



North Devon Arts

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October '06 newsletter

Next NDA meeting
Wednesday, 11th October
Broomhill Art Hotel, 8.00pm

Appledore Arts will be speaking at the next meeting.

They will be enlightening us on the tenth, Appledore Visual Arts Festival, 'Wide River'; trying to get us more involved with the themed events going on and hoping we can offer suggestions for workshops, projects, exhibitions, etc. Put on your thinking caps for ideas to link with this festival.

Also they will expand on how they manage to go from strength to strength each year, bringing in top, international, national and local artists on a relatively shoe string budget!

This event was initiated by and has always been run passionately by Sandy Brown plus a few committed friends and artists and, of course Sandy is still very much involved, but others have now taken the reins, enabling her to proceed with her own work without such huge pressure of the festival on her shoulders.

Anyone who may have been involved with Appledore Festival art workshops or been a visitor, will be interested to listen to how much energy and money it takes to get an event off the ground and, be as successful as they are at attracting the big names to our corner of North Devon.

Reviews

Dinsdale & Jane Petch of 'Running Dog Bronze Foundry' were the September speakers

"I thoroughly enjoyed last evening - what an interesting fellow, and such a joy to listen to someone who has such specialist knowledge. Do let me know when his open days are scheduled".

This comment on the evening was sent to me by John Wright, but I'm sure echo's the thoughts of many of us gathered that night.

Dinsdale talked about his work, helped by his wife Jane. They are based at East Buckland, in the heart of North Devon, where they specialise in lost-wax bronze casting, a process where wax is replaced with molten bronze, leaving an enduring sculpture. Explaining the many processes involved, gave a real indication of the hard work behind their bronze figures and sculptures.

Certainly the thing that came across strongly was this young man's passion for what he does.

Stella

The B I G G E R Picture

NDA Group Exhibition at Trelawney's Garden Centre, Restaurant

Continues until Thursday 12th October.

John Wilsher, Chairman of NDDC, opened this exhibition to quite an interested crowd of people, including exhibiting artists and their friends. Free drinks and very good nibbles were provided by Trelawney's for the occasion.

As the last pictures were hung, restaurant customers that had been watching from the sidelines as they finished their lunches, began walking round, looking intently at the work on show, commenting how much they each liked certain pictures. As this is a new venue for NDA, it was good to hear these comments and one can only hope the show will prove to be a success.

Lani has been asked to keep her stained glass there after the show and other NDA members have arranged to have their own solo exhibitions next year.

Please tell people and take clients, friends and neighbours along to see the work on show to support fellow, exhibiting NDA members.

Information

Arts World Figures Lend Support To 'Cultural Olympics'

Leading figures from the arts and creative industries have pledged their support to the development of a 'Cultural Olympics' in the run-up to the 2012 London games. See website for more.
http://www.24hourmuseum.org.uk/nwh_gfx_en/ART39005.html

Tate Modern Makes Music With Chemical Brothers For Tate Tracks Project

Tate Modern has joined forces with some of the biggest names in the music industry to launch Tate Tracks, an innovative new web project aimed at enticing a younger, streetwise audience into the gallery.
http://www.24hourmuseum.org.uk/nwh_gfx_en/ART39863.html

NDA Membership & Discount card

For some time now the NDA committee have been discussing a membership card, which on being produced at Broomhill, enables you to the 10% discount they offer us on bar meals and other events. Also, NDA treasurer, Sarah Gatehouse, has been compiling a list of retailers in the area who are willing to offer discounts to NDA members showing their NDA card. Due to our increasing membership, these retailers are happy to support us.

Come January the card scheme will be put in place, along with a one date, joining/subscription payment. January will now become the time to renew your subscriptions, making life a lot easier for Sarah to keep a check on who's paid up or not, plus it's easier for members to remember - new year, new payment!

