



EDINBURGH DECORATIVE & FINE ARTS SOCIETY

President: The Countess of Rosebery

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Forty-Seventh Annual General Meeting of the
EDINBURGH DECORATIVE AND FINE ARTS SOCIETY
will be held in the Freemason's Hall
96 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 3DH on
Tuesday 10 October 2017 at 6.15pm**

AGENDA

- Apologies
- Approval of the Minutes of the 46th Annual General Meeting
- Adoption of the Chairman's Annual Report and Accounts
- The Society will be asked to reappoint Mr Ian Wittet as the Honorary Auditor
- The Society will be asked to approve the election of Miss Anne Mason Brown as Chairman of the Committee
- The Society will be asked to approve the re-election of the following other office bearers and members of the Committee and the election three new member of the Committee*:

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Miss Elizabeth East | Vice Chairman & Secretary |
| Mr Wren Hoskyns-Abraham | Treasurer |
| Mrs Fiona Mitchell-Rose | Lecture Secretary |
| Miss Grace Durham | Lecture Secretary |
| Mrs Anne Young | Membership Secretary (afternoons) |
| Mrs Jen McDowell | Membership Secretary (evenings) |
| Alison, Lady St Clair Ford* | Membership Communications |
| Mr Neil Hynd | Visits and Study Groups |
| Mrs Filly Nicol | Visits and Study Groups |
| Mrs Jane Drysdale | Visits and Study Groups |
| Mrs Leslie Abram | Visits and Study Groups |
| Ms. Wendy Maynard | Webmaster |
| Mrs Anna Magee* | Member |
| Mrs. Caroline Sibbald* | Member |

Any member of the Society may propose or second members for election to the Committee, the consent of those proposed having first been obtained. Any such nomination must be notified to the Secretary at least 28 days prior to the holding of the Annual General Meeting (see Rules, No 10).

- Any other business
- Date of the next meeting (tbc)

**Minutes of the 46th Annual General Meeting of the
Edinburgh Decorative & Fine Arts Society held in the
Freemason's Hall, 96 George Street, Edinburgh
on Tuesday, 11th October 2016 at 6.15pm**

PRESENT: Vice Presidents Dr Iain Gordon Brown and Lady Johnston, the Chairman, the Treasurer, Members of the Committee and Members of the Society.

ITEM 1: APOLOGIES were received from President Lady Rosebery, Lady Bute, Mrs Jane Drysdale, Mrs Fiona Mitchell-Rose, Mr and Mrs Lachie Macintosh, Mrs Sandra Marwick, Mrs Lindsay Morrison, Mrs Sue Ross Stewart and Mrs Jennifer Harding-Edgar.

ITEM 2: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 45TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Minutes of the 45th Annual General Meeting were proposed by Miss Grace Durham and seconded by Mrs Anne Young, approved by the Members and duly signed.

ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS.

It was with great pleasure that the Chairman presented the 46th Annual Report and Accounts of the Society and she was delighted that EDFAS was in very good shape despite moving venues twice!

Due to the proposed refurbishment plans for the Royal College of Physicians in Queen Street which had still not started, we had had to change our lecture venue to Central Hall Tollcross with very little disruption to our programme. For this she had to congratulate both Committee and Members.

However, the recent breakdown of Central Hall's lift, with no date for repair or replacement in sight, had meant disabled access could only be gained by a series of steep stairs, acceptable when the lift was operational but unacceptable when not. The committee had had to look for an alternative venue as soon as possible hence our move here today to The Freemasons' Hall. She pointed out that we had originally considered the Freemasons' Hall in our initial search for a venue, but at the time there had been no black out facilities for the cupola. This problem had since been resolved. She hoped members agreed that the Freemasons' Hall was an acceptable solution to our present requirements. She and the members thanked Wren Hoskyns-Abraham for all his efforts in making this possible.

We had received very positive feedback from the Membership on the variety of subjects we had offered for our lectures. These had ranged from the life and works of Sir William Orpen, the keenly anticipated Artists of Montmartre, to the tale of the flamboyant and eccentric Patroness of the Arts, Lady Ottoline Morrell.

