

BATwords -

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Another winning must-see show of skills and talents in a range of media that will be for viewing until 3rd February.

The opening by Cllr Brian Bishop, Mayor of Bexley, was a lively affair with visitors and artists meeting, viewing and chatting while enjoying the delicious refreshments.

The Mayor was pleased to present the two awards to the artists whose work the selection panel chose, one for 2D and one for 3D.

The 2D Maureen Ridley Winter 2019 Award was presented to Naoko Carter for her painting 'Crossrail, under Construction'.



Her work can be seen partly hidden by the Mayor's right shoulder. This is the second time that Naoko has won a 2D award. Congratulations, Naoko!

Congratulations too, to Christine Coates for being awarded The 3D John Ravera Winter 2019 Award for her ceramic sculpture 'Going Home'.



This was the first time Christine has submitted work for BAT exhibitions. Let's hope she will submit again in the Summer Open.....

SUMMER OPEN ART & SCULPTURE EXHIBITION

SAT.29TH JUNE – SAT.27TH JULY 2019

Start preparing now your submissions for this exhibition which may be our last as we know them, given the threat of diminishing the gallery space by up to half and sharing with shop and exit.

Final submission date has not yet been fixed but will be near beginning of June. Further information will be circulated in good time.

YOUR HELP IS REQUESTED TO TRY

TO SAVE our GALLERY – a jewel in the Borough which so many people value highly and wish to keep for future generations. When thirteen storey buildings are about to fill the skyline at the top of Gravel Hill let us keep the gem located at the bottom of the hill.

If you are devastated by the plans for the gallery it might be helpful to write about your feelings to:

Judith Mitlin, Head of Libraries, Heritage & Archives

At Footscray Offices

Maidstone Road

Sidcup DA14 5HS

Email: Judith.mitlin@bexley.gov.uk

Councillor Peter Craske is very involved in deciding on the adoption of the scheme, or not, so it would be good to copy him in your message at:

Peter.Craske@bexley.gov.uk

It would be helpful if you copied to sheilaottley@btinternet.com as Sheila is working hard to collate as many relevant documents as possible.



One aspect of the current OPEN Winter Exhibition

MAYA CRAFT BAKERY

A Positive Possibility for Painters has come to light in Bexleyheath.

Lucien, the proprietor of The Bakery Shop at 178 Broadway, opposite 'The Rose' pub, is hanging pictures for a nominal £1.00 which goes to charity.

Each work must be ready for hanging and have a label with Title, Artist's name and telephone number plus price.

Buyers will contact the artist directly and arrange to meet.

Lucien takes 15% commission which also goes to charity but will not get involved in the sale as he just wants to encourage the arts.

In addition, of course, is the fact that the bread on sale is truly pure craft and there are light snacks and delicious cakes too.

If you wish to pursue this offer Lucien would prefer you to go to the shop on Mondays around 4pm. The shop is closed Mondays but he and his wife are working there.

THANKS to all of you who have signed up for stewarding the exhibition. That has generally worked well over the last few years and helps to spread the load.

Thanks also to those of you who have paid the membership fee for 2019.

Please remember you can only take advantage of the lower submission fee if you are paid up for 2019.