

SIME Gallery X halow

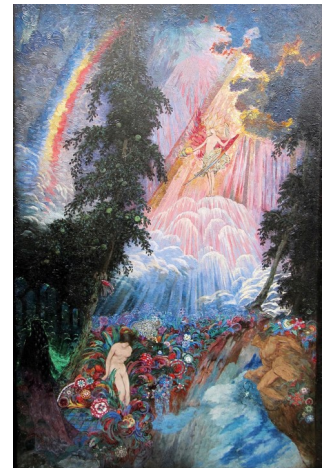
Our Favourite Things Project

Title Page and Construction by Megan, this has been constructed over 4 sessions.

This is an article for the Building Futures magazine and the SIME Gallery Magazine.



Year CG will create art pieces inspired by Sidney Sime.



About the halow Project

About SIME Gallery



SIME Gallery is a gallery that houses some of Sime's art-work. It opened in 1956 and it's located in Worplesdon Memorial Hall.

There are 88 pieces of art work on display.

There are different styles of art work such as oil paintings, water colour sketches, drawings and caricatures.



The halow Project is a charity that was created to support young adults with learning disabilities.

It was set up in 2006.

Halow has different supports such as A Reason To Get Up, Building Futures, Independent Support Programme, Social Activities and more.

halow supports young adults to work on their goals and develop their independence and confidence.

CG have been coming to SIME Gallery on a 4 week project called 'Our Favourite Things' learning about Sidney Sime and recreating some of his art pieces.

Building Futures Magazine Interview by Megan with Jan from SIME Gallery

How old is the gallery?

Opened in 1956, it's been open 69 years.



How did you and Haidee become involved with SIME Gallery?

Jan had lived in Worplesdon for a long time and was a trustee at the hall.

Haidee has been working with the SIME Gallery for 3 years on a community engagement project which is funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. "Our Favourite Things" art sessions with halow was arranged by Haidee from the Surrey Museums and Surrey Heritage partnership.

How is the gallery funded?

By visitor donations, grants and lottery funding.

Can anyone come to the gallery or is it for education only?

Anyone can come when we're open on Wednesday and Sunday afternoons. The gallery's on the first floor.

How many times do staff clean the paintings?

Cleaned by specialists and donations are needed.

Where is Sidney's other artwork other than the gallery?

There's a few fantasy art pieces in Dunsany castle in Ireland and some in private collections, SIME Gallery Worplesdon has the largest collection of Sidney's artwork.

What's the most valuable piece of art?

Fantasy oil piece, but to SIME Gallery trustees all the work is priceless!

Getting to know Jan:

Have you got a dog or have any pets?

No pets

How long have you been working at SIME Gallery

At least 15 years

Do you have a favourite piece of artwork?

Loves the theatrical caricatures

Who's your favourite artist?

Sidney SIME of course!

Where is Mary Sime's artwork now?

Mary's art is with family, SIME Gallery only has one piece

How do you pay for the building?

Donations and grants



More About Our Favourite Things Project

Inspiration and Ideas In the first session, we visited the Sime Gallery and looked at Sidney Sime's artwork to start getting inspiration and ideas. We also asked Jan from the gallery questions about the art. Afterwards, we talked about which was our favourite and why, how it made us feel, and what we wanted to do for our own art. This helped us plan what we needed next like paints or pencils or laptops.

Starting Our Art In the second session, we took a picture of Sime's work and then started our own. We had different resources like watercolours, colour pencils, oil pencils, or sketching pencils as well as different types of paper to try. We talked about our art and what we were creating. We also thought about research questions we wanted to find out about the art and the gallery from Jan for the next session.

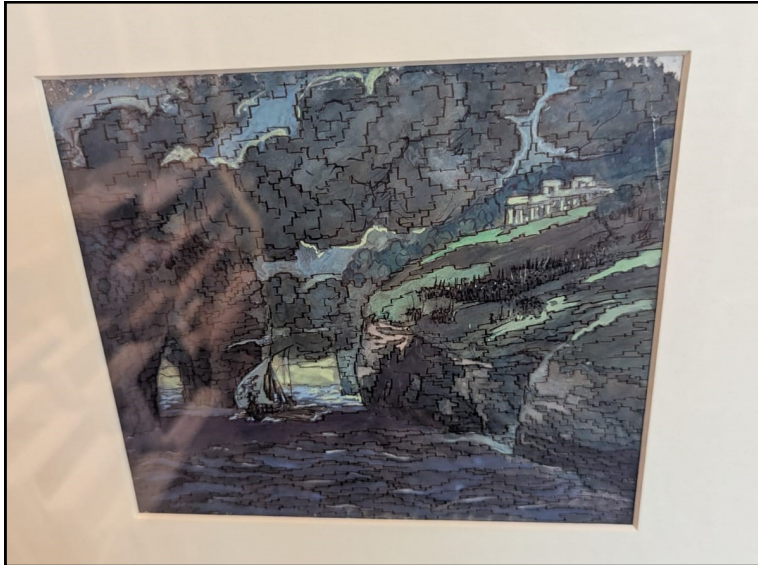
Developing Our Art In the third session, some of us wanted to continue our art from Session 2 and some wanted that as a draft and to work on a new improved piece. We had an artist join us who helped with ideas and skills in painting and drawing techniques. We also started interviewing Jan about our research questions.

