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Important Updates

St Albans



St Albans Exhibition 2024

I look forward to meeting many of you at the forthcoming exhibition briefing on 19th September. Frances will be emailing attendees later this week about arrangements so look out for that. There will be notes circulated afterwards to everyone so those not able to attend receive relevant information. In the meantime she has asked me to answer a question from members and pass on some important input from the museum.

First, in response to the question about how soon members participating in the exhibition need to identify their subject(s), the answer is not until the deadline for submission of the first 'intent to submit' forms (ie by 5 December this year at the very latest). However, to avoid more than two people illustrating the same subject Frances is listing choices as they come in at the bottom of the website page - see <https://ertf.org.uk/ertf-members-exhibition-9-september-18-october-2024-st-albans-museum-gallery/>

Second, the museum is pleased to see the range of choices so far but has asked that we encourage the greatest possible range of diversity in our choice of subjects. Their requirement as our hosts is to appeal to and represent as much of the local population of museum-goers as possible and to represent groups not typically

illustrated. Frances has added notes to our exhibition web page with extra information to inspire choices that illustrate individuals from BEM, LGBT, disability and social class groupings. If you are still to decide, please do give this request consideration.

A call to Arms!



We are looking for more committee members! Without your help we can't fully represent you our members! We particularly need someone for the secretarial role. As a committee member you would meet up with the rest of the committee quarterly and for the secretarial role you would write up minutes, which usually are only one or two pages long at most. We are a friendly and welcoming group and would welcome any member wanting to get involved.

Photos for website

Our members' website is a key part of how we communicate. Members' gallery pages are in particular an essential way we advertise ourselves - not only to new members but to galleries in which we wish to exhibit. At a recent committee meeting we agreed that we should ask ALL members to have at least one photo of their work and a short biography on their gallery pages, and that this should be a condition of renewal. Frances is very happy to load yours for you if you would prefer. Please don't be shy, we want to show how wonderful our members work is.

Maggie Hands (Chair)