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Hello fellow art and heritage enthusiasts and a Happy New Year to you all.

Over 2,000 toys were received for the Salvation Toy appeal organised by Rotary Club of Altrincham, and Art with a Heart was one of the drop off points. We would like to thank all those who donated the toys and other items, and our volunteers for helping out on the days that Santa came to Art with a Heart in Altrincham in support of the appeal. In addition to the toy appeal, money was also raised to enable Rotary Club of Altrincham to purchase 2 further defibrillators.

We are currently working on our 2015 schedule of exhibitions and displays. This month Art with a Heart is exploring two fundamentals within Art: the medium of drawing and the subject of the Human form; a medium essential to any artist and a theme that dominates both historical and contemporary art.

Also starting from this month is a drop in session hosted by Altrincham and Bowdon Civic Society. This will take place within Art with a Heart's Heritage area on the last Wednesday of the month 2pm-4pm. Drop in for Civic Society members and anyone who wants help or has suggestions re planning, green space, town centre, heritage etc.

-Editorial

Gallery One: Draw your own conclusions

Draw your Own Conclusions is exploring drawing as an artform. This display highlights how drawing is an artform in it's own right. It includes traditional media such as pencil, charcoal and ink. We celebrate drawing and ask the audience to draw their own conclusions about it's importance as a work of art.



Sample of artwork by Constance Fearn



Sample of Artwork by Alex McIntyre

Gallery Two: Go Figure

The human figure has been a central focus in artistic cultures throughout history and today is no different. ***Go Figure*** explores the changing faces of portraiture and interpretations of the human form across a wide variety of artistic media. Featuring work by local and international artists, this exhibition aims to embrace and interpret form and demonstrate individuals interpretations of this theme.

Faces of Altrincham

Our Heritage Area has been updated with the ***Faces of Altrincham***: an exhibition that pinpoints people from the local history. Featuring individuals such as Roy Chadwick, Ron Gow and Helen Allingham the display is an interactive experience encouraging the public to explore. There is video footage of the various individuals included in the display; For Example Sir William (Bill) Speakman V.C. The exhibition will continue until March and we will be updating this area as we discover more about Altrincham's heritage.

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Local News and Upcoming Events



Snapshot of the Life Drawing workshop

Workshops

Our first workshop of the year was a free Life Drawing activity and it was highly popular for visitors of all ages. A small selection of the work will be on view in the window next door.

Our next activity will *Healthy Art* on the 14th February. This will be part of a series of activities taking place that day across Altrincham on health and fitness.

Curators Choice: *On the Fold*

The Portico Library and Gallery is a hidden gem in Manchester; a beautifully quaint location it's current exhibition is worth a visit. It features some of the work from four students who took part in the Trafford Schools Open: Chloe Davies, Danielle Hitchenor, Natalie Connolly and second place visitor choice winner Catherine Wilson. It was from the Trafford Schools Open that this opportunity arose as the curator of the portico hand-selected these students whilst visiting our exhibition. We highly recommend the local community to go and show your support and enjoy them once more in this beautiful setting.

Dates for your Diaries

February

- 14 Healthy Art Activity
- 14 ACT Bake-sale for Alty in Bloom
- 15 Deadline for Water exhibition entries
- 22 Deadline to register for ATC
- 25 Altrincham and Bowdon Civic Society drop in sessions from 2pm-4pm



Artist Trading Cards

We are now seeking entries for the ATC exhibition for March and April. The theme is Water and Reflections and full details can be found on our facebook page and website. It is free to enter and each card MUST measure 2.5 inches by 3.5 inches. Deadline for registration is February 22nd, with cards to be sent to AWAH for display from March 4 onwards. The cards will then be traded in May Please see our website or call into the centre

Altrincham in Bloom: Bake Sale

Altrincham community team are holding a fundraising Bake Sale on the 14th February in the Stamford Quarter. to raise money towards this years Atrincham in Bloom

Open Call

We are seeking artists who explore the theme of '**Water**' in new and unusual ways. Contact bex@artwithaheart.org.uk

Call for Volunteers:

We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers to join our team: particularly on a Wednesday or Thursday. Interested? Email contact@artwithaheart.org.uk or call in for a volunteer form.