

## Tom's World – Tom Sliwinski's Solo Exhibition

Tom Sliwinski had a very successful exhibition at the Lightbox in Woking from 18-30 April 2023. His amazing collection of drawings, paintings and etchings were on display in the Art Fund Prize Gallery. We had two well attended 'Meet-the-Artist' events during the exhibition and many of his pictures found new homes. We are pleased that a lot of people had the chance to see Tom's work, and got closer to disability art by visiting his exhibition.



## Our Other Mother Project

We had an amazing exhibition together with schools and local artists in the Godalming Museum where we had our Mother Nature collection on display in May and early June. What Next Climate Emergency Charity organised this initiative and we were joining in the worldwide 'Our Other Mother' project. In July pieces of the collection by Artventure participants and Gosden House School students were exhibited at The Electric Theatre in downtown Guildford. The exhibition will be on until 14 September. Please check it out if you have the chance. On 13 July we had a successful Private View.



## Mayor's Award

Artventure has received the Mayor's Award for Service to the Community in 2023 from Dennis Booth, the Mayor of Guildford. It is great honour and we appreciate the recognition.



### Royal Visit

HRH The Duchess of Edinburgh visited Artventure Trust in June. The Duchess met the staff, volunteers and participants, she spent an hour with us and joined in with an art activity. The Duchess visited our Open Studios exhibition and was impressed with the variety of the artworks shown. Artventure participants presented a collaborative piece to HRH - our impressive canvas with the portrait of the late Queen Elizabeth II in a pop art style. We had such a lovely morning with HRH.



### Surrey Artists' Open Studios

Our Open Studios exhibition had more than 120 artworks on display. We had 150 visitors during the two weeks of the exhibition. We offered free workshops for children and adults of our community in attempting to bring disability art closer to the community. Our annual BBQ was a very well attended event – participants, their families, carers, volunteers, trustees, partners joined us and everybody had a good time. The concert by the You Ukes Ukulele Band certainly raised the profile of the event. This year Amy Mears received the Golden Palette Award for working incredibly hard throughout the year.



### Our Portrait of Queen Elizabeth II at the Grange Park Opera

Grange Park Opera displayed our portrait of Queen Elizabeth II during their Coronation Season, before the painting moved to its new and final home at Bagshot Park as part of the collection of HRH The Duchess of Edinburgh.

A group of participants who were involved in creating the piece visited Grange Park Opera in July. We had a guided tour of the building and the gardens at West Horsley Place. We were delighted to see our work in such a spectacular environment and enjoyed the special

treatment we received during our visit including an inspiring tour of the theatre which included time on the stage.



### **Excursion to Wisley Garben to start our new theme: River Wey**

This summer we do not offer our usual three-day workshop, however we invite everybody to join our group and visit Wisley Garden on 22 August from 10.30am to 3.00pm. We will launch our new theme: River Wey. Our friends from the Meath (Epilepsy Charity in Godalming) will join us in the excursion and we will do the River Wey project together. In December we are planning a joint exhibition in the Lightbox, and we will bring the collection to Cranleigh Arts Centre in January. We are looking forward to this great project.

### **An afternoon of music with The Trumbles – Wanborough Village Hall, 7<sup>th</sup> October 4.30pm**

One of our Trustees, Philip Trumble is organizing a Trumble Family Concert in October. Philip's original acoustic guitar music and songs are inspired by the West Highlands of Scotland. Also featured is Lindsay Trumble who has appeared at the Haslemere Festival and Farnham Maltings with her unique cover versions of popular songs. They will be joined by Alexander Trumble and Oliver Trumble who form part of The Trumbles family band along with other guests.

Light refreshments will be available by donation. All proceeds will go to Artventure Trust. If you want to join this special event, click the link below to secure your place.



[An afternoon of music with The Trumbles Tickets, Sat, Oct 7, 2023 at 4:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

**We will break up for the summer on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> July and be back after the break on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023.**

**Have a lovely summer!**