

## Bury Art Society Annual Exhibition

Bury Art Society is delighted to be once again holding its annual exhibition at Bury Art Museum and Sculpture Centre. The exhibition was officially opened on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2023 by The Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury, Councillor Sandra Walmsley. The opening was very well attended by members of Bury Art Society and members of the public.

The Mayor gave out the following awards.

- Millennium Award – Gill Pollitt for 'Fish Owl'
- Tommy Valentine Landscape Award – Geoff Saunders for 'Essaouria'
- David Swithenbank Award – Anna Hiley for 'The Mediterranean from Corsica'
- Mary Edyvean Award – Geraldine Hay for 'Spring Garden'
- Life Image Award – Neil McClung for 'Sasha'
- Derek W White Prize – Shyamal Sarkar for 'Orange Square'

Additionally, three works were Highly Commended –

- 'Hortus Patricius' by Geoff Saunders
- 'Evening Pattens' by Anna Hiley
- 'Nothing to Cry About' by Judy Turner

And two works were Commended –

- 'Eric' by Peggy Hargreaves
- 'Red Eyed Frog' by Peter Jones

The Art Exhibition showcases the wide range of artistic talent in the Bury area and is well worth a visit, the exhibition runs until Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023. During the exhibition members of the public are invited to vote for their favourite painting which will be awarded the 'Mary Shaw People's Prize' on 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

Huge thanks go to Bury Art Museum for their expertise in once again hosting the exhibition, most particularly to museum curator Lee Crocker, who hung the exhibition and to the judges who selected the pictures and decided the winners. The judges were Bury Art Museum curator Stephen Walton, Gina Warburton, Senior Curator at The Whitaker in Rawtenstall, and 2022 Portrait Artist of the Year semi-finalist, Jude Wainwright.

Bury Art Society meets on Monday evenings at Blackburne Hall, Bury Parish Church, and always welcomes new members.

For more information, please follow Bury Art Society's Instagram page at <https://www.instagram.com/buryartsociety/> or visit our webpage <http://buryartsociety.com>



*Gill Pollitt's picture 'The Fish Owl' won the Millennium Award for Best in Show*

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*Left to right: Chair of Bury Art Society Anne Sugden, award winners Judy Turner, Shyamal Sarkar, Geraldine Hay, Anna Hiley, Geoff Saunders, Peter Jones, President of Bury Art Society Peggy Hargreaves, and Mayor, Councillor Sandra Walmsley.*



*The Mayor, Councillor Sandra Walmsley congratulating Peggy Hargreaves, President of Bury Art Society.*