

ARTIST OF THE MONTH JUNE 2024

Artist of the month is a competition that runs in school. Each month we look at a different artist and their work, children can then respond to this artist by either creating a picture, taking a photograph, writing a story, doing some research or a different response that inspires them. Mrs Britten our Art and Design subject lead shares the artist of the month via the school art notice board. The artist of the month winner will be announced at the end of each month.

To enter you need to respond to the artist however you choose. Put your entry into the 'Artist of the Month' basket next to the art gallery display or email it to enquiries@williamgilbertend.derbyshire.sch.uk with the title 'Artist of the Month'. Please enter by Friday 28th June 2024.

This month's artist is: **Friedensreich Hundertwasser (1928– 2000)**



'Green Town' (1978)



'Bouquet of Flowers' (Homage à van Gogh) (1998)



'Who has eaten all my windows?' (1996)

Friedensreich Hundertwasser born 15th December 1928 was a famous Austrian artist and architect. Hundertwasser was famous for his work that linked nature to humans. He believed that humans had the right to be close to nature. His early art drew similarities between people and trees, and later he designed homes that ensured that all people could see and interact with the nature around them.

His style of painting was very unique. He preferred using lots of bold colours, uneven lines and often made his own paints. He was influenced by the artists Antoni Gaudi and Gustav Klimt. As well as painting, he created designs for flags, posters, stamps and coins.

He designed many buildings with curved features rather than straight lines.

Hundertwasser was influenced very much by nature. He believed that humans and nature should live in harmony and incorporated grass, trees and plants into many of his designs. He noticed there were no straight lines in nature. The Waldspirale in Germany has a grass roof and trees growing out of windows. Its name means 'forest spiral.'

Hundertwasser was keen to protect nature. He once planted 150,000 trees in the valley on his estate. Many of his artworks had a theme of protecting the environment, e.g. 'Save the Whales' and 'Save the Seas'.

Interesting Facts about Hundertwasser

- He believed clothing should be unique to an individual and often wore mismatched socks.
- The name he gave himself, Friedensreich Hundertwasser, means "full-of-peace hundred-water".
- He even designed a toilet, the Hundertwasser in New Zealand!
- He didn't paint at an easel; he spread paper or canvas on the floor to work on.
- Many people say his work is like that of a child, but he believed children's creativity was the 'truest' form, because it was not influenced by experience.

Your turn Why not have a go at creating your own picture, inspired by Friedensreich Hundertwasser. You could create a watercolour of your garden with spirals and 'lollipop' trees, or maybe a collage of your garden using spirals, swirls and wavy lines. See the pictures below for inspiration. Or maybe you could design a house inspired by Hundertwasser's architecture. You could find out more about his imaginative buildings by scanning the QR code to take you to a video on YouTube – please remember to watch with a grown up. Or follow the link below.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GoF_zAfKNug



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Hundertwasser Inspiration