Putting together a programme to suit a wide diversity of tastes was a task our lecture secretaries Grace Durham and Fiona Mitchell-Rose had taken very seriously and we were most grateful to them for all their efforts.

To complement our lectures, we also provided a varied programme of events which had included visits to two quality exhibitions – one at the Queen's Gallery, their first ever devoted to Scottish Artists in the Royal Collection and the extremely popular Arthur Melville at the NGS. Many members had also visited the King Fahd Mosque and Islamic Centre here in Edinburgh, travelled to Perthshire to see the historic library at Innerpeffer followed by a delightful visit to Megginch Castle and culminating in a very well attended Midsummer Cocktail Party at The New Club on Princes Street on the eve of the Brexit Referendum.

These additions to our lectures were much appreciated by the membership and she thanked Neil Hynd, Catriona Burns, Filly Nicol, Jane Drysdale, Anne Mason Brown and Pilla Scott Moncrieff.

She also mentioned the society's enjoyable trip to Amsterdam last October masterminded by John and Hilary Fleming and Neil Hynd's excellent tour of the West Midlands ably supported by Sarah Hynd.

As from last month our Total Membership stood at 941 with 17 on the combined Waiting List for the afternoon and evening sessions. Membership numbers had increased and our Waiting List numbers had decreased due to the capacity available at Central Hall and now here at The Freemasons. Our two Membership Secretaries – Jen McDowell and Anne Young were dedicated to their members and we owed them a huge vote of thanks.

We were very grateful to Wendy Maynard for agreeing to take on the role of Webmaster. She congratulated Wendy for the way she had approached the complicated task without hesitation. Many had expressed pleasure in reading our twice yearly Newsletter and for this we had to thank our indefatigable Editor Grace Durham. She tried very hard to keep us all to our copy deadlines and then employed her editorial skills to produce the excellent publications.

Our Heritage Volunteering section was under the wing of Jen McDowell who diligently kept us all up to date with their ongoing activities, including the addition of Church Trails, which was highlighted in our most recent edition of the Newsletter. Kate Gill with her dedicated band of Church Recorders had just completed the Records for The Robin Chapel.

The Chairman was delighted to report we had been able to continue with our pledge to assist various Young Arts projects now and in the future and our thanks went to our Young Arts Representative Filly Nicol for her commitment and support.

She thanked Liz East for ably providing secretarial service with the Minute taking of our regular committee meetings and the timely production of our events flyers.

Finally, she thanked the President, Lady Rosebery, and Vice Presidents, Dr Iain Gordon Brown and Lady Johnston, and Vice Chairman Pilla Scott Moncrieff for their constant support and friendship, as well as our IT technician Ian Cunningham, Regis Catering and St. Andrew's Ambulance for ensuring the smooth running of each lecture.

In inviting the Treasurer to present his report, she congratulated Wren Hoskyns- Abrahall on his patience, commitment and readiness to take on any task and thanked him on behalf of the Society.

The Treasurer opened his remarks by saying that the Society remained financially sound. He had once again failed to reduce the over-large size of our reserves in part because of the unexpected reduction in our venue costs as a result of moving to Central Hall. Having now moved to the Freemason's Hall, our costs would be a little higher but still affordable. The long term effect of this, together with donations generously added to the subscriptions should be that we could hold our subscription at the present level for another year – the fourth – rather than only for three years as we generally managed.

He reiterated that he had been acting as Treasurer for too long, and would welcome any volunteer who would wish to take over. As the job had grown over the years, the Committee were seeking to appoint an intern from the Edinburgh University College of Art with a view to a new and younger mind looking at our whole administration and record keeping functions. It was hoped that this would result in a simplified structure for the future.

With no questions from the floor, the adoption of the Annual Report & Accounts was proposed by Lady Johnston, seconded by Mr Neil Hynd and approved by the members.

ITEM 4: REAPPOINTMENT OF HONORARY AUDITOR

The Chairman thanked Mr Ian Wittet, our Independent Examiner for his time, attentiveness and skill in examining the accounts for the last 12 years. The reappointment of Mr Ian Wittet as Honorary Auditor was proposed by Mrs Pilla Scott Moncrieff, seconded by Mrs Fiona Young and approved by the members.

