

## Ascott Artist Exhibition During Artweeks

Susan Ryan, one of the early members of the Wychwood Art Group, will be having her first Art Exhibition in Witney during Artweeks from the **10th to 16th May**.

Danacare Centre in Witney, have very kindly offered to show the works of this talented special-needs artist. The opening hours will be from Noon to 5pm. All her works will be mounted and at least 20 will be framed and all will be for sale.

### Talent

Susan joined the Wychwood Art Group when Karen Lord was running it. Then she used to come with a carer. This service was cut back and some members of the group decided to help Susan to come to the class regularly by fetching her from her home in Ascott and taking her back. The class is surely the high point of her life.

Susan was born partially blind and has to wear a hearing aid in each ear. She has always loved painting and drawing. She loves nature and the countryside. During the three hours of the Art class she works



diligently; if it is from a still life, she studies it by feeling the objects then making several bold charcoal or chalk drawings, then maybe painting the same subject or a part of it. She also loves to paint exotic animals from photographs that she barely sees.



### Pure Artist

She seems to have a natural sense of design and will sometimes include the distant light source of the large windows of the hall and even a blur of tree tops.

Yet she will walk across the room using her white stick and groping

the walls to be safe.

The freshness of her work is a delight. There are no gimmicky techniques, nothing is plagiarised. She is a pure artist, innocent of the art world and its trends and critics.

Many thanks to John Maloney of the Danacare Centre and to Esther Lafferty, Executive Director of Artweeks for her assistance in arranging this event.

**Penelope Fulljames**

## Don't Miss Artweeks 2014

The Wychwood Art Group will be exhibiting again in Oxford Artweeks from **May 10th to 18th** in Chadlington Church. This year's group is represented by members from Milton-under-Wychwood together with **Martin Hallam**.

Martin has had a great deal of success with his wood-turning. He makes beautiful wood bowls, plates, goblets, candlesticks, boxes and more. He also specialises in Coniston slate - heavy, cold and beautiful. This he uses for making rolling pins and inserting into cheeseboards. These lovely items are both decorative and useful.

**Margaret Gibbs** will have a large selection of watercolours, acrylics and mixed media as well as prints and cards.

**Kay Letham White** will exhibit his watercolours, **Carolyn de Grey** her sensitive graphite drawings and **Josephine White** her bright and intricate works in acrylics and watercolours. **Penelope Fulljames** will have a display of oil paintings, plus prints and cards. There will be refreshments available, teas, coffees and delicious homemade cakes. We are open from Noon until 6pm. The proceeds of the

sales of refreshments all go to the Church. For more information and to view the works visit:

[www.penelopefulljames.com/art-classes](http://www.penelopefulljames.com/art-classes).



Exhibit by Penny Fulljames



Exhibit by Margaret Gibbs

We would like to thank Reverend Abrey for allowing us to use this beautiful church. Also Sue Myatt the Church Warden for her invaluable help. Not to be missed!

### Penelope Fulljames

**Jan Harvey** is once again opening **The Garden Gallery** in Shipton with a brand new exhibition called *Spheres of Influence*, inspired by walks around Shipton, ballet and Monet's garden. She will also have copies of an illustrated book and a range of her popular cartoons. Jan is donating a framed painting to a **Special Prize Draw, which you can win for only £1** in support of Ele-Aid-helping elephants under threat. Pop along to Jan's gallery between **9th to 17th May** or by private appointment at any time.

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