



Art has its important role as an ambassador of ideas, as a way of working with a wide range of people and achieving a strong, lasting, emotional impact. One of the main goals of the Society of Animalists, Florists and Scientific Illustrators /SAFSI/ is to provide a field of work for artists, who find inspiration in wild nature. Through exhibitions in partnership with leading conservation organizations such as "Green Balkans", the efforts and achievements of a variety of specialists become accessible, understandable and interesting when presented through the eyes and sensibilities of artists. The most recent art event dedicated to the Lesser kestrel is this year's Plein Air, in which artists from SAFSI painted the endangered species to promote its conservation.



One open-air event was held in the village of Levka from September 9 to 11 this year. Artists from SAFSI met there with experts from "Green Blakans", got to know their work on site, observed the rare and endangered species in the wild, and drew with inspiration for its promotion and conservation. Other members of SAFSI, who received photographs and stories from the plein air, are also preparing works in support of the initiative. All paintings were presented in Svilengrad during the Lesser kestrel Balkan expert workshop.



Working with children is one of SAFSI's priorities. Through drawing and experiences in nature, they learn a lot, gain lasting impressions and knowledge.