

LOMOND and ARGYLL DECORATIVE and FINE ARTS SOCIETY

REPORT for AREA MEETING OCTOBER 2015

Our Society continues to flourish with a membership of 284 of which 5 are honorary members and 14 people remain on the waiting list by choice.

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS : 1). As Chair, when a member leaves the Society, I write a personal thank~you and if appropriate enclose an Affiliate Member form. This has produced positive feed back.

2). Earlier this year a sub~committee was established with a view to developing a website for the Society. I am happy to report that the Lomond and Argyll DFAS website is about to go live.

MAIN CHALLENGES and CONCERNS : 1). Although our membership is stable the challenge is how to appeal to a wider younger audience.

2). Linked with no.1, is how to maintain a strong committee with lots of creative ideas.

GRANTS MADE : 1). A grant of £250.00 has been given for a second year to a local youth group, Route 81, and it is proposed that they will attend the November lecture.

2). An annual exhibition of Art Work by 6th form students from Hermitage Academy is also supported with a small grant of £150.00

These exhibitions give the students the opportunity to meet members and discuss their work in an informal setting.

OTHER COMMENTS : The Society also participates in all the NADFAS volunteer Areas : Church Recording, Heritage Volunteers, Young Arts, and Church Trails. All these projects are ongoing and progressing well at present.

Heritage Volunteers are about to start 2 new projects at the Royal Highland Fusilier Museum : 1).Identify, catalogue,and assign the silver collection. 2). The transcription of soldiers letters from WW1 and interlinked with a wider library research into Military history of Regimental families.

As I am now the Area representative for Heritage Volunteers, Patty Stewart, many of you will know Patty who was a former Chairman of LADFAS, will be our Society co~ordinator for these 2 new projects.

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