Anyone who knows of a retailer/business that might want to offer discounts to the group, please E-mail;

Sarah Brewer; sarah@willowgate.wanadoo.co.uk

NDA Artist Details

NDA website & Folio

1. In the near future the intention is to put all members profiles on the NDA website - as they will then be much more accessible to a wider public. However the portfolios will still remain in use for exhibitions and with a master set kept at The Broomhill. **Advance warning:** it will help if everyone can send us the illustration they would like to have alongside their written work. Perhaps members might like to start thinking about which illustration of their work to submit and get it in a form suitable for sending as an attachment to an Email. We will announce when the website is about to be updated. (Continuing thanks to Vanessa Marston for her work on the NDA website).

Anyone **not** wanting their portfolio to be available on the NDA website should Email John Wright; jpandswright@tiscali.co.uk ASAP.

2. The paper copy of the portfolio is now in 2 volumes and looks very good and clearly identifies the wealth of talent in the NDA membership. For the sake of continuity I shall now begin to delete details for anyone for whom we do not have a full set of details, that is, the Artist's Profile & Statement and an illustration of the artist's work. Emails will be sent out soon to prompt those who are missing the written work or the illustrations, prior to removal.

And many thanks to those members who have taken the time and trouble to present their entries for the portfolio in such an informative way.

John Wright

Opportunity

Eileen Brown is looking for artists work to fill her shop in Clovelly.

She is particularly looking for smaller crafts/gifts rather than large works as her shop is small, plus there is the difficulty of the location!!

Any NDA members that are interested can contact her direct if they wish.

Eileen Brown Gallery & Gift Shop

83 High Street, Clovelly, EX39 5TQ
01237 431113

eileen@thegalleryclovelly.co.uk

Gallery opens March to October.

Exhibition

"Aspects of Exmoor"

The Brian Chugg Exhibition continues at The Museum of North Devon & Barnstaple.

This is a major exhibition of the late painter's work and a rare chance to see such a collection gathered together. Do try to go along to catch this show.

Thanks go to Mary for making sure this event happened.

Exhibition

NDA members are invited to the
Private View of recent work by Keith Elliott
ART @ THE GALLERY CAFE
THE QUEEN'S THEATRE, BARNSTAPLE
Tuesday 17th October between 7.00 - 8.30

Keith uses the wonder of colour and movement to explore human emotions in a variety of mediums.

The show runs from
16th October - 10th November

See Keith's work on his website;
www.keithart.co.uk
 or on the North Devon Arts website;
www.northdevonarts.co.uk

Opportunity

Art Bazaar '06

Friday 8th December

South Molton Assembly Rooms

Open to the public from 2.00pm – 9.00pm

Art Bazaar is held in conjunction with the town's Late Night Christmas Shopping event, where various entertainments are being organised for the evening, including a lantern parade by the school children and street entertainers from 6.00pm.

Each year talented, professional local artists and makers, line up to take space at this (one day only) successful showcase, displaying some of the area's rich quality of artwork in one of North Devon's most beautiful interiors.

This event has established itself as one of the premier venues for Artists and Makers, with local visitors, as well as those travelling from Somerset, Cornwall, South Devon, Exmoor and beyond.

Spaces are going fast (a single space, with optional board and table is £35.00), so if you want to be part of this event and feel you have enough good quality work to display/sell, please contact;

Stella Levy
Art Bazaar '06 Organiser
01769 540 602
stella@widgerystudios.com

Photography offer

NDA member, John Andow is offering to photograph NDA members work at a reasonable rate.

Your artwork can be photographed for use as slides and transparencies or shot on digital.

To discuss your photographic needs, call John on; **07774 162961** or email; j.andow@virgin.net

Opportunities

Short break Painting holidays in Hartland

Three and five-night residential breaks, aimed at keen amateur artists, will be led by Roy Evans, a Fine Arts graduate with a Masters Degree and Principal lecturer at Leeds University.

Two, three-night breaks will take place;
 13th - 16th October & 3rd - 6th November.

