



EDINBURGH DECORATIVE & FINE ARTS SOCIETY

President: The Countess of Rosebery

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Forty-Eighth Annual General Meeting of the
EDINBURGH DECORATIVE AND FINE ARTS SOCIETY
will be held in the Freemasons' Hall
96 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 3DH on
Tuesday 11 September 2018 at 6.00 pm**

AGENDA

- Apologies
- Approval of the Minutes of the 47th 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 re-election of the following office bearers and members of the Committee and the election three new members of the Committee*:

Miss Anne Mason Brown	Chairman
Miss Elizabeth East	Vice Chairman & Secretary
Mrs Nina Mair*	Treasurer
Miss Grace Durham	Lecture Secretary
Mrs Anne Young	Membership Secretary (afternoons)
Mrs Jen McDowell	Membership Secretary (evenings)
Alison, Lady St Clair Ford	Membership Communications
Mrs Jane Drysdale	Visits and Study Groups
Mrs Filly Nicol	Visits and Study Groups
Mrs Leslie Abram	Visits and Study Groups
Mrs Anna Magee	Visits and Study Groups
Ms. Wendy Maynard	Webmaster
Mr Neil Hynd	Member
Mrs. Caroline Sibbald	Member
Mrs Verity Shaw*	Member
Mrs Jill Holmes*	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 47th Annual General Meeting of the
Edinburgh Decorative & Fine Arts Society held in the
Freemason's Hall, 96 George Street, Edinburgh on Tuesday, 10th October 2017 at 6.15pm**

PRESENT: President, Lady Rosebery, Vice-President, Lady Johnston, the Chairman, the Treasurer, Members of the Committee and Members of the Society.

ITEM 1: APOLOGIES were received from Dr Iain Gordon Brown, Vice President, and Dr Patricia Andrew, Mrs Fiona Mitchell-Rose, Mrs Anne Young, Mr and Mrs Ian Simmonds, Mrs Irene Archer, Mrs Catriona Burns, and Mrs Phyll Hoskyns-Abrahall.

ITEM 2: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 46TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Minutes of the 46th Annual General Meeting were proposed by Mrs Carol Sibbald and seconded by Mrs Filly Nicol, 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 47th Annual Report and Accounts of the Society. She was delighted to report that EDFAS continued to grow from strength to strength as reported in the Activities and Achievements section. We had enjoyed a full and stimulating programme of lectures and events which had been very well supported by our loyal membership.

With our lecture venue now established at the Freemasons' Hall she hoped the membership agreed the venue met our present needs. The committee would however continue to monitor the society's requirements on a regular basis and members would be kept up to date with any future developments.

As many knew, NADFAS (The National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies) had adopted a new name of The Arts Society at their AGM in May. However, after careful consideration this Society had decided to remain as the Edinburgh Decorative & Fine Arts Society for the present, The Society had built up a very strong identity here in Edinburgh and our current name avoided any confusion with the many other local art societies here in the capital. We would, of course, maintain our close relationship with The Arts Society and The Arts Society Scotland and Northern Ireland Area.

We had on the whole received very positive feedback from the Membership on the diverse variety of subjects we offered - from the world of The Art of Enamelling to Tribal Rugs woven by the nomadic tribes of Iran and Afghanistan to the story of the legendary Waldorf Astoria in New York and the fairy tale city of Prague.

We were most grateful to our lecture secretaries Grace Durham and Fiona Mitchell-Rose who were the masterminds of this diverse programme.

Our lecturers were complemented by a varied series of events and this year's busy and imaginative programme included very popular visits to Dalmeny House, Broomhall and Penicuik House, as well as to 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 greatly enjoyed and we looked forward to our Study Tour of the Art Treasures of St. Petersburg in February and the Society Tour of the Castles of Moray and Other Places of Interest in May 2018. These additions to the programme were much appreciated by the membership and she thanked Neil Hynd, Catriona Burns, Filly Nicol, Jane Drysdale and Anne Mason Brown.

The Chairman gave particular thanks on the Society's behalf to Neil Hynd for organising the annual society tour for the last eight years with such skill and attention to detail, ending on a high note with his trip to Lincolnshire, and to Catriona Burns who was standing down from the committee as from this AGM. Catriona had been an influential

member of the committee for a number of years organising a host of successful visits and events always with her trademark efficiency and good humour.

The Chairman was pleased to report that the total membership stood at 949 with 29 on the combined Waiting List for the afternoon and evening sessions. She thanked the two membership Secretaries – Jen McDowell and Anne Young for their dedication.

We were more than grateful to Wendy Maynard for continuing as the society's webmaster and applauded Editor Grace Durham for her skill and patience in producing not only one but two excellent Newsletters a year which many enjoyed reading.

Another important aspect of our society was the Heritage Volunteers and Church Trails, overseen by Jen McDowell who diligently kept us up to date with their ongoing activities, along with Kate Gill and her dedicated band of Church Recorders, who were at the moment working on the church records for St Margaret Chapel Edinburgh Castle.

