

# COS NEWS

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**Cowal Open Studios  
Guest Artist Exhibition  
"Scottish Perspectives:  
A Trio"**

**Daniel Martin, John MacDonald  
and Frances Clark**

**30th August - 6th October 2024**  
Wednesday - Sunday 10 am - 4 pm

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## Burgh Hall hosts Cowal Open Studios taster exhibition

This year's Cowal Open Studios (COS) weekend (September 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>) promises to be bigger and better than ever according to the event's organisers.

Prior to the open studios weekend, local art lovers are being treated to a taster exhibition at Dunoon's Burgh Hall which runs from the August 30<sup>th</sup> until October 6<sup>th</sup>. A number of Cowal-based artists and makers will be showcasing their creativity alongside three guest artists from beyond the peninsula.

The taster event will also feature 12 pieces of art created by local pupils from five primary and secondary schools across Cowal as part of a new COS School's competition.

Jenny Phillips of COS explained: "There will be lots of artists from our network taking part in the taster exhibition which promises to be an open studios weekend in miniature. None of the works will be bigger than A4 in size!

"We will also be including a trio of guest artists as part of the 'Scottish Perspectives' gallery.

"Stirling-based Daniel Martin paints dramatic scenes of sky and water that captures the beauty and complexity of the natural environment.

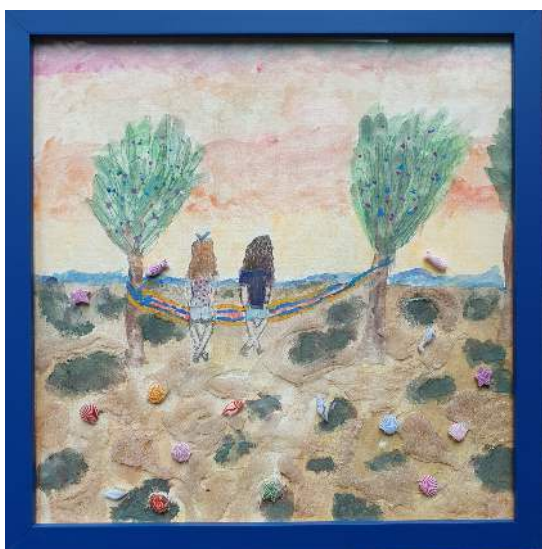
"John MacDonald from Ayr works in acrylics and adopts an abstract approach to his subject matter whilst Frances Clark is a sculptor with a studio in West Kilbride. Her stunning ceramic works reflect representations of human and animal forms.

"For the first time this year we invited budding artists from Lochgoilhead Primary, Innellan Primary, Sandbank Primary, Kilmodan Primary and Dunoon Grammar School to submit artworks that cover the theme 'this makes me happy'.

"The works of the twelve winners, featured in the Burgh Hall's café area, cover a range of subjects such as local landscapes, pets, holidays and music and include a magical underwater scene from Clodagh McGowan and a delightful seascape from Sarah Nimo.

"All in all the taster exhibition promises to be a fantastic reflection of art in all its forms and is the perfect warm up for our open studios weekend.

"The range of art on show this year will be bigger and better than ever and we hope that local people and visitors to Cowal will seize the opportunity to find out what makes our local artists and makers tick and view the incredibly diverse range of their creativity," added Jenny.



**Gemma Black - Kilmodan P6/7**



**Losey Lothead-Usher - Kilmodan P4/5**



**Torin Collier - Sandbank P5**