



# The Art Yard | Newsletter

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## Spring Edition!

Exciting news and updates from The Art Yard Gallery.



Words by Stan, Pictures by Forbes on February 2025

Welcome to our spring edition of The Art Yard (TAY) Newsletter and a happy 2025. Sometimes it feels like we never stop at TAY! In the last week of 2024, we were busy taking our last exhibition down and by the first week of 2025, we had our new exhibition up and running. As usual there are a wide variety of pictures and craft items to look at. If you are passing by pop in and have a browse. You never know what you might find.

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### THIS EDITION'S TOP STORIES

#### Success for TAY Artists



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At the end of 2024, we received great news that The Royal Birmingham Society of Artists (RBSA) had selected five pieces of work, produced by 4 TAY artists (pictures below), for inclusion in their first exhibition of the year. The exhibition opened on 9th January and ran until early in February. You can find more details at <https://rbsa.org.uk>



Becky



Jack



Stan



Gerry



Note: Gerry actually had two pieces accepted but we've only displayed the one because he didn't want to rub it in.

## Looking At The Future



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We are currently thinking about how we might extend the range of classes and groups we currently have at TAY. For example: the development of a wellbeing art group, providing regular art groups and classes at weekends, tutored and untutored groups. It's early days but hopefully will be the time of our next TAY Newsletter, we will have more news for you.

Don't forget we still have a range of group and tuition opportunities available, provided by our team of professional artists.

For more details contact us via the usual channels:

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Photos courtesy of Alex Burgess from of her extremely popular Art Sessions.

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## Volunteers



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Like all voluntary organisations we are desperately in need of more volunteers. The gallery opens 4 days per week from 10:00am – 5:00pm. Volunteers play a really important role in terms of keeping the gallery open. We would love to hear from you if you can spare any time to help us out. Any contribution you can make of a few hours once or twice a week would be of great value to TAY. Interested in hearing more about volunteering? Then why not contact us.

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Alex and Gregg, part of our Art Yard community, are happy to help when they can.

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## THE ART YARD GALLERY'S EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

### PoArtry Group



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We mentioned in a recent TAY Newsletter about the activities of our PoArtry group. The group has gone from strength to strength, so much so that when we last met there were over 30 poets and listeners at the gathering.. Why not come along and try a session? You can just listen or share a poem with us. Must remember to remind Harry to buy a few more chairs!

More details and audio examples of poems can be found here... <https://www.mfaa.co.uk/poartry>



Always a captive and encouraging audience at our PoArtry evenings.

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### Craft Fayre



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Have you visited any of our Craft Fayres yet? We have another one soon – Saturday 8th March at TAY. As usual there will be a wide range of stalls for you to peruse. It will also be an opportunity to look at the wide range of art available and chat with our resident artists about their current projects.



Our Craft Fayres are organised by Sonia Beynon, well known for her amazing Bearmore Bears.

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## Artist in Focus: Becky McCartney



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In the this edition of TAY Newsletter we wanted to introduce you to one of our team of resident artists – Becky McCartney. I recently met with Becky to talk about her work and was immediately struck by the vitality and dynamism of her paintings. Becky describes her work as both ‘abstracted and impressionistic’. She went on to say that working at TAY has given her the chance to be part of a ‘creative community’ and a ‘freedom to paint’, It was also really interesting to hear her say that much of her work can be viewed as a direct ‘response to the landscape after family walks’. Why not pop in and have a look at her work or visit her in one of our upstairs Studios. Below we share just a few images of Becky’s work.

Forbes: An image of Becky and a selection of her work would be great here.

<https://www.instagram.com/beckymccartney.art>



Becky, hard at work in her

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Film Nights at TAY



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At the end of 2024 we launched our first Tay Film Nights. These proved to be a big success. So, for our next season we will be showing E.T. as our first offering in February, followed by a ‘Double Feature’ - AIRPLANE and THE NAKED GUN. Golden oldies!!! Why not bring the family along and join the fun.



Our Movie Nights are worth phoning home about.

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## THE ART YARD GALLERY'S FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Dates for your Calendar

Come visit the gallery...

**Movie Night = E.T.:** Fri 28th February

**Artisan Craft Fayre:** Sat 8th March

**All Day Portraits with Chris Nightingale:** Sun 9th March

**Halesowen College Exhibition:** Mon 10th March - Sat 15th March

**Fun Art Session with Alex Burgess:** Sun 16th March

**Open Art Exhibition:** Mon 17th March - Sat 12th April

**Movie Night = Airplane & The Naked Gun:** Saturday 29th March

**All Day Portraits with Chris Nightingale:** Sun 13th April

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### Other Events & Activities

For up to date information on all of our events and activities please visit our website and follow us on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube.



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