

## Joining The RGA

**The RGA** is a diverse group of professional and amateur artists. It is a charity that encourages high standards in the visual arts, supports members' artistic development, acts as a network and offers opportunities for exhibition and sale of work.

**Membership** is open to all from experienced professionals to complete beginners and new members are very welcome.

All new members join as **Affiliates** (non-exhibiting) who receive a full range of RGA services – attending art workshops and special sessions, receiving newsletters and information by email, invitations to Private Views and having RGA voting rights. Affiliates are encouraged to become **Exhibiting Members** by submitting work to a review panel, a process that operates annually, normally in February or more often if required to avoid congestion.

**Exhibitions** are held several times a year at venues in and around Reading with the main annual event organised in the first part of the year at which Exhibiting Members' works are submitted to a selection process.

As a member you can attend any of our **Regular Events** where usually a small charge is made including a contribution if any specialised materials are needed or a model is involved. These events are normally designed to provide constructive critique and practical guidance for members. Guests and prospective members are very welcome to attend.

**RGA Fridays** are open to everyone at all skill levels. We meet on every other Friday evening at Maiden Erlegh School (Visual Arts College) from Autumn to early Summer. These evenings provide a range of demonstrations and workshops, which encourage members to work in a variety of media and learn new skills from experienced tutors.

Further practical opportunities are provided by **Earley Painters**, an afternoon painters' group who meet on alternative Tuesdays at Maiden Place Community Centre, encouraging participants to develop their art (untutored) on particular themes. Members and guests can also relax at our **Summer Painting Days**, sessions of outdoor painting and drawing in a variety of locations.

**To join**, please download the **Membership Application Form** from our website:  
[www.rga-artists.org.uk](http://www.rga-artists.org.uk)