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Dear Artists. 18th June 2021

A downturn in the weather has not dampened our optimism for Surrey Artists Open Studios –yet! It has been very wet the last few days. Let's hope things brighten for the weekend.

We hope you are safe and well.

This newsletter celebrates your amazing new art works and brings news from the studio.



The Surrey Artist Open Studio – Art Matters!

We had a steady stream of visitors to the studio yesterday – until the evening when the rain poured down. Let's hope the weather improves over the next couple of days and everyone gets to enjoy their visit. This weekend we are providing workshops in Soapstone Carving, Wood Assemblage, Foam Printing and Creating Mala's. If you booked a place we look forward to seeing you. All the workshops are fully subscribed.



'Be still, sad heart! and cease repining;
Behind the clouds is the sun still shining;
Thy fate is the common fate of all,
Into each life some rain must fall...'

From 'The Rainy Day' (1842), by American poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.
Our thanks to Raj for the photograph and Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's words.



New work by D. Amazing!



Beautiful new tinted print by Tony.

Peer Tutor Workshops.

Peer Tutor workshops are starting to return to the studio. Following this weekends workshops, next Monday Nigel will be running the Automatic Drawing/Painting session and Suzanne has created a 'Bead & Button Faces' workshop – these are both fully subscribed. Other workshops being planned for July include a painting workshop with Molly and a Wood Assemblage with Ian – booking details to follow. Our sincere thanks to all Peer Tutors for sharing their creativity and restarting these workshops.



Brilliant. Thanks Barry, from us all at Arrrt Matters!

Art Matters website.

Art Matters are back on line with a new website. Our thanks to Caroline for this work and to Clara who established the previous site. Check us out at:

www.artmatters-richmondfellowship.org.uk

All of the images and other works can be found on the Art Matters Instagram account.



Fun being back in studios during Surrey Arts week. Lucy xxx

Thanks for the great print Lucy and yes, it's exciting being part of Surrey Arts.

Do you have a message for an Art Matters friend? Send it to us and we'll put it in the newsletter. Likewise, a thought for the day, a poem, an idea or a picture you'd like to share.



Studio this week: Laura has started a new edition of fantastic prints.



I've just sent this picture to Natasha. I'm so pleased with it! Natasha let my take some fabric home and I wasn't over keen on my sun lounge cover so I was able to upcycle it with the fabric from art matters! It's so nice!! I love it! Hope you're all ok and looking forward to seeing you on Thursday, have a good week! Emma.

Always good to see upcycling Emma – have you had time to put your feet up!



Booking is essential - Please book online at the links below. If you have a query call 01737 649068 or email events@gatton-park.org.uk. Please look out for further details in the coming weeks.



Hi guys hope you are all well and open studios goes well see you Monday for the workshop best wishes. Nigel

Thanks for sending the great artwork Nigel and see you Monday. Have a good weekend everyone!

Thank you everyone for sending in your work. It's an amazing collection. Art Matters feels very proud.

Please continue to listen to Government advice and stay safe and stay in touch. Look after yourselves and each other.

Contacting Art Matters: artmatters@richmondfellowship.org.uk - all staff access these e-mails. You can also call the studio number on 01737 766212 and if we are unable to pick up leave a message and one of us will get back to you as soon as we can.

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We'll see you soon.

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