Two, five-night courses are available;
 25th - 30th March & 25th - 30th April 2007.

Each offers a maximum of eight places.

Prices range from £330 per person for a three-night course, with non-painting companions paying £240 pp, to £550 pp for five nights and £395 for non-participants.

Prices include;

All tuition, full board accommodation in comfortable cottages, with home-cooked meals prepared using produce sourced locally, and complimentary wine.

This is a joint venture between Yapham Cottages in Hartland and Devon ArtsCulture.

For further information and to book a place, visit www.yaphamcottages.com or telephone 01237 441916.

Devon Artsculture

Professional artists and those just embarking on their careers, would benefit from joining this vibrant organisation, with its function to encourage artist development and economic success - something we all need!

They organise free events, seminars, training, one to one sessions, etc. For more details contact; Sadie Green at;

devart@beaford-arts.co.uk

Exhibition

Art Show – Barnstaple Parish Church

Monday 2nd October to the 13th October inclusive, 9.00 to 4.00 (except Sunday)

Entry free

Thirteen artists combine once more to present their third annual show at Barnstaple Parish Church. But this isn't just *another* Art Show.

To start with, these are all local artists, living and working in North Devon. And this really is a high quality exhibition of handpicked work, which ranges from oils to drawings, pastels to lino and wood cuts.

Familiar and well-respected artists are here, including Ken Doughty, Marianne Edwards and Carol Rhodes. Particularly striking though, are the rural pictures of Tony Williams – a newcomer to this group, but a well-established and prize-winning artist, whose powerful, deceptively simple evocations of our landscape alone make the exhibition worth a visit.

All the work on show though is of a professional standard – and all for sale.

Significant too is the hosting of the show by the Parish Church, which makes a uniquely distinguished exhibition space, truly accessible at the heart of Barnstaple – and an island of tranquillity. The artwork benefits from this fine setting; which in its turn also enhances the church – reminding the visitor of the ancient and fine tradition of the church's patronage and sponsorship of the arts. It's fitting then that a share of any profits will go to the church.

Whether you appreciate representations of local landscape or more abstract work, stunning colour or more stark black and white, you'll be guaranteed to enjoy this fine – and rather special – exhibition.

For further details, contact: Judith Westcott, 01769 572225 or, jw@paradiselawn.fsnet.co.uk

New Gallery

14 The Gallery, Torrington Market

This is a new Arts Co-operative of seven local artists; Helen Bailes and Jan Lye, ceramics; Sarah Jenkinson, textiles; Jo Pryor, paintings and textiles; Michelle Whitney, paintings and jewellery; Carolyn Whalley, hand-crafted cards and Sarah Wolfenden, watercolours.

They have joined together to form 14 The Gallery, where they will also display work by other artists, including stained glass, woodwork and photography.

The opening is from 2.30 - 6.00pm on Friday 22nd September, where you will be able to meet, talk and celebrate with the artists involved.

Announcement

Change in NDA Chair

Unfortunately due to business commitments and family pressures Peter Bright has decided to stand down as NDA Chair, feeling that he could not give the NDA as much time as he would have liked, to take it forward with the vision, planning and general, day to day decisions needed now with such a large and successful group.

At the last committee meeting it was decided that, as vice chair, I should take the reins until the next AGM, with John Wright becoming vice chair in my place. At the moment NDA have an extraordinarily strong committee willing to take on the tasks and responsibilities of managing the group; be it putting on exhibitions and events, creating the folio, dealing with membership and finances, taking minutes, etc.

I see no reason to change the way Peter has led the group and hope that I can follow on his successes. Should anyone have ideas to put forward on ways the group could improve on its past record, please feel free to approach me personally at meetings or by email; stella@widgeystudios.com

I would like to thank Peter for all his hard work and support throughout his term as chair and hope he will still be able to be on the committee, as his ideas and humour certainly added to the depth of NDA.

I look forward to the challenge of the next few months, your new acting chair, Stella Levy.