ITEM 5: REAPPOINTMENT OF HONORARY SOLICITOR

The reappointment of Mr John Crawford was proposed by Mrs Jen McDowell, seconded by Mrs Filly Nicol and approved by the members.

ITEM 6: RE-ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIETY

The Secretary proposed the re-election of Mrs Gail Guest as Chairman. This was seconded by Lady Fiona Campbell and approved by the members.

ITEM 7: ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The Chairman asked the Society to approve the re-election of the following members of the Committee and the appointment of a new Committee member*

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| Mr Wren Hoskyns Abrahall | Treasurer |
| Miss Anne Mason Brown | Vice Chairman |
| Miss Elizabeth East | Secretary |
| Mrs Fiona Mitchell-Rose | Lecture Secretary |
| Miss Grace Durham | Lecture Secretary |
| Mrs Anne Young | Membership Secretary (afternoons) |
| Mrs Jen McDowell | Membership Secretary (evenings) |
| Mrs Catriona Burns | Visits and Study Groups |
| Mr Neil Hynd | Visits and Study Groups |
| Mrs Filly Nicol | Visits and Study Groups |
| Mrs Jane Drysdale | Visits and Study Group |
| Mrs Leslie Abram | Member* |

The re-election of Committee members and the appoint of Mrs Leslie Abram as a new member were proposed by Mrs Pilla Scott Moncrieff, seconded by Lady Johnston and approved by the Members.

Mrs Pilla Scott Moncrieff was retiring from the Committee. She had joined in 2008 and had swiftly become an influential member of the Visits and Events team. She had been creative in her support of the lecture programme and had recently served as Vice Chairman where she had assisted the Chairman with her wise counsel. The Chairman presented her with flowers to mark the Society's appreciation of her commitment.

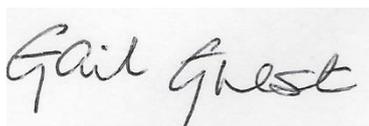
ITEM 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Iain Gordon Brown thanked the Chairman and Committee and congratulated them on the exceptional way they had handled the very difficult move between venues. He had been most impressed how at the first meeting at Central Hall all the Committee had been on hand to meet and welcome members. On behalf of the membership he thanked the Committee for all they had done for the members of the Society.

ITEM 9: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Annual General Meeting would be held on Tuesday, 10th October 2017 venue to be confirmed.

There being no other business, the Meeting was declared closed at 6.40pm





EDINBURGH DECORATIVE & FINE ARTS SOCIETY

President: The Countess of Rosebery

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts

for the year ended 30 June 2017

Scottish Charity Number SC039651

Trustees:

Mrs Gail Guest *Chairman*
Mr Wren Hoskyns-Abrahall *Treasurer*
Miss Anne Mason Brown *Vice Chairman*
Miss Elizabeth East *Secretary*
Mrs Fiona Mitchell-Rose *Lecture Secretary*
Miss Grace Durham *Lecture Secretary*
Mrs Anne Young *Membership Secretary (afternoons)*
Mrs Jen McDowell *Membership Secretary (evenings)*
Mrs Catriona Burns *Visits and Study Groups*
Mr Neil Hynd *Visits and Study Groups*
Mrs Filly Nicol *Visits and Study Groups*
Mrs Jane Drysdale *Visits and Study Groups*
Mrs Leslie Abram
Mrs Wendy Maynard *Website*

Contact Address:

c/o Mr W Hoskyns-Abrahall, 23 Lauder Road, Edinburgh EH9 2JG

Appointment of Trustees:

Trustees are appointed or reappointed by the members at the annual general meeting, in accordance with the constitution, which is held early in the lecture season each autumn.

Governing Document:

The Society is a charitable unincorporated association and the purposes and administration arrangements are set out in the constitution.

Charitable Purposes:

The purposes, as set out in the constitution, are the promotion and advancement of education through the cultivation and study of the decorative and fine arts.

Activities and Achievements

This year the membership enjoyed a successful season of lectures on a wide range of subjects as well as a varied programme of interesting visits and events.