The Chairman was delighted that we continued with our pledge to support various local Young Arts projects and thanked our Young Arts Representative Filly Nicol for her comprehensive report in the latest newsletter highlighting our most recent donations.

Liz East was thanked for her role of Minute taker at our regular committee meetings and for the timely production of our events flyers which she managed to do both with speed and efficiency.

The Chairman closed her report by thanking the President, Lady Rosebery, Vice Presidents, Dr Iain Gordon Brown and Lady Johnston, and Vice Chairman Anne Mason Brown for their constant support and friendship. She thanked our excellent IT technician Ian Cunningham, Regis Catering and St. Andrew's Ambulance for ensuring the smooth running of each lecture.

Before asking the Treasurer to report she said how particularly fortunate she had been to have had Wren Hoskyns-Abrahall as Treasurer and she was most sincerely grateful. The Society owed him a debt of gratitude for his remarkable patience, commitment and readiness to take on any task associated with the well-being of EDFAS.

The Treasurer opened his report by saying that even after ten years of being the Treasurer, we still had £35,030 of net assets which was just under £2,000 less than at the end of 2008. During the nine years since then we had given away over £135,000.

However, £35,000 in reserves did overstate the position. As the members knew we aimed to set a subscription rate that allowed us to balance the General Fund expenses to the subscription income averaged over around three years. This was our third lecture venue in the five years since subscriptions last went up in 2013. A combination of the savings the moves had enabled us to make and the increased membership we could now accommodate, had meant that we entered our 5th year without increasing subscriptions and still had a healthy surplus on the General Fund which we could use up before rates had to go up.

However, some £10,000 of our £35,000 reserved related to the General Fund and left us with underlying reserves of only about £25,000. This was still too high by most accounting principles and should be reduced further over the next few years.

With no questions from the floor, the adoption of the Annual Report & Accounts was proposed by Lady Johnston, seconded by Mr Christopher Hartley 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 13 years. The reappointment of Mr Ian Wittet as Honorary Auditor was proposed by Mrs Anna Magee, seconded by Mr David Sibbald and approved by the members.

ITEM 5: ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIETY

The Chairman remarked how stimulating and rewarding it was to have been Chairman and a position she had greatly enjoyed. She had much pleasure in proposing the election of Miss Anne Mason Brown as her successor. The proposal was seconded by Lady Fiona Campbell and approved by the members. Mrs Guest was presented with flowers and Miss Mason Brown took the Chair. She thanked Mrs Guest for her excellent Chairmanship and admitted she was a hard act to follow.

ITEM 6: 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 three new Committee members*

Mr Wren Hoskyns Abrahall	Treasurer
Miss Elizabeth East	Secretary and Vice Chairman
Mrs Fiona Mitchell-Rose	Lecture Secretary
Miss Grace Durham	Lecture Secretary
Mrs Anne Young	Membership Secretary (afternoons)
Mrs Jen McDowell	Membership Secretary (evenings)
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
Mrs Anna Magee	Member*
Alison, Lady St Clair Ford	Membership Communications*
Mrs Caroline Sibbald	Member*

The re-election of Committee members and the appoint of the three new Committee members, were proposed by Dr Alan Brown, seconded by Mrs Carol Sibbald and approved by the Members.

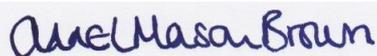
ITEM 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

In Dr Iain Gordon Brown's absence Lady Johnston thanked Mrs Guest for her Chairmanship. We were indebted to her and how she had managed the many venue changes over the last year. She wished her a long and happy retirement

ITEM 8: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Annual General Meeting would be held on Tuesday, 11th September 2018.

There being no other business, the Meeting was declared closed at 6.35pm





EDINBURGH DECORATIVE & FINE ARTS SOCIETY

President: The Countess of Rosebery

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts
for the year ended 30 June 2018
Scottish Charity Number SC039651

Trustees:

Miss Anne Mason Brown Chairman
Mr Wren Hoskyns-Abrahall Treasurer
Miss Elizabeth East Vice Chairman and Secretary
Mrs Fiona Mitchell-Rose Lecture Secretary
Miss Grace Durham Lecture Secretary
Mrs Anne Young Membership Secretary (afternoons)
Mrs Jen McDowell Membership Secretary (evenings)
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
Mrs Anna Magee Visits and Study Groups
Mrs Wendy Maynard Website
Caroline Sibbald Member

