

DORSET ART WEEKS, MAY 2018

'Modernism Meets Upton Country Park'

It has been suggested by the management of UPTON COUNTRY PARK that we make the park our theme for the next DORSET ART WEEKS exhibition. The park has expanded recently and now hosts many more attractions and activities than it has ever done in the past. We are keen to make the exhibition as exciting as possible, both for ourselves and for our visitors - so we are adding a twist.

Choose a MODERN ART MOVEMENT that appeals to you, research it, find out what you can about it and apply that approach/treatment to one of the many aspects and activities found at Upton Country Park. Apart from the gardens, tearooms and petanque players the park also hosts music evenings, steam fairs and fireworks; there are new walks, ponds, flora and fauna, reed beds, people at play and new vistas have opened up all over which can be rendered in all weathers and seasons.

Some of the groups of modern artists and Modern Art movements that might appeal are: Post-Impressionism, Pointillism, The Nabis, Constructivism, Expressionism, Fauvism, Cubism, Futurism, Orphism, Surrealism, Dada, Abstract Expressionism, Pop Art. We are sure you can think of others. Don't be daunted - just do a little research on the internet and look for the modernist paintings/sculpture that you find beautiful and exciting and ask yourself why they appeal and how can I apply that to the theme.

This is quite an open brief. As a very rough guide, the roots of Modern Art lie in the late 19th century and flourished through the first half of the 20th century. There will be a presentation on the theme just after the AGM in February.

Dorset Art Weeks is next May but you might wish to start thinking about it now. You will have seen from a previous email that Julie Scammel has kindly invited PEDAS members to her home on THURSDAY 31st AUGUST from 10am to 4 pm. An entrance to UPTON COUNTRY PARK is very close to her home and we are aware that the flower borders will soon be past their best. You might wish to make your visit to Julie's house an opportunity to gather sketch-book studies and photo reference to help you start thinking about your project. Please ring 01202 680310 for Julie's address and directions as this invitation is strictly for PEDAS members only.