

Affordable Art Fair

I made my way to the idyllically situated European Interinstitutional Centre in Overijse on Saturday 8 June to visit the Affordable Art fair put on by the UK group. The show ran over two days, 8-9 June, from noon to 17h.



Generous members had donated a total of 293 pictures, prints and other objets d'arts to the group to be sold to the benefit of our charity work. The "book lady", Jill Hawkes, had sought out 88 art books from the stock at Beaulieu.



Living up to its name of being "affordable", the show offered the pictures and other art at prices from 5 to 100€.

The choice and variety of the works on offer was stunning. Oil and acrylic paintings, posters, etchings, prints and ceramics. The motives of the pictures varied wildly, from flowers to beautiful women, from landscapes to town prospects. Whatever your fancy, you could find something to tempt you.

Diving into the choice, I was assessing the works and wondering how they wound up here. The members' own efforts, inheritance, works that have become homeless after a house move – or perhaps the owners just no longer liked the motive, or the colours no longer fit the decor of their home.

As a member of the Danish group I was entranced to find a number of Danish posters on offer. There was a series of four posters by the Danish designer and architect Ole Kortzau, depicting boldly coloured summer motives. The posters are so well known in Denmark they can be said to be part of the Danish soul.



I am sure the visitors from other nationalities found something to appeal to their aesthetics and instincts as well, so they could walk happily away with their find.

A great thanks to the UK group for their brilliant idea and the work they have put in.

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