Final Touches! In our last session, we did a mix of things. We finished off Our Favourite Things artwork, mounted it on card, finished our questions, made sure Megan had photos of the Sime art and our art. It was fun and busy and everyone got all their Favourite Things finished. After that, we just enjoyed drawing or painting whatever we wanted.

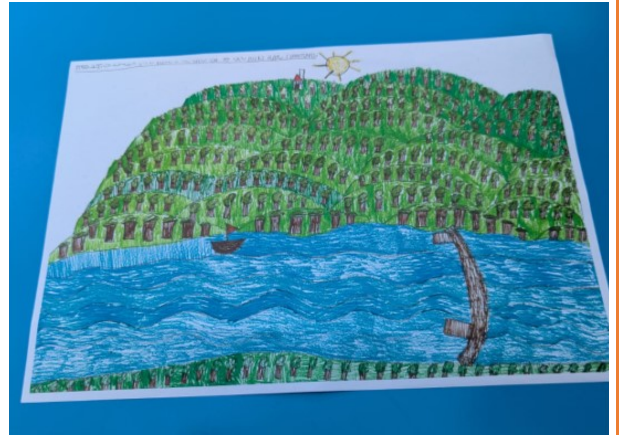
The Newsletter In the first session, we agreed as a group that a great way to share everyone's work would be in the halow newsletter. Megan took this on as its editor. She planned with Haidee and halow and they figured out a brief for the newsletter, deciding the design, information and headings. Megan then continued to work on this over the weeks, getting information and artwork from the group as it was finished. You are reading the result!

Theo's Art Piece and Information

Original Photo below: Sea Ship Temple with hill on right



My artwork below: The House at the Top of the Hill and Mountains



INFORMATION

My name is Theo, I am 26 years old. I like going for walks and being outdoors. I like going to lots of different places at hallow.

I chose SIME'S "Sea, ship, and temple with hill on right." piece of artwork because it looks beautiful and makes me think of being outdoors. It makes me feel calm, relaxed, and happy.

I drew lots of hills and mountains with lots of trees on them and a house on the top of the hill. I also drew a river at the bottom with a bridge going across to another green landscape and named it "The house at the top of the hills and mountains."

I did this piece of artwork as a drawing and then coloured it in when I had finished my drawing to make it look like artwork. I enjoyed drawing the hills and mountains and the house at the top. I also enjoyed drawing the river and bridge because it makes me think of being outdoors and that it's much calmer and more peaceful outdoors.

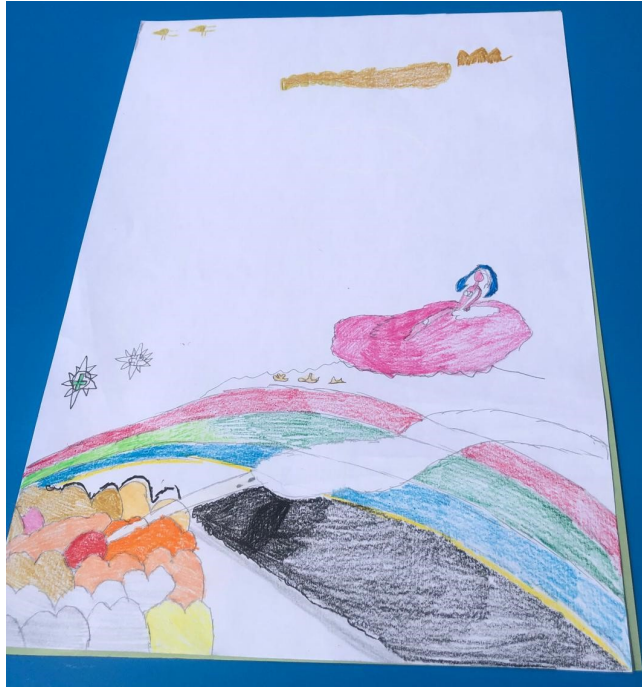
I also created this piece of artwork to represent Spring and being outdoors and I drew the hills and mountains to represent lots of green fields and progress. The river represents calm and the house at the top of the hills and mountains represents success. The sun represents happiness and freedom and the boat represents travel. The bridge represents a path for new opportunities.

