

Bucks Open Studios

The Visual Images Group (VIG), an alliance of 600 artists and makers living and working in Buckinghamshire, has announced that it will again be organising its members into the annual Bucks Open Studios

Now in its 29th year, Bucks Open Studios is the largest visual arts event in Buckinghamshire and one of the largest in the country, and it will take place from 7th to 22nd June 2014.

Over 500 artists and makers from the county including painters, glass workers, basket weavers, metal workers, wood turners, jewellery makers, book makers, print makers and silk makers will be opening their studios to the public for free and showcasing their talent through demonstrations, exhibitions and workshops.

Bob and Ann Marshall, the new Joint Chairs of the Visual Images Group said: "We look forward to our new role as Joint Chairs. Bucks Open Studios has grown in every way year on year - more participants, more venues, and more visitors - and we want to make sure that it continues to gain in popularity with the public. Artists and makers in Buckinghamshire are very grateful for the support that they receive from the public and we are sure that Bucks Open Studios will continue to prosper."

They continued, "There is an amazing wealth of talent within Buckinghamshire and Bucks Open Studios covers a vast array of artistic disciplines and levels of involvement from professional artists with international reputations to passionate hobbyists. So whether you are an art enthusiast or just fancy an interesting day out, you can talk directly to the artists about their work, watch demonstrations and even be inspired to take up a new hobby." ■

To find out more about Bucks Open Studios 2014 please visit the website www.bucksopenstudios.org.uk

TWO MK PARTICIPANTS

Pam Cummings
Ceramics & Sculpture

Enjoy your visit then have a go at making something from glass or clay - families and children very welcome. Plenty of parking and two lovely pubs in the village! Out of hours visits welcomed, just ring first - 07714 169046.

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Professional studio exhibition, workshop and garden display. Ceramic wall art, ceramics, colourful dishes and platters, handmade tiles, tiled coffee tables, garden and pond sculptures. Outdoor raku firing demonstration Saturday 14th June, visitors and children will be able to glaze a ceramic item.

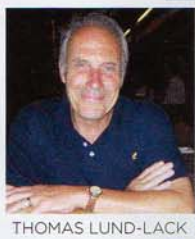
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Commemorating the First World War

A Suffolk artist has produced his own unique commemoration for the centenary of Britain's Great War. *Ghosts of Doomed Youth*, an

oil on canvas measuring 40 x 40 inches has been painted by Chairman of Suffolk Open Studios Thomas Lund-Lack as his own personal tribute to the First World War.

"I was inspired by my great uncle Julius McCollough Woods, who was a Territorial Army soldier, number 2182200465, of the 1st/5th (Rifle) Battalion, Kings (Liverpool regiment). He enlisted as a private on 8th August 1914 and served throughout the war from 21st February 1915 until he was demobbed in February 1919 with the rank of sergeant. My inspiration was the unique personal record of his experiences recorded in a detailed diary," explains Thomas.

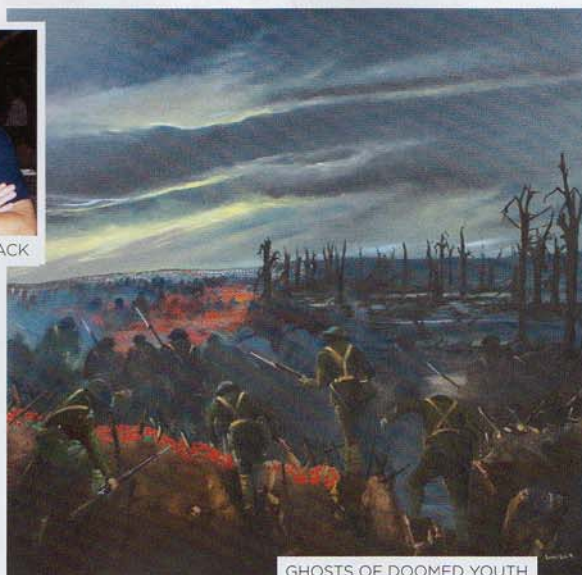


THOMAS LUND-LACK

"On his arrival in France in 1915 Jules' unit was immediately in action taking part in a series of battles; Neuve Chapelle, Festubert,

Loos and Hulluch. His battalion suffered severe casualties in the Somme battle and was in the front line during the last German assault in March 1918. Jules was injured several times and gassed, but survived the war and lived on until his death in 1965. He was responsible for editing his original diaries and they were published in book form for his decedents with 50 copies in existence, the original manuscript is in the Imperial War Museum, Belfast.

The painting will be presented to the Mayor of Stowmarket on 17th May as part of the Stowmarket commemorations for the First World War. The Mayor in turn will present it to the President of the Suffolk branch of the Royal British Legion. ■



GHOSTS OF DOOMED YOUTH
BY THOMAS LUND-LACK