



POS 2022 Message from the Outgoing Chair

We regret to report that we won't be able to put on an Open Studios this year, due to a lack of staff to cover all aspects of the Event planning. More details are given below in our Newsletter to members and friends of the 2021 Event. The year will be spent in building a full Committee and ensuring a resilient funding position.

If you feel you can contribute to this, please contact us at info@perthshireopenstudios.com

Feb 2022 Newsletter

First, I should like to thank the handful of people who responded to our last Newsletter appealing for more Committee members. Sadly, no-one was able to step up and join us but there is clearly a wish for the Event to continue. It may be that we need to consider a new model of management whereby Committee members are remunerated as a matter of course, with posts clearly advertised with their attached remuneration. This of course has implications for funding and the Committee would need to seek new sources such as sponsorship and grants.

Against this background, some existing members are retiring: Gill Hunt who is a founder member and has held the position of Membership Secretary and recently as Artists' Liaison for 14 years in total. Gill is known to so many of our members as 'hand holder in chief' during the application process every year and also for the management of our FaceBook Group page and the mailing of all our Newsletters. 365 days a year Gill also answers the many emails that come in to our info@ address. We realise that it would be impossible to replace her as her role stands and we are looking at ways of sharing out these responsibilities as we thank Gill for the amazing service she has given to POS and wish her a long, healthy and happy retirement.

I also want to thank Gill Skene who has been Vice Chair during this past year and has been the link for us between the art and craft worlds. In spite of major health issues that she has had, Gill has played an active role, particularly in our Showcase at The Bield, master minding and delivering all of the print materials to our Route Coordinators and herself being Route Co-ordinator for the Turquoise Route for a number of years.

Manus McGinty is our 'Master of the spreadsheet!' and as Membership Secretary has introduced more efficient registration recording procedures which have been a great help. Manus has also secured sponsorship funding for us and has been a most active Committee member in spite of having significant health issues and we owe him a debt of gratitude.

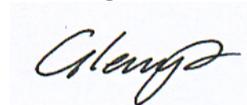
Our Secretary, Sybil Galbraith and our Treasurer Marion Foster have also expressed a wish to retire after many years of fantastic service, but have agreed to stay on in the meantime until we can construct a new Committee.

And lastly, after 10 years as Chair and POS being a major part of my life, I will be happy to hand over the baton to allow for a new Chair to take over. It has been a privilege and a delight to have a role in this wonderful organisation. I have made many friends over the years and will miss the excitement of it all but this seems like a good time to be handing over the reins so that a new Committee can make their choice of Chair.

This then, is the context in which I announce that we will be 'mothballing' POS for this year to allow us to build a new committee, secure better funding sources and come back with a bumper year in 2023.

Thanks Everyone for supporting POS and may it prosper for many years to come.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Glenys', written over a light blue rectangular background.

Glenys Andrews BA MA FRSA