Due to our association with NADFAS (now The Arts Society) we have access to their Directory of lecturers and from this pool we selected a series of ten lectures on a diverse range of subjects from The Art of Enamelling to Tribal Rugs woven by the nomadic tribes of Iran and Afghanistan, and the story of the legendary Waldorf Astoria in New York to the fairy tale city of Prague. Each lecture was given twice, once in the afternoon and repeated in the evening attracting healthy audience numbers on every occasion. We also completed an imaginative and busy events programme including very popular private visits to Dalmeny House, Broomhall and Penicuik House as well as local venues such as Hamilton & Inches Workshop in George Street and the hidden treasures of the Edinburgh City Museums' Reserve Collections. The May society tour to Lincolnshire was fully subscribed with the interesting itinerary being much enjoyed in beautiful summer weather and we now look forward to our Study Tour of the Art Treasures of St Petersburg in February 2018 although the climate will be much colder.

Donations totalling £23,350 were made to appropriate qualifying bodies as reported in Issue 20 of our Newsletter, including those who had hosted visits or events throughout the year. In this regard, we were able to make contributions towards the proposed publication of 'The Care & Conservation of Shared Georgian Gardens' by the Edinburgh World Heritage Trust and to the National Museums of Scotland towards the purchase of digital sound systems. We also continued with our support for a number of Young Arts projects as well as our University of Edinburgh's Bursary Scheme. Almost half of our donations were funded from the tax reclaimed from HM Government under the Gift Aid Scheme

Due to the failure of the lift at our lecture venue at Central Hall Tollcross, we relocated at short notice to the Freemasons' Hall conveniently situated at 96 George which suits our current needs. However, the trustees will continue to monitor the situation closely and confirm they will keep members up to date with future venue plans.

Trustee Remuneration and Expenses:

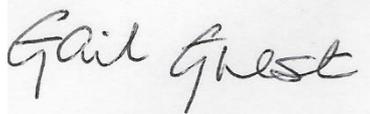
The trustees received no remuneration during the year. Incidental expenses incurred solely on behalf of the Society were reimbursed.

Reserves:

The Society has more than adequate reserves to cover any foreseeable uninsured liability. The trustees are therefore inclined to reduce these reserves over time, through the prudent support of suitable arts projects or bodies.

They do not feel it appropriate to use such reserves, accumulated over many years, to subsidise current subscriptions. As a result, the accounts have been arranged to show the costs of running the society's general administration and lecture programme separately from other income and costs, such as visits, volunteer activities and donations. The trustees have agreed that subscriptions should be set at a level to cover these administrative and lecture costs, averaged over a number of years to avoid annual inflation-linked increases. However, the trustees do reserve the right to increase subscriptions in the future should the need arise.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf



