**Kinross and District Art Club**

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What a glorious day it was for our first Outdoor Painting Day of the Summer.

Mags Gray, one of KADAC’s Outdoor Painting coordinators, welcomed around a dozen members to RSPB Loch Leven at Vane Farm to paint ‘*en plein air’.* Members didn’t require to look far to be inspired, in fact they were spoiled for choice. The beautiful vista of the loch, the abundance of colourful wildflowers, the delightful waders and other birds tending their chicks and the wonderful new upgraded buildings were all there to enthuse the artists and even more so than usual because of the sparkling day and warm temperatures.

[INSERT PHOTO 1]

*Mags Gray, Outdoor Painting Coordinator, enjoying a shady spot to paint ’en plein air’*

Individual members chose shady spots around the reserve to sit, to observe, to draw and to paint. As well as the art, members enjoyed a cheery camaraderie, which is all part of the enjoyment of the day. Club Secretary, Glenys Andrews, popped along to take photos for the Club website and archives. Great fun was had making sure that everyone was ‘*snapped’*. Members also tasted the delicious scones and cakes from the Café whilst others enjoyed their picnics.

Many of the attendees went home with almost completed paintings; others chose to sketch and create small studies to enable them to create a painting at home. Everyone agreed that the day had been a resounding success.

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*Lorna Douglas created a landscape painting inspired by the sparkling loch*

Many thanks to RSPB Loch Leven staff for welcoming the group so warmly and being so accommodating. RSPB Loch Leven shares a birthday with KADAC (both created in 1967) so there is always a real kinship when the two come together.

A big thanks, too, to Mags Gray for organising the Outdoor Painting Day 1. We are now looking forward to Outdoor Painting Day 2 on Friday 14th July 2023 at Glenfarg and organised by Alice Mee, KADAC Outdoor Painting Coordinator. Everyone is hoping for another sunny day, however, whatever the weather , it will be a grand day out too.

The Kinross and District Art Club meets on Tuesdays and Fridays (2-4pm) in Millbridge Hall each week from January to May and August to December. The Club restarts for the Autumn Term on Tuesday 22nd August 2023.

If you are interested in joining the club and developing your own creativity, you will find more information and contact details on our website.