Quarter

In August, as part of the Cresta Court Community Day, we will updating their gallery with a selection of photographs by Norman Spilsbury. This is the first of our collaborative projects with the Cresta Court an is a fine example of Arts and Business working together.

Over the coming months we will be showcasing a selection of photographs from the late Alex Brodie.

Editorial

It was sad to say goodbye to this years Altrincham Open 2014: 'Aurora Borealis'. It was a great exhibition that was well received by the public with just under 300 votes cast in our visitors choice award and over 1,290 visitors recorded.

I would like to say a big thank you to all the artists who took part. It was a close choice but the results of the awards were:

Visitors Choice: Brin Morris: 'Make me Smile'
Art with a Heart Choice: Ottilia Cormos: 'Garden Cosmos'
North West In Bloom Judges Choice: Pauline Howarth: 'Bluebell Wood'
Altrincham Open Award Choice: Vivien Edge: 'Northern Lights over Honningsvag'

Congratulations to the award winners and all those selected to exhibit.



Altrincham in Bloom Judges Choice

This months exhibitions are 'Bee Aware' in Gallery 1 and 'Transport and Journeys' in the Heritage Area and Gallery 2. Bee Aware is already creating a buzz in the gallery and features work by Steve Marsden and items on loan from local beekeeper, David Rome. The exhibition is aimed to raise the awareness of the plight of the native bee population. With special thanks to Peter Noble and Norman Spilsbury the Heritage space has been updated with photographs and memorabilia themed on transport.

It is proving to be very popular with train enthusiasts. This is in addition to our 1876 maps and local history books. Gallery 2 is showing journeys and transport and we have a variety of artworks on display exploring the vast interpretation of this thought provoking theme

All exhibitions will run until September 28.

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Local News & Upcoming Events

ATC NEWS

Our first Artist Trading Card (ATC) event and trade took place last month and was themed on 'In Bloom'. The feedback from the trading participants has been very positive and we will continue to run 'exhibition' themed ATC events, working with AWAH volunteer and ATC Coordinator, Anita Mistry.

The ATC event for this month is "Transport and Journeys" to coincide with the exhibition in Gallery 2. The swap date is September 19. Please visit our website (<http://www.artwithaheart.org.uk>) for details, check out the event on our facebook page or pop into AWAH to chat with Anita. She will be running an ATC Workshop on August 23, 11am to 4pm.

Details of ATCs and how to get involved is available at Art with a Heart.

In Bloom

Altrincham In Bloom (AIB) has been organised this year by the Altrincham Community Team (ACT). Building on the success of 2013, silver gilt, the team hope to achieve gold with the many improvements including the community planters, hanging baskets, green spaces and the empty unit displays.

Art with a Heart also organised a 'Paint a Sunflower' competition and 'Make a sunflower' clay workshop with Wendy Wallwork in support of the AIB Project. These and the flower display created by artist Paula Sandham is on display in some of the empty units on George st.

In addition, we celebrated 50 years of RHS In Bloom with Paula creating two celebratory pieces displayed in Marco Pani hairdressing, We would like to thank Manchester Airport Community Trust for their support of these activities.



Altrincham in Bloom has come to an end but the planter trail throughout Altrincham is still there to see. Fingers crossed that this year we will have achieved Gold.

Curators Choice

'Our Heroes' Exhibition Sale Waterside Arts Center
This exhibition will be of particular interest to those from the local area. It is the official Trafford Council First World War Centenary Commemoration. Using photographs, archive documents and memorabilia from individuals from the local area, it presents their stories of everyday life during those difficult times.

As part of the exhibition, there is a wall dedicated to Chapel St, Altrincham, looking at the narratives of 11 individuals from this famous street. This display is a poignant tribute to the lives lost on Chapel St. The exhibition as a whole provides a sensitive tribute to the brave men and women from our community during the First World War.

Coming Up

August 23 – ATC Workshop with Anita Mistry

September 06– 'BeeAware' workshop with Dave Rome

October 03 – 'Metaphysical' exhibition at AWAH

October 25– Animation workshop with Matt George

October 31 – Spookywoo Spectacular By ACT

November 01 – Ghost Tour of Altrincham by Blue Badge Tour Guides