

DONATIONS AND BEQUESTS

The Friends of Penlee House Gallery & Museum is an independent charity (charity number 106841) whose aim is *“to advance the education of the public in the history and cultural heritage of West Cornwall by the provision of support and assistance to Penlee House Gallery & Museum”*. With a membership of around 1500 people, we are one of the largest museum Friends groups outside London. All the funds we raise go to support the Gallery & Museum.

By donating money to the Friends or making a bequest you will enable us to help Penlee House extend its work, add to the collections, and pursue new opportunities. You will help to secure Penlee House for future generations.

How will we use your gift

- To enhance our collections through the purchase of works of art and artefacts which will provide strong examples of the art and heritage of West Cornwall.
- To assist with conservation costs: caring for and restoring the collections for the benefit of future generations.
- To help with educational and outreach activities: Penlee House has a strong track record of innovative programmes to reach new audiences.
- To fund development projects: to improve the collection space and to ensure that facilities for visitors are up-to-date and offer the best possible experience. These projects often require substantial financial support both from public funding sources and from organisations like the Friends.

A message from our President, Kurt Jackson:

"Penlee House is one of Cornwall's pre-eminent picture galleries and works tirelessly to promote the art produced in this vibrant area over the last three hundred years. It is therefore essential that we strive to help and support Penlee however we can, so that they can continue to keep, collect, and display works of art and artefacts for the public to enjoy."

Making a financial donation or bequest

- Please contact the Friends of Penlee House Treasurer for details of how to do this. We will discuss with you whether you wish your donation to be used for a particular purpose. We will confirm any agreement on this in writing.

- There are several types of gifts that you can leave to the Friends of Penlee House in your Will. These include leaving a share of your estate or leaving a cash gift. Your solicitor will be able to talk through the options with you. Your solicitor will also be able to discuss the implications for inheritance tax. Leaving a gift to the Friends of Penlee House – a registered charity, avoids the possibility of Inheritance Tax applying to that part of your estate.

Giving a picture or artefact

- If you have a work of art or an artefact that you would like to donate or bequeath, please contact the Director or Curator of Penlee House. They will be able to advise whether the work will be appropriate to the Penlee House collection, or whether it may be better suited elsewhere. Please refer to the Penlee House Collections Development policy for further information: https://penleehouse.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Collections_Development_Policy.pdf
- If you intend to donate a work of art during your lifetime, you may be able to gain tax benefits from donation under the Cultural Gifts Scheme (https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/540689/Cultural_Gifts_Scheme_DCMS_guidance.pdf). The Director or Curator can advise on who you should contact to take advantage of this scheme.

If you intend to leave a work of art in your Will please ensure that you have spoken with the Director or Curator prior to writing this into your Will. Your solicitor will be able to advise you on an appropriate form of words. Your estate may benefit from Acceptance in Lieu, administered by Art Fund:

<https://www.artfund.org/donate/giftsandbequests>

Your donation of an object or work of art should be made directly to Penlee House Gallery & Museum, and not to the Friends of Penlee House.

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