Federica's Art Piece and Information

Original Photo below: Light Through Water



My artwork below:



INFORMATION

My name is Federica I am 24 years old. I have a lot of interests that include theatre and dancing. I like halow and doing social activities.

My piece of art that I chose is called light though water. I have chosen it because I like the colours in the rainbow and people in the art the top. What I like about it is makes me think happy thoughts in the rainbow and magic thoughts.

I have created a drawing with colouring pencils on paper.

I enjoy my art because it very good I like doing drawing and colouring on the piece of paper.

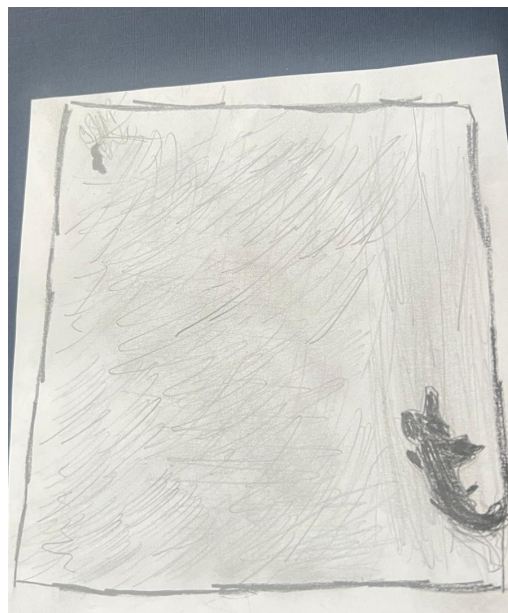
The light in the sky it makes me feel peaceful and happy.

Tavis's Art Piece and Information

Original Photo below: The Crows Point Of View



My artwork below:



INFORMATION:

Tell us about the piece of Sime's Art that you chose?

The reason I picked this piece of art is because it's got animals in it and it looks like the wolf and the bird are having a conversation.

Tell us something about your own artwork?

I copied Sime's art work 'The Crows Point Of View'. For this I used different thickness sized pencils to shade it.

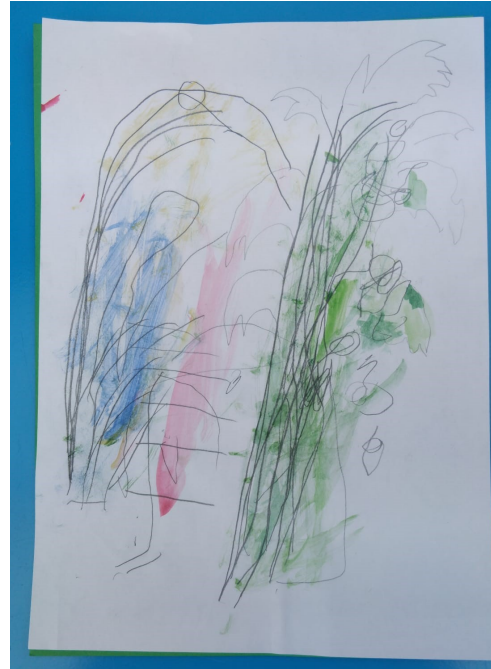
I'm pleased with how it came out.

Leah's Art Piece and Information

Original Photo below: The Impassable Gulf



My artwork below: Angels and Waterfalls



INFORMATION

My name is Leah I am 26 years old. I like cooking and going outdoors for walks. I like art, colouring and making friends at halow.

I chose this piece of artwork because it has got animals and I like the colours and angels. It makes me feel happy and it is a large oil painting which is the most popular work in the gallery.

For my artwork I used water colours and pencils to make a waterfall. I also used oil pencils and black pencils to make an angel.

I enjoyed drawing the most and using different colours.

Zac's Piece of Art and Information

Original Photo below: The Impassable Gulf



My artwork below:



INFORMATION

My name is Zac and I am 24 years old. I like to do gardening, cooking and to see my friends.

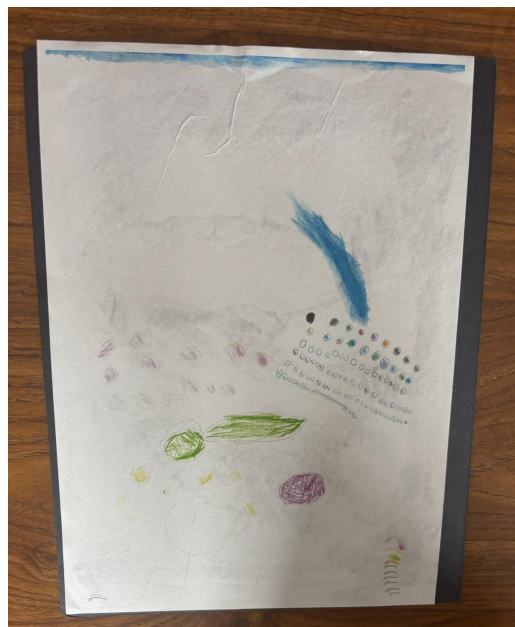
I like to join into the sessions doing art, drawings, painting and colouring. The piece of art I chose was The Impassable Gulf. I chose it because I like the rainbow and the sky and it makes me feel happy and relaxed. I used watercolours to create my own art piece.

