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Welcome to the September newsletter!

Although this year's Showcase is over, we are already planning for Showcase 2025. Look out for updates in the coming weeks.

Details of the Showcase 2024 trophy winners and exhibitors are on our website; we've included links to this information later in the newsletter. Should you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me. You can reach me at [chair@dorsetartsandcrafts.org](mailto:chair@dorsetartsandcrafts.org)

Jenny Gurden, Chair, Dorset Arts & Crafts Association

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## Showcase 2024 Trophy Winners



The painting above is "Winter Sunset, Durlston Country Park" by Alan Morris, the winner of the Centenary Cup for Dorset Life / Land / Seascape.

You can see the [full list of trophy winners and images of the winning work](#) on the DACA website.

Congratulations to all the trophy winners and thank you to everyone who took part in the judged competitions.

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## Craft stalls at Showcase 2024



We had over 40 crafts stalls at Showcase 2024, featuring a wide range of work by DACA members. If you would like to find out more about your favourites, the [full list of crafts stalls](#) is on the DACA website.

If you are interested in having a stall at Showcase 2025, full details of how to apply can be found on our website - just click on the button below.

[I'm interested in having a stall at Showcase 2025](#)

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## The Dorset Arts & Crafts Grant



Did you see the exhibition of work by Bere Regis Primary and Pre-School at Showcase? The DACA Arts & Crafts Grant has allowed the school to introduce fundamental woodworking skills to the children, with some of their creations displayed in the entrance foyer.

We are now open for applications for the DACA Arts & Crafts Grant for 2025. Everything you need to know about the DACA grant is on our website. If you are interested, don't delay; applications must be with us by 30th November 2024.

[I'd like to know more about the DACA grant](#)

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**Myra Jones**



We are all deeply saddened by the passing of Myra Jones on 24th July after a brief illness. She died peacefully at home, surrounded by her family.

Myra served as the Stallholder Representative on the DACA Committee for many years and became a friend to countless people. She offered encouragement and support to stallholders, whether it was their first event with DACA or they were long-time participants.

Her enthusiasm for all that DACA represents was infectious, and her colourful presence was sorely missed at Showcase 2024. We extend our deepest condolences to her husband Sid and to her daughters.

A celebration of Myra's life took place at Kingston Maurward College on 14th August, attended by many friends from DACA.



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