Mrs Gail Guest
Chairman

27th July 2017

Edinburgh Decorative and Fine Arts Society

Scottish Registered Charity No: SC039651

Statement of Financial Activities

For the year to 30 June 2017

| | General Fund | Visits & Study Days | Designated Funds | | Net Income | 2016 |
|--|---------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| | | | Vol'teers | D'nations | | |
| Income (Note 1) | | | | | | |
| Subscriptions from members | 42,847 | | | | 42,847 | 42,682 |
| Donations | | | | 2,000 | 2,000 | 3,509 |
| Visitor Donations | 827 | | | | 827 | 910 |
| Tax reclaimed under Gift Aid | | | | 10,149 | 10,149 | 9,484 |
| Income from Charitable Activities | | | | | | |
| Visits & Study Days & Events | | 14,012 | | | 14,012 | 13,596 |
| Investment Income | | | | | | |
| | 43,674 | 14,012 | 0 | 12,149 | 69,835 | 70,181 |
| Resources Expended | | | | | | |
| Charitable Activities | | | | | | |
| Lecture Fees & Expenses | 12,377 | | | | 12,377 | 12,062 |
| Hall hire and audio visual expenses (Note 2) | 11,888 | | | | 11,888 | 5,325 |
| NADFAS affiliation fees & expenses | 12,123 | | | | 12,123 | 10,860 |
| NADFAS Scottish Area affiliation fees & expenses | 816 | | | | 816 | 850 |
| Telephone & Postage | 1,980 | | | | 1,980 | 2,089 |
| Printing & Stationery | 4,086 | | | | 4,086 | 3,434 |
| Volunteer expenses | | | 30 | | 30 | 295 |
| Miscellaneous expenses | 2,617 | | | | 2,617 | 750 |
| Net Travel | 61 | | | | 61 | 121 |
| Visits & Study Days & Events | | 7,880 | | | 7,880 | 11,751 |
| Donations Made (Note 3) | | | | 23,350 | 23,350 | 16,000 |
| Bank Interest received gross less charges | 339 | | | | 339 | 267 |
| Governance Costs (Note 4) | 2,275 | | | | 2,275 | 1,178 |
| | 48,562 | 7,880 | 30 | 23,350 | 79,822 | 64,982 |
| Net Income before Transfers (Note 5) | -4,888 | 6,132 | -30 | -11,201 | -9,987 | 5,199 |
| Transfers | | | | | | |
| Visits & Study Days & Events | | -6,132 | | 6,132 | | |
| General Funds | -5,099 | | 30 | 5,069 | | |
| NET INCOME | -9,987 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -9,987 | 5,199 |
| Reconciliation of Funds | | | | | | |
| Total Funds Brought forward | 44,567 | | 450 | 0 | 45,017 | 39,818 |
| Total Funds carried forward | 34,580 | | 450 | 0 | 35,030 | 45,017 |

Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2017

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|--|---------------|--|------------|--|---------------|---------------|
| Equipment (Note 6) | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Deposit Account | | | | | 71,588 | 76,234 |
| Current Account | | | | | 500 | -422 |
| Loan - Patricia Fay Memorial Fund (Note 7) | | | | | 3,300 | 3,300 |
| | | | | | 75,389 | 79,113 |
| Liabilities (amounts falling due within one year) | | | | | | |
| Creditors & pre-paid subscriptions | | | | | 40,359 | 34,096 |
| Net Assets | 34,580 | | 450 | | 35,030 | 45,017 |

Approved by the Trustees on 29 July 2017



Wren Hoskyns-Abrahall
Honorary Treasurer & Trustee

Notes to the Accounts

Note 1. There are no Restricted Funds, but for clarity's sake Volunteers Funds and Donations are kept separate as Designated Funds.

Note 2. These costs now cover only the year to which they apply

| Note 3. Donations made during the year were: | £ |
|--|------------------|
| Friends of Royal Scottish Academy | 500.00 |
| Leith School of Art | 1,000.00 |
| WHALE Arts | 1,000.00 |
| National Museum of Scotland | 3,500.00 |
| NADFAS Scotland & NI Volunteer Event | 1,000.00 |
| Mercy Corps (for Nomad's Tent visit) | 600.00 |
| Edinburgh City Museums | 1,000.00 |
| St Mary's Cathedral Workshop - Apprentice support | 2,000.00 |
| University of Edinburgh Bursaries | 3,000.00 |
| Edinburgh World Heritage Trust | 5,000.00 |
| Penicuik House | 2,000.00 |
| Trees for Life (for Hamilton & Inch visit) | 400.00 |
| Nat. Galleries of Scotland - Monach of the Glen Appeal | 2,000.00 |
| St Andrew's Ambulance | 350.00 |
| Total | 23,350.00 |

Note 4. Governance Costs consist principally of Printing and postage, External Examination costs and the costs of meetings. No payments are made to Trustees other than reimbursement of out of pocket expenses incurred in managing the Society's activities.

Note 5. As a result of generous support of our members, our Events and from the Evelyn Drysdale Charitable Trust the Society has been able to maintain its donations to local Arts charities. This included an advance of £3,500 on money allocated to National Museums Scotland for next year, an additional grant to the NGS Monarch of the Glen appeal amongst others.

Note 6. Equipment, including display boards and software, has been fully depreciated, but remains in use.

Note 7. The Patricia Fay Memorial Fund is an English Registered Charity (No. 1089743) to which EDFAS has made a loan, which is repayable on demand.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Edinburgh Decorative and Fine Arts Society

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2017 which are set out on the previous pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulationshave not been met, or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Ian Wittet
CA

Date: 27th July 2017