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

2017-18 was a successful year for EDFAS. We continue as a Member Society of The Arts Society. We enjoyed an interesting and varied programme of ten Lectures. We had a busy programme of eleven events and visits, including visiting The Speculative Society and Marchmont House, both of which are not usually open to the public. We have had two very successful Society Tours. In February we visited St Petersburg with Dr Colin Bailey and in May we toured Morayshire, organised by Charles Guest. Both tours were oversubscribed. We are now established and have been made most welcome at Freemasons' Hall, which is

very centrally located in George Street. We have continued to monitor the refurbishment at Physicians' Hall but Freemasons' Hall has ample seating and meets all our requirements and we have excellent technical support and have no plans to move again. We are delighted that following our donations last year to Edinburgh World Heritage the book 'The Care and Conservation of Shared Georgian Gardens' has now been published and the digital sound systems donated to the National Museums of Scotland are in active use. In 2017-18 we made donations totalling £22,050.00 to appropriate qualifying bodies, as listed in our Newsletter, including those who hosted visits or events during the year and a donation of £5,000 to the conservation of the Galloway Hoard. We donated all the money reclaimed from HM Government under the Gift Aid Scheme to arts education. Young Arts projects are central to our donations and we are most grateful to those members who have made additional donations to this fund. We have three students with Scholarship Awards at the University of Edinburgh College of Art and also support the Leith School of Art. The success of your Society is the result of the hard work of your committee over many years. Particular thanks are due to two members who are retiring at this AGM: firstly to Wren Hoskyns-Abrahall who joined the Committee in 2005 and as Treasurer brought us into the modern era of IT and business practice and was responsible for EDFAS becoming an independent charity, and secondly to Fiona Mitchell-Rose who has served for ten years and was responsible for choosing so many fascinating lectures.

Trustee Remuneration and Expenses:

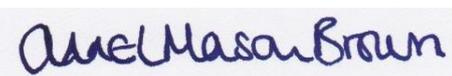
The trustees received no remuneration during the year. Incidental expenses incurred solely on behalf of the Society were reimbursed.

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



Anne Mason Brown
Chairman

8th July 2018

Edinburgh Decorative and Fine Arts Society

Scottish Registered Charity No: SC039651

Statement of Financial Activities

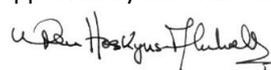
For the year to 30 June 2018

	General Fund	Visits & Study Days	Designated Funds Vol'teers	D'nations	Net Income	2017
Income (Note 1)						
Subscriptions from members	44,834				44,834	42,847
Donations				2,000	2,000	2,000
Visitor Donations	1,419				1,419	827
Tax reclaimed under Gift Aid				10,118	10,118	10,149
Income from Charitable Activities						
Visits & Study Days & Events		15,289			15,289	14,012
Investment Income						
	46,253	15,289	0	12,118	73,660	69,835
Resources Expended						
Charitable Activities						
Lecture Fees & Expenses	13,520				13,520	12,377
Hall hire and audio visual expenses (Note 2)	13,050				13,050	11,888
NADFAS affiliation fees & expenses	12,500				12,500	12,123
NADFAS Scottish Area affiliation fees & expenses	758				758	816
Telephone & Postage	1,091				1,091	1,980
Printing & Stationery	3,415				3,415	4,086
Volunteer expenses			75		75	30
Miscellaneous expenses	1,253				1,253	2,617
Net Travel	629				629	61
Visits & Study Days & Events		13,116			13,116	7,880
Donations Made (Note 3)				21,800	21,800	23,350
Bank Interest received gross less charges	542				542	339
Governance Costs (Note 4)	1,299				1,299	2,275
	48,057	13,116	75	21,800	83,048	79,822
Net Income before Transfers (Note 5)	-1,804	2,173	-75	-9,682	-9,388	-9,987
Transfers						
Visits & Study Days & Events		-2,173		2,173	0	
General Funds	-7,584		75	7,509	0	
NET INCOME	-9,388	0	0	0	-9,388	-9,987
Reconciliation of Funds						
Total Funds Brought forward	34,580		450	0	35,030	45,017
Total Funds carried forward	25,192		450	0	25,642	35,030

Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2018

Equipment (Note 6)		1	1
Deposit Account		60,684	71,588
Current Account		-676	500
Loan - Patricia Fay Memorial Fund (Note 7)		3,300	3,300
		63,309	75,389
Liabilities (amounts falling due within one year)			
Creditors & pre-paid subscriptions		37,667	40,359
Net Assets	25,192	450	25,642

Approved by the Trustees on 01 July 2018



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 cover only the year to which they apply

Note 3. Donations made during the year were:	£
Dr Neil's Garden Trust	300.00
Leith School of Art	1,000.00
WHALE Arts	1,000.00
Scottish Historic Buildings Trust	1,500.00
National Museum of Scotland (Digital Sound System)	3,500.00
University of Edinburgh Bursaries	3,500.00
National Museum of Scotland (Galloway Hoard)	5,000.00
NGS Refurbishment	6,000.00
Total	21,800.00

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. The details are shown at Note 3. The donation towards the preservation of the Galloway Hoard was possible thanks to having sufficient reserves to support this appeal.

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 2018 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: 22nd August 2018