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Spotlight on local Henley artists - ahead Reading Guild of Artists' Henley- themed exhibition

It's all about Henley as the Reading Guild of Artists (RGA) hosts its 87th annual 'Hooray Henley, Exhibition, Saturday 18 March to Tuesday 28 March, between 10am and 4pm, The Old Fire Station, 66 Market Place, Henley-on-Thames. Entry is free.

Although the RGA members are primarily Reading-based, there is a growing membership from outside Reading with many from Henley. Here is what some of its Henley members are saying:

Gordona Naslas, from Henley, says: "I've lived in Henley for 35 years and get my inspiration from daily life, walking along the river and watching people."

Belinda Fitzwilliams, also from Henley, says what about the Regatta inspires her: "I have been drawing and making sketches for my work since childhood. I taught Watercolour and Drawing for some fifteen years in Adult Education. I've attended many regattas over the years. I love observing people at the regatta in all weather and many of my paintings drawings, watercolours, etchings and monotypes are exhibited at several London and local Galleries. I am known for my innovative and changing work, including my love and enjoyment of Abstracting"

Sue Evan, from Shiplake, said: "Henley in the summer is an exciting place to live, with Regatta and festivals from June to September. In my

imagination, it is always sunny and I use strong, bold, bright colours to emphasise the holiday atmosphere of our beautiful river and town."

Clive Duncan, President of the RGA and Henley resident, said: "Henley's unique location, its Arts and Literary Festivals and the major artists who have lived and worked here has made the town a special place for exhibiting the creative arts and crafts.

"Just a stone's throw from Henley's Market Place and the town's main thoroughfares, the Old Fire Station Gallery is presenting the RGA's Annual Exhibition. Throughout its -year history the Guild's role has been to encourage and foster the visual arts and to represent some of the finest work by artists in the Reading and Henley area."

Further information on the Reading Guild of Artists, can be found by visiting <http://www.rga-artists.org.uk/> or <https://www.facebook.com/ReadingGuildofArtists/>

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Photo Opportunity

Reporters and photographers are warmly invited to a private viewing on Sunday 19 March at 12.30pm. There will be the opportunity to interview the artists about their work. Please confirm attendance by calling 07503 156128 or emailing publicity@rga-artists.org.uk

Photo attached

Attached is a photo of the three Henley-based artists featured. From left to right:

Gordona Naslas, Belinda Fitzwilliams and Sue Evans

Notes to Editors:

The Reading Guild of Artists was founded in 1930. It has a membership of over 150 artists and plays an active role in the development of artists in Reading.