

As we mark the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI, the SAA has partnered with The Royal British Legion to stand together and say Thank You to the courageous men and women who served and sacrificed for our country. Let's remember them the best way we know how – by painting!

We hope to gather together as many paintings and drawings of poppies as we can, as well as raising money for this vital cause. Also, part of the centenary celebrations we'll be holding a special exhibition.

#### Here's how you can get involved with our latest challenge:

Using any medium, create your own poppy picture on any paper of your choice, ensuring it's exactly 125mm x 125mm (4.9" x 4.9"). Send it to us along with your completed entry form and send it to SAA Paint a Poppy Challenge, SAA, PO Box 50, Newark, Notts, NG23 5GY All entries must be with the SAA by 30th September 2018. Your Secretary, Eileen Halliwell, has 10

canvas boards and entry forms for the first ten members who contact her at Monday or Thursday workshops or email eileenhalliwell@icloud.com You can also phone 01942840571

If you can, please donate to support the vital work of The Royal British Legion. Continuing this periodic feature, this month's artist is Piotr Forkasiewicz, born in Opole, Poland in 1978. Aviation art is not

everyone's cup of tea but all Piotr's images are created on a computer, no paint, no paper, just imagination. Although starting with pencils and paints, he soon found the computer as an ideal tool to create the images that he had in mind. To create this picture he used advanced 3D software to painstakingly build a 3D model of a Lancaster bomber and then manipulated it to create a series of striking images. Is this the future of Art?

**Artist of the Month** 

To see more of his work go to **www.peterfor.com/** 

### **W**Art on the internet

Those of you who have access to the web may find this site worth a visit. It has reference to almost every artist who ever lived with examples of their work, and they are shown to quite big sizes so you can see all the detail. When you open the home page click on 'ARTISTS' in the headline banner and look for their name in the drop down menu. https://www.wga.hu/index1.html

#### **Trip to Northwich**



There are still a few places left on the Northwich Art Shops big day out on Saturday July 7th. A celebration of art with five demonstrators in attendance and FREE admission. For details contact Frank Findlow on 07411 431007.

#### **Congratulations...**

to Paul and Elaine Whittaker who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently and to mark the occasion a cake, baked by Judith Leigh, was presented to them at the Wednesday workshop on 2nd of May. There was enough cake to go round and it was delicious!



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## Secretary's Challenge

The winner of the May challenge was Jack Howarth, chosen by Carl Jacobs at his demonstration. Jack used acrylics for his painting and it is shown on the left. Well done Jack, now to the next challenge.

This still life study in acrylics is by Anthony Ogden who will be presenting the July demonstration. Members may choose whatever medium they like and Anthony wil choose his favourite on the demo night. Entries in by July 9th. Usual rules apply.



**Blackrod Art Group** 

# Exhibition

#### **Blackrod Library**

Preview Evening Friday 8 June, 7.00pm

The exhibition will be open during library hours Monday and Thursday 9.00am-7.00pm Saturday morning 9.00am -12.30pm

Saturday 9 June - Thursday 26 July 2018

Admission Free

A vintage Retro Craft Fair is to be held at Smithills Hall on June 17th 11.00am to 4.00pm. Admission is FREE. Another Craft Fair by Crafting Live will be held in the USN Bolton Arena at Middlebrook on Friday 8th and Saturday 9th June open 10.00am to 5.00pm both days. Admission is £5.00 for adults and £4.00 concessions.