

Young Arts Projects 2023/24

In 2023 we were able to support a local primary school with individual sketch books for the children. As the children pass through the school years the sketch books accompany them thus enabling the children's art journey to be documented in a purposeful way using a range of mediums.

In March 2023 we attended the celebration launch of the Young Curators dedicated gallery at South Mill Arts Museum. The students increased their learning of conservation and exhibition management. Earlier we were able to support them with a Young Arts award which contributed to the cleaning materials needed for their exhibits.

Sales from the profits of the 'Fifty Treasures' booklet produced by our society were used to support a local youth project at the Thirst Café in Bishop's Stortford with a summer photographic competition launched in July 2023.

Since this time we have regularly accepted local secondary school invitations to view their 'A' level end of term exhibitions involving Art, Textiles and Photography which we have found to be of a very high standard. We encourage schools to enter the online 'A' level art competition run annually by the national Art Society and we look to support any local inter-school consortium art competitions.

Representation from teachers and their pupils from our local schools are encouraged and very welcome to attend our monthly lectures. In 2024 two Year 10 students on work placements at a local newspaper, The Bishop's Stortford Independent, attended and reviewed a lecture on 'The Fate of Art in the Nazi Era'.

In September 2024 we were able to contribute funds to a Year 5 & 6 watercolour workshop with take home art packs held at Bishop's Stortford College for primary school children from surrounding schools.