

***Dear members,***

All the committee send you greetings for Christmas and wish you all the best for 2021. Although Covid has decimated our Arts programme, we have tried every way to continue for 2020, but were only able to present a lecture in October at Salones Canor before further restrictions disabled that option.

We thank you for your patience and loyalty and recognise that you all deserve the reduced membership fee for 2021. We hope that soon in the new year we can again meet socially at Canor for our monthly events once restrictions are eased again and lecturers no longer need to be quarantined. We intend to present a lecture each month (initially by Zoom if that is the option) and have every intention of successfully completing our 2021 programme...

At last we can be hopeful with the new vaccine that improvements will happen before too long. Positive news has been in short supply. We also hope many of you will join us for our additional lecture on 14th January which will only be possible by Zoom - full information will be sent the preceding week

Keep well and safe,

**Best Regards,**

***Rod Anderton, Jane Cobb, Peter Eales, Maggie Clifford-Eales, David Glover, Andrew Ward & Lanie Widmar***

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**The Society is pleased to offer an additional lecture as part of the 2020 programme, and this takes place via Zoom on January 14 2021. This means that attendance will, of course, be free to all existing 2020 members. Guests will be able to attend by advance payment of the usual 15 euro guest fee.**

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## **NEXT LECTURE**

### ***Guernica: The Biography of a Painting***

**By Peter Atkinson**

**14 January 2021**

**ZOOM MEETING ONLINE**

**"Doors" Open at 10:45am**

**Lecture starts promptly at**

**11:00am**

See below for **EVENT**

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

## **ABOUT THE LECTURE**

In January 1937, six months into the Civil War, Pablo Picasso was commissioned by the Republican government to paint a large picture for Spain's pavilion at an international exposition in Paris, a work that would stimulate support for the Republic war effort. Inspiration did not come until the 26th of April when, at Franco's request, German and Italian aircraft bombed civilians in the Basque town of Guernica.

The first sketches were drawn on May 1 and, within five weeks, the world's most famous living artist, in exile in Paris, had completed *Guernica*. At 3.5m by 7.8m, it is a huge painting in black, white and grey, a powerful statement of the horrors of war and one of the world's most recognisable works of art. [READ MORE](#)

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## **MEET PETER ATKINSON**

Peter Atkinson was brought up on Teesside in north-eastern England. From 1962 to 1965 he studied geography at the University of Birmingham where he met his wife Gill,

a fellow student. Following graduation, he spent all his working life as a market research consultant, initially in London and then, from 1977, in Toronto.

Peter and Gill retired to Spain in 2000 and live in Jesús Pobre. Their two children and six grandchildren reside in Canada and the USA.

While speaking on history and art are important retirement projects, Peter has had no professional involvement with either. He also takes a lot of photographs and spends a lot of time on his bicycle.

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## 14 JANUARY EVENT REGISTRATION

### ***EVENT REGISTRATION INFORMATION***

On the **2nd of January**, you will receive the **Meeting Invitation** to the online lecture.

**The Event Registration Form** will be included in the Invitation.

On the **13th of January, 24 hours prior to the lecture**, you will be sent a link to join the lecture.

Please make sure you have downloaded the Zoom App on your desktop/laptop/mobile prior to joining the meeting. Instructions will be included in the **Invitation with telephone/email for the HELPDESK, for any assistance.**

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## ZOOM BASIC GUIDELINES FOR USERS

As we move into the New Year, we are faced with how to provide our members with lectures, given the Valencian government restrictions, currently in place. We have decided to provide online Zoom Webinars when the option to meet at Salones Canor is not viable.

Understanding this is a new format, we will start by providing members and guests with "**Basic Guidelines for Users**" Please [CLICK HERE](#) to download the instructions. If you have any questions, please contact Wang Choy at [trainingmainlandeuropa@theartsociety.org](mailto:trainingmainlandeuropa@theartsociety.org).

