Southport Contemporary Arts

Members Information

Welcome to Southport Contemporary Arts (SCA) network. We hope you find the following information useful in getting to know the SCA organisation.

Who's Who?

Norrie Beswick-Calvert: Director, ArtHouse Gallery Manager and ArtsLoft Workshops Manager, social media.
Anne Burman: Director, Treasurer, Buildings & Studios Manager
Mervyn Thomas: Director, ClayWorks Manager
Sam Harris-Wright: SCA Website Manager
Suzanna Gregg: Social Media, Gallery Curator
Sharon Barnes: Membership Secretary
Martin Dawber: Publicity/Marketing
Amanda Clark-Price: Gallery Rota

How is SCA run?
SCA is a social enterprise company, limited by guarantee which means that after our overheads have been paid for, any residual monies go back into furthering the aims of SCA, which are:

- To promote the work of artists living and working in and around Southport
- To encourage our wider community to engage with creative activity.

There are no paid members of staff within SCA, everyone works with us on a voluntary basis, however if you run a workshop for us there can be a payment to you as a self employed artist.
We run in a co-operative manner, in which we hope that all of our members will give a little time and effort into the activities of the network.
We endeavour to have quarterly network meetings at which we discuss activities coming up and new ideas. Please try to attend these meetings, as your input is important to us all.

ArtHouse
In April 2012 we opened ArtHouse, which gave us the opportunity to showcase work, run classes and offer studio space. ArtHouse also serves as a headquarters for the network and we hope that you will take the opportunity to pop in to meet other members and involve yourself in the creative community that it offers.

SCA Membership has 3 categories: Friend / Full / Exhibiting
Details of the benefits and costs of each category can be found on the 'Membership Opportunities and Commitments' chart.

As a **Full Member of SCA** we ask that you give at least **one session per two week rota** (each session = 2.5 hrs.) to help staff the Gallery.

ClayWorks
We opened our ceramic studio in February 2016. We run weekly and one off classes in ceramics.

ArtsLoft
We opened our ArtsLoft studio space in May 2017, and now run all of our weekly and one day special classes from there.
If you are interested in running any workshops from ArtsLoft, as either weekly classes or one off half day or full day sessions in your specialism, please speak to Norrie for more details.

Community Interaction
We try to run several activities that enable the community to engage in a fun and accessible way, with creative activity.
For Example:

- Arts Trail and Open Studio event - Big Draw
- Town centre Craft fairs
- Pop up exhibitions
- Workshops with National Trust
- Extreme knitting fundraising knitting - Christmas tree festival

We hope, that as a member of the network in whichever category you choose, you will get involved in some of these initiatives.
If there are things that you think SCA should be doing or getting involved with, please speak to Anne, Norrie or Mervyn and as a group, we will look at how to accomplish it.

Publicity& Promotion
As an organisation SCA is always open to ideas. If you feel there are ways that we could promote the work of members then please share with us and if you can help, that would be great
We currently have:
- an email data base of people who have asked to receive our newsletter and classes/workshop timetable
- a Facebook page (arthousesca) which we can always have more help with to keep postings regular
- Instagram (arthouse_southport)
- a website which has a page for each member as well as up to date info on any activities www.sca-network.co.uk
- occasional editorials
- listing on various general and arts based websites

Your membership
Your SCA membership fee includes your public liability insurance cover when you are on SCA business, whether in one of our buildings or out in the community.
It does not cover your own personal practice or business activities.

Please take the responsibility of being a member of the SCA network seriously. It is your participation and interaction that is of most value to the network, and it is that which enables the whole network to thrive.

We hope you enjoy being a part of SCA and look forward to our continued work together.