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Reading Guild of Artists' charity art sale – one artist inspired by WW1

Reading Guild of Artists' (RGA) charity art sale is still in full swing, and runs until Saturday 15 December. The charity art sale is in Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading. Entrance is free and 25% of the proceeds go to the Hospital's 'RBH Voluntary Services' charity.

The works of art for sale feature a wide-range of styles and use many different media. One RGA member, Trish Roberts, was inspired by the centenary of the First World War, for her piece 'Perhaps' She says: "During research for a WW1 project, I was inspired and moved by a poem written in 1915 by Vera Brittain, after the death of her fiancé, which included the lines 'Perhaps the sun will shine again...the golden meadows at my feet...and crimson roses once again be fair...'

"I hope that the artwork I have created encapsulates Vera's sentiment and also that it is a fitting tribute to the 1000s who lost their lives and also those who lost loved ones. It was especially fitting to do so in 2018 – the 100th anniversary of the end of the War."

Anthony Wilder, chairman of the Reading Guild of Artists, said: "Trish's piece is a sublime and moving reminder of the sacrifices made in the First World War.

"There are many pieces of art for sale that will evoke emotions – and I would urge people to come along and see for themselves. We will be giving 25% of the proceeds to their charity, 'RBH Voluntary Services'. Originally known as the Women's Voluntary Service and founded in 1938, it was originally set up to help recruit women into the ARP movement

assisting civilians during and after air raids by providing emergency rest centres, feeding, first aid, and perhaps most famously assisting with the evacuation and billeting of children. It is therefore very fitting that it is this year's chosen charity – as its many volunteers over the years have done their bit to support us, not only in times of conflict, but are often the mainstay supporting communities in times of hardship.”

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 attached:

'Perhaps' is artwork produced by artist and RGA member, Trish Roberts.

Note to Editors:

The Reading Guild of Artists was founded in 1930. It has a membership of over 170 artists and plays an active role in the development of artists in Reading.