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## INSIGHTS ON NERJA ARTS SOCIETY ZOOM LECTURE

### **Andrew Ward's Report on Nerja's Zoom Lecture**

As our members will be well aware, Covid has caused our Society many problems, inasmuch as we have been disappointed by not being able to maintain our programme of talks at Salones el Canor.

Other branches have been similarly affected and much consideration has been given as to how illustrated talks on a variety of arts related subjects can continue to be offered.

In every instance there has to be a reliance on the videoconferencing system Zoom. Many members use this to keep in touch with their nearest and dearest and your committee has met several times by Zoom. Even the most technophobic members of the committee nowadays log on and get everything right first time.

The Arts Society is a bigger organisation than may at first appear and under the guidance of The Arts Society Mainland Europe - Training Support, which is based in The Netherlands, several possibilities have been considered. So how can we make use of this medium

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## 2021 MEMBERSHIP

### **NEW MEMBER INVITATION TO JOIN**

We are pleased to invite you to join The Arts Society Marina Alta, a member of The Arts

Society UK. The Arts Society UK is the leading UK arts organisation working to advance decorative and fine arts education and appreciation, alongside promoting the conservation of our artistic heritage. The Arts Society UK brings together 90,000 people worldwide through a shared curiosity for the arts, and opens up the world of the arts for everyone to enjoy, learn, participate in, and preserve.

To download the **Application Form**, please [CLICK HERE](#)

### **2021 ANNUAL MEMBERS' RENEWAL**

Annual subscriptions (usually 50€ per annum) run from 1 January to 31 December. Exceptionally, in 2021, existing members will pay a reduced fee of 30€ per annum, in recognition of the difficulties experienced by the Society during 2020 due to Covid-19. Fees are payable by 31 December 2020. This subscription rate is only achievable through the generous donations of our sponsors and includes the annual membership subscription of 16€ to The Arts Society UK. For more information [CLICK HERE](#).

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## 2021 PROGRAMME

### **ANNOUNCING THE 2021 PROGRAMME**

To view the eight planned lectures and their highly accredited presenters, please [CLICK HERE](#) for the full 2021 Programme.

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## CULTURAL TRIPS & EVENTS

### **ANNOUNCING THE BILBAO/SAN SEBASTIAN TRIP: JULY 2021**

**THE ARTS SOCIETY MARINA ALTA  
PROPOSED BILBAO/SAN SEBASTIAN CULTURAL TOUR**

We are very excited to offer to our members a 4-night, 5-day cultural fine art and architecture trip to Bilbao and San Sebastian. The highlights of the trip include: private tours of the world-famous Bilbao Guggenheim Museum, the Museo de Belles Artes, the Eduardo Chillida Gallery, Bilbao Old Town and San Sebastian; a private art collection viewing, wine-tasting and lunch among the vineyards at Bodega Casa Primicia's private finca. Included is four nights' accommodation in a 4\* star boutique hotel, located in Bilbao's Historic Old Town.

The tour is limited to 16 members. The price is 1000 euros per person. If you are interested to make a reservation, please send your name(s) and email to [bilbaotrip2021@gmail.com](mailto:bilbaotrip2021@gmail.com). A confirmation will be sent with all details regarding the trip registration, trip deposit, deadline to sign up and cancellation information.

**To read the full TRIP PROPOSAL [CLICK HERE](#).**

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### **ROMANIA TRIP: MAY 2021**

There is space available for two people sharing a room with twin beds.

Any questions please contact Dodie Hodgkinson at [romaniatrip@marinaaltaarts.com](mailto:romaniatrip@marinaaltaarts.com)

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### **MARRAKECH CULTURAL TRIP: AUTUMN 2021**

We are rescheduling this 6-day cultural trip to Marrakech for the last week in September or early October. We will send out a new trip proposal after the new year.

In the meantime if you have any questions, please email Lanie

Widmar [marrakechtrip2020@gmail.com](mailto:marrakechtrip2020@gmail.com) (insert new email address)

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