

Next NDA meeting Wednesday, July 12th, 8.00pm at Broomhill

To book the splendid buffet at 7.00pm, ring 01271805262

The NDA 'Small (Square) Picture Show'

Share the stories and inspirations behind the exhibits. Participating artists are invited to talk about their work. Don't be shy - show us your passion and talk about what really motivates your work. Just think, you may be an inspiration to other artist members.

The NDA summer show is held as part of the North Devon Festival.

'A View from the Crowd'

Comments on the Square Picture Show from Michael Darling.

A case of packaging before product?

In previous years the Summer Show was entitled 'The Small Picture Show'. Why the change? As a member with limited means, I resent having to buy another six frames, even with a member's concession of £10 per frame (£60), to conform to the questionable concept, ease of hanging and tidiness for the organisers. Is it reasonable to regard the frame as more significant than the content or subject of the work?

My second grouse is with the Winter Show. Although this was divided into manageable sections due to the amount of work expected. An excellent idea until the day of delivery, when the wall space became a free for all, first come first served. I was a late arrival, 15 minutes after the scheduled time of delivery. My allotted space, the only one left, I believe, was in a corner, which on the viewing days was behind a refreshment table, not the best way to see the paintings.

These are a couple of my own particular grumbles, I'm sure there are others, in the crowd, who would take issue with these observations. It would be interesting to hear from them.

Yours in anticipation?

M Darling.

The Contemporary Craft Fair: 9 – 11th June 2006

Mill Marsh Park, Bovey Tracey.

This was the third annual Craft Fair to be organised at Bovey Tracey in association with the Crafts Council, and it proved to be an excellent day out. Over a 150 exhibitors, mainly from the South West but also from London, the Midlands and as far as the North East!

The quality of the work was of a very high and innovative standard with ceramics, glass, textiles, wood, sculpture, printmaking, jewellery and furniture being well represented. The consistently high standard is achieved and maintained through a process of selection by a panel which includes representatives from the Crafts Council and the Devon Guild of Craftsmen - strange that in this day and age the term craftsmen is used to represent a predominance of women makers at the exhibition!

A whole day was easily spent looking at the stalls and talking to the makers. Interestingly, there was a marked difference when the maker was not there and a representative was present, and technical questions could not be adequately answered. Stalls were professionally prepared and the work shown to its best advantage with most providing well-designed and engaging displays. Prices were very reasonable and well below what you might pay in a gallery or a London Exhibition where on-costs can make a purchase prohibitive.

All the makers seemed to enjoy the show and many appeared to share evenings together, swapping ideas and enjoying the company of like-minded artists. For the visitors it was an excellent day out, much enhanced by wonderful weather, a surfeit of high quality work, superb food available at the Devon Guild of Craftsmen's rooftop terrace restaurant, the Jerwood Applied Arts Prize 2005: Metal exhibition at the guild gallery and even free parking! Who could ask for more? Next year's dates are June 8th –10th – make a note in your diary as it is well worth a visit.

John Wright

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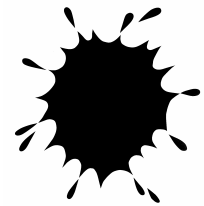
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EXMOOR GREEN FOLK FAIR

**SATURDAY JULY 8TH
STALL HOLDERS
REQUIRED**

**Black More Gate
(Market Side)**

The Folk Fair is based around the ideas of art, recycling, sustainability, local produce, and other green issues.

If you are interested in running a stall, or craft workshop, contact Philippa Simmons on 01271 889008, or Dora Johnston on 01271 850861.

The charge to run a stall is £8 per day (with your own stall), or £10 per day (stall provided).

Please contact them as soon as possible if you are interested!

STALLS AVAILABLE AT THE GEORGEHAM AND CROYDE SHOW

Sunday 20th August 2006 12 – 5pm

The organisers of the Georgeham and Croyde show are interested in recruiting people to run craft stalls at the event.

They particularly want to focus on 'Country Crafts' e.g. wicker/textiles/stone/ceramics etc. The stall spaces are free, but if sales are good, a donation to the Playing Field Fund is suggested (they are raising money for more facilities on the playing field).

If you are interested, contact Roy Barnes on 01271 890 303, or e-mail georgehamroy@tiscali.co.uk. Roy will need details of your craft, and when he has all applicants' details, a selection will be made from them.

Private View - Linda Hajdukiewicz - 6th July

You are invited to attend the Private View of work by Linda Hajdukiewicz at the Gallery Cafe at the Queen's Theatre, Barnstaple on Thursday 6th July 7pm-9pm.

Linda

A major show of recent work by Linda Hajdukiewicz opens on 3rd July at the Queen's Theatre Gallery Café, Barnstaple.

The show, which runs until 5th August, includes pastels, linocuts and a major group of new stunning flower paintings.

As part of the Ilfracombe Open Gardens event, Linda will also be showing some of her work at Norbury House, Torrs Park, Ilfracombe.

Ilfracombe Open Gardens 2006 takes place on Sunday 9th July 10.30am-4pm (details from www.norburyhouse.co.uk). Linda's work will be shown during the Open Gardens day at Norbury House and during July and August.

Linda with one of her paintings

INFORMATION**The NDA Portfolio**

All the odd scraps of paper some of you had sent in have disappeared, giving the group's portfolio an 'up to the minute' new look, suitable to show at any NDA exhibitions, Broomhill, The Plough and other assorted venues around the area.

The Portfolio is the first contact point people see when the NDA are asked to source artists for jobs, commissions, etc: So as you see, it could be important for you to have your pages in it!

Please send John Wright your updated pages to keep the file looking fresh.

E-mail; jpandswright@tiscali.co.uk

Download your two NDA Portfolio pages from; www.pagemonger.com/profile.doc

Arts Action LEADER +

A funding scheme for community groups to enable them to commission professional artists for their projects.

Please can any of you get an application together for your/a community event?

This scheme is not getting enough applications and is in danger of being withdrawn - which would be a disaster for the area's professional artists'!

See the form on: <http://pagemonger.com/nda/leader.doc>

Lisa Downie at LEADER + administers the fund and is very helpful - do give her a ring.

Apologies for the sparse newsletter this month - I am in the thick of moving from Widgery Studios and am surrounded by boxes and removal men. The computer is the last thing to be packed so this is it for a while, I know some of you will be pleased to not hear from me for a bit!

Art Trek evaluation will soon be on its way, anyone that has feedback on the event, please can you send it to me to add in ASAP?

Stella