

Painting Report July 2023

We decided to take a chance and go alfresco...after all it was mid summer!

Five of us met at the main door of Bowes Museum as the ashen clouds scurried over the almost deserted grounds , and the wind whipped at the branches , stripping them of their summer greenery. We looked at each other, turned up our collars and gritted our teeth.

This is the stern stuff the painting group is made of!

Anne explained that we were going to attempt some pen sketches with water based ink, and then introduce tone by softening in with water. We had all taken the necessary sketch book , pencils , rubber, water container, brush and the even more essential flasks of hot coffee. Gone was the concept of sipping chilled wine under tilted sunhats, whilst dabbling away in the luxuriant warmth of the late morning heat. No...it was full metal jacket and batten down the hatches! We shivered our way through the hours, while still managing to produce a decent pen and ink sketch of our chosen trees. Having thoroughly enjoyed pitting ourselves against the elements, and learning while we worked, we ended the session with blue lips, frozen fingers and still laughing!

Why not come along and see the fun we have! The next session will be on Friday. August 11 th.

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