



# LEABROOKS WITTER



February 1<sup>st</sup> 2021

The Artists' Forum at Leabrooks Arts Complex. Keeping in Touch

I have a dream ..... In my dream the day is one of great significance: the sky is the kind of blue artists dream of, the sun is shining, a warm breeze filters through a garden made vibrant by fresh growth and the air is filled with laughter and the excited buzz of conversation as a group of artists have come together to celebrate.....  
 Join me in taking the first tentative steps to making the dream come true. (There's a starter kit below.) Carol

## Phoenix Art Competition

### Prize £150.00

- Open to all readers of The Witter
- The task: to create a piece of art suggested by the the title 'Phoenix'; the interpretation is a matter of choice for the artist.
- Any medium is acceptable : oil, acrylic, watercolour, inks, textiles, clay, etc.
- Any size is acceptable but the artwork must be easily transportable.
- All artwork must be framed ready for exhibiting; deep canvases are fine unframed but please finish the edges.
- All entries must be submitted with details of title, medium, artist's name and price.
- Your entry will be exhibited in a special exhibition at Leabrooks Arts Complex at the end of Lockdown, whenever that happens, but will also be posted on Facebook prior to this event. All entries must be offered for sale.
- There will be a prize of £150.00 for the most popular exhibit which will be decided by public vote, i.e. by those attending the exhibition in the Gallery.
- Please inform Carol by email, ([carol@leabrooksartscomplex.com](mailto:carol@leabrooksartscomplex.com)) before 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 if you intend to enter the competition. Your email will then be acknowledged and further information provided for you in due course.

From the garden at L.A.C., (top to bottom): laurel buds, moss, willow tree and snowdrop.

#### RANDOM ARTY FACTS

- Art used to be an Olympic event.(1912 – 1948)
- The Mona Lisa has her own mailbox in the Louvre because of all the love letters she receives.
- The colour wheel predates the establishment of the United States. (1706)
- Artist Willard Wigan once inhaled his own work. (b.1957-)
- In 2003 street artist Banksy stuck his own work to the wall in the Tate Modern Museum. (2003)
- New brain research shows that creativity, social development and self-worth, are promoted through art.

#### USEFUL IDEAS FOR ARTISTS

It's always helpful for artists to see what their colleagues/competitors are doing and perhaps pick up a few tips and ideas along the way. Advice, encouragement and tutorials online can be informative and reassuring but so too can some television programmes. Try *Bob Ross* on BBC4 at 7.30 pm from Monday to Thursday; his presentation style will sooth and relax you at the end of a frustrating day. Or you could try *Grayson's (Perry) Art Club* on ITV4 at 7 pm on Sunday, a cheerful lesson in humanity or, again on Sunday, this time at 8 pm on ITV4 there's *The Great Pottery Throwdown* where the joy at success finds expression in tears.  
 We've all been there!

Carol



Bob Ross