Hannah's Piece of Art and Information

Original photo below: Flight Through Water & The Impassable Gulf



My artwork below: Hannah's artwork!



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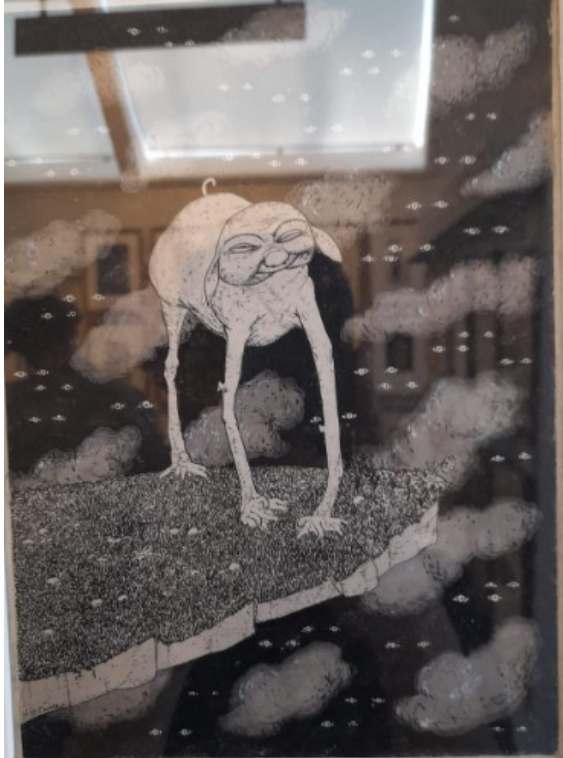
I am Hannah I am 27 years old and I like relaxing. I like going out on trips with my family. I like going to small galleries like SIME. I like to do art work at home. I like to make new friends. The best thing about halow is meeting new people in different environments.

More about the piece of art I chose. I worked off of both pieces of art - Flight Through Water and The Impassable Gulf. I like the rainbow and the waterfall, they draw you into the picture. I like night skies. I like the colour and I like colourful paintings. It makes me feel happy and excited. It is really old. The people who work at the SIME Gallery don't know how old it is. It was painted a long time ago in the olden days but it could have been done more recently.

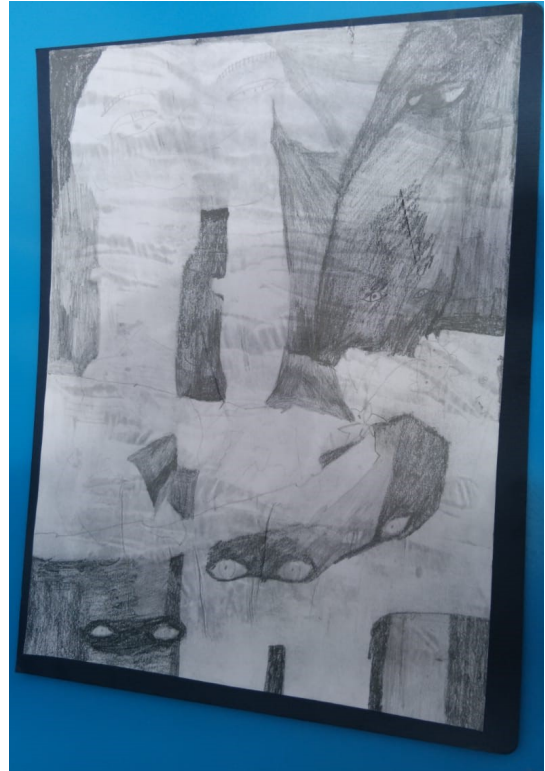
More about my art. My artwork is colourful and I've used watercolour paints and oil pencils on A3 paper. I decided to make it from the bottom up because of the rainbow. Mine is called Hannah's artwork!

Bijay's Piece of Art and Information

Original Photo below: The Three Legged Blarn



My artwork below:



INFORMATION

My name is Bijay my age is 24. I really like watching Tv and playing videos games online. I love making new friends at halow.

I chose a bogey beast illustration called the Three Legged Blarn. It reminds me of a pig mixed with a dog and the eyes looking at you guys. It makes me think of a lonely sad and depressed animal. It is scary and funny.

I have created a Bogey Beast. I drew the outline of the Bogey Beast then I drew the detail line the flower and the rock he's staying on. Then I decided to do the eyes in the background, and find then coloured it in with black pencil.

I have really enjoyed colouring the background.