

SPECIAL INTEREST DAY – WEDNESDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2024

To be held in the Dove Suite at The Ark, Turners Hill. Timing 10.00 - 15.00

**Subject: A Colourful History of Paints, Pigments and Dyes
Lecturer: Lynne Gibson Bed MA**

We will explore some of art's most beautiful, expensive, rare, and poisonous, paints and dyes. We will journey from the beginnings of empire and exploration, where precious colours such as lapis lazuli, cochineal, and indigo were brought into Europe, to the modern day international trade in industrial pigments. From the days of Medieval alchemists, who concocted colours in secret from mixtures of arsenic, sulphur and mercury, to modern chemists with their toxic experiments and lurid coal tar dyes. Artists, fabric dyers, and manufacturers have brought us a brilliant world of man-made colour. It has been a fascinating journey and this will be a very colourful day!

Agenda: Timings are approximate

10.00	Arrival and Coffee
10.30	First Lecture – Alchemy and Adventure: A History of Exotic Colours and Poisonous Pigments
11.30	Comfort Break
11.45	Second Lecture – Death by Wallpaper: Colourful Stories of Chemical Pigments and Dyes
12.45	Buffet Lunch
13.45	Third Lecture – Handling (with due care) the pigments. Discussion of a small selection of paintings. Q & A
15.00	Finish

For more information see our website: www.theartssocietyturnershill.org.uk or see our flyer accompanying this application form.

Cost: £38 which includes morning coffee/tea and biscuits, buffet lunch with a choice of sandwiches, fresh fruit, chocolate brownie, wine and coffee.

Closing date: Friday 1 November 2024

Please contact Rosemary Chamberlain, Programme Secretary on 01342 322940 or jandrchamberlain@sky.com so that we know that you wish to attend as numbers will be restricted.

Payment by Internet Banking

Account 96664339 (The Arts Society Turners Hill)
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