



ORIEL GALLERY ARTS CLUB NEWSLETTER

May/June 2007

Dear Member,

This month has been a busy one. The glorious exhibition “Earthly Delights” has been a marvellous success, and the artists Gabrielle Turnbull, Julie Vine and Jacinta Howard have been an absolute joy to work with. We have extended the exhibition until June 9th so if you haven’t had a chance to come and look yet, do try to come before then as it is a real feast for the eyes.

The next exhibition opening on Wednesday 13th June is “Wildflower Country” with beautiful works by Beverley Tracey.

Darling Norman finally made a trip up to stay with us from Tamworth. He arrived with his huge oxygen machine along with all the tubes. He was thrilled by everything that has happened at the gallery since he left last year. He hadn’t seen any of the new building or of course the beautiful paint job that his son Chris has done for us. Oliver Twist was beside himself with excitement on seeing him. He had a battle with his loyalties, on deciding whose bed he was going to sleep in, ours or Norman’s! Anyway, he was very tactful and divided his sleep between the two!! We think Oliver must have had more bedfellows than all of us put together!!! All went really well with Norman until the day before he left, when he decided that he definitely had pneumonia. Dr Nye came to see him, and pronounced that there was really nothing at all wrong with him, apart from the oxygen needed, and it was just a rouse because he didn’t want to leave. He had so many visitors, and had been the centre of attention for five days, so I suppose it was understandable that he didn’t

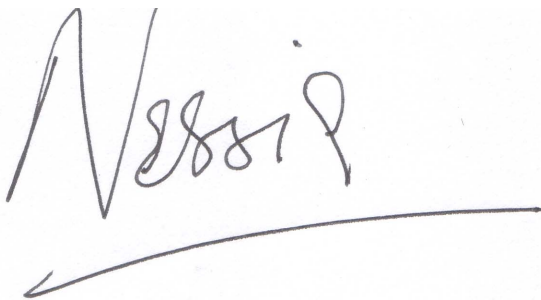
want to go back to what he referred to as “the prison”!! We hope very much that he will come again soon.

The landscaping at the gallery has finally started, so hopefully soon we will have a lovely sculpture garden, with the beautiful fountain that Brett Williams has made for us. We are very excited as we think it is going to look really beautiful. Lots more room for events such as theatre and musical days/evenings, not to mention parties!!!

We have some other exciting exhibitions coming up with Gerard Manion opening on the 11th July. This will be his fifth exhibition with us and we are sure it will be as beautiful as his previous ones. The gorgeous Ashleigh and Hannah who both help out the gallery are organising an exhibition of emerging artists opening on the 29th August. It will be called “Cabinet of Curiosities”. We are very curious as Ashleigh and Hannah have both worked very hard sourcing artists, and they have organised it all completely by themselves. I gather there is to be a fashion installation, music and all sorts of things happening. Ashleigh is a great singer so there may even be some singing as well!! So don't miss that exhibition. I must say they are both a real asset to the gallery and lovely to have around.

Please do remember that we have a library of lovely books, art books, how to do it books, as well as some beautiful Interiors magazines. You will find them in the Norman Searant Reading Room. You can either read them here in the reading room, or borrow them and take them home with you. They are all catalogued. It seems a pity that we have all these gorgeous and informative books, and no-one is sharing them with us!

We hope to see you all very soon,
Best wishes



Nessie