

**NDA 10 YEARS
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North Devon Arts Newsletter

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Next Meeting - Wednesday 11th April

Broomhill Art Hotel, 8.00pm

Andy White

Andy works as a mosaic artist and his latest creation is a fabulous, large, classical mural triptych.

One of his pet interests is resistance to the creative process - or artists 'block' as we know it. Andy will talk about his mammoth mosaic and hopefully impart how he copes with the 'blank canvas' syndrome! Something perhaps we all face at certain times in our artistic careers.

For a more detailed description of his work please look at Andy's website.

www.andywhitemosaics.co.uk

May 9th 8.00pm, at Broomhill - Colin Allbrook

This well known local artist will be talking about his painting career and demonstrating his techniques. Colin's modest, but easy and confident manner is infectious and shines through in his paintings and drawings of life in the North Devon landscape.

Reviews

Vanessa Marston was our NDA March speaker and commanded a large gathering, all wanting to hear about her work as a successful and well known sculptress.

She told of how she has spent many years striving to get where she is today, making life-sized bronze or resin figures for private and public commissions and what this has entailed in marketing terms; being at the right fairs/shows, the sheer hard work of creating large scale, bronze art works, getting the right photographs for publicity and brochures, etc.

Recently, Vanessa has started to paint, exhibiting two of her paintings in the second of the 'New Year - New Work' exhibitions and she talked with great enthusiasm about this new venture, saying it would be easier for her as she wanted to wind down from the hard work of the sculpture side of things.

This I don't believe, as Vanessa throws herself into anything she does and I'm sure she will make this new venture a great success - she will not be a 'Sunday Painter'!

Many thanks Vanessa for stepping in at short notice as Colin Allbrook couldn't come along.

Stella

THE ROSEMOOR SPRING ART FAIR 10th - 25th March 2007

Anyone that went along to the preview of this show would have been taken by the quality of work on show - best at Rosemoor for a long time and beautifully hung as well.

From my point of view, the star of the show was our own Tony Williams, who just gets better and better. Up close the paint seems to be very free splodges and dots in wonderful colours (a lovely mauve is used to great effect), but as you pull away images come into focus and you can only marvel that the simplicity of brush work creates such a realistic, well observed picture.

I do hope members were able to get to this show, let me know your views on the quality of work on display there and I will print your viewpoint in the next newsletter.

Stella

ART TREK

For details on the Exhibition and Art Trek Open Studios, contact Stella Levy; stella@widgerystudios.com

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EXHIBITION

28th MAY-
30th JUNE



Art Trek Artists will be exhibiting one artwork each for this June show in the Gallery Café at the Queen's Theatre. Use this as your starting point; visit artists' homes, studios and assorted venues. Enjoy North Devon's beautiful countryside on your 'Art Trek' voyage of discovery. Art Trek runs from June 22nd to June 25th. Art Trek is a North Devon Festival event

ART TREK 22nd - 25th June

This event is now closed for entries, but I do have a couple of venues that may be able to offer some space. Please contact Stella for details. Uptake this year has been great, with over 50 artists taking part. An 'artist led' group are being supported by Devon Artsculture in a marquee at Fremington Quay, which should be great fun! Many thanks to all for coming on board.

Opportunities

The Gallery, Widcombe Studios, Bath

The Gallery at Widcombe Studios is now taking bookings for 2008 - with limited slots available for 2007.

The aim is to support artists to take risks, create and show new work, and we are particularly interested in taking proposals from artists who have an experimental approach to the space.

It has the potential for residencies, collaborations, workshops, exhibitions and more. For further info: send an s.a.e marked 'Gallery', to; Widcombe Studios, The Old Malthouse, Comfortable Place, Bath, BA1 3AJ or email; admin@widcombestudios.co.uk <http://www.widcombestudios.co.uk>

Alta Lyn Studios

Higher West Lyn, Lynton, EX35 6LD

"Exmoor Experience"

Anne Crawshaw is hosting this event with Philippa Simmons at Alta Lyn Alpacas Farm Studios, as part of the Art Trek event, 22nd - 25th June.

The farm studios are expanding to include open space on the farm, plus a 7-metre dome, which is available for hire by artists during Art Trek, subject to availability.

For more information on this offer, please contact Anne or Philippa;

Anne Crawshaw; 01598 753654

Philippa Simmons; 01271 882301

anne.coombs@altalynalpacas.eclipse.co.uk

www.alltalynalpacas.co.uk

Exhibitions

GLORIOUS GLASS

Queen's Theatre Cafe, Barnstaple, until 29th April

LANI SHEPHERD will be exhibiting her modern stained glass.

NDA members and friends are encouraged to go along to support Lani in her 'one woman' show.

Art in the Hospital - Exhibition Offer

NDA have been offered the hospital X-ray corridor for the end of April - end of May, at short notice!

The 2d work should be framed and ideally, glass covered. Work should be suitable for a hospital; NDA and the Hospital reserve the right to refuse to show art deemed unsuitable.

Final Deadline; 13th April

Any members wishing to take part, please contact **Lani; 01271 889 221.**

Courses & Talks

Arts & Ecology at Dartington

1. Creative Partnerships: Unleashing Collaborative Power in the Workplace

Residential course, 15 – 20 April 2007
Schumacher College, Dartington Hall Estate

The workplace provides the context for many of our most consuming and productive relationships. They are also important sites for change, influencing society as a whole as we progress towards a more sustainable and humane global community.

This is a hands-on, participatory course where you will explore your own thoughts and apply the materials to your own situations as individuals and as part of organisations and communities. You will walk away with an understanding of where to start in affecting change in your organisation.

2. Designing with Nature: Forms of wholeness

Residential course, 6 – 25 May 2007
Schumacher College, Dartington Hall Estate

Design is a ubiquitous and integral part of life: it can be the root cause of many complex problems or can become a powerful tool in solving them. This course explores how the principles of living systems can be applied to the design of landscape, food production, energy systems and housing.

Visit the Schumacher College website for details about these events and more -

<http://www.schumachercollege.org.uk>

Email admin@schumachercollege.org.uk

Or call on 01803 865 934

Dartington ARTS,
Dartington Hall,
Totnes, TQ9 6DE

Opportunities

APPLICATIONS INVITED

**Wonderworks Christmas Craft Fair
November 17th & 18th 2007**

Jubilee Hall, Chagford, Devon TQ13 8DP

Deadline: Monday 21st May, 2007

Application forms:

yuli@members.crafts.org.uk

Wonderworks is a small but beautifully selected craft fair, aimed at the Christmas trade, in a stunning area known for its artistic and cultural wealth. Now in its 5th year, Wonderworks has proved a popular event, widely advertised and well supported by a growing clientele.

We are looking for designer/makers in any discipline with a strong sense of personal direction, producing their own work to the highest standard.

Royal Bath & West Show

Artists from all over the South West are lining up to show off their work and chase hundreds of pounds worth of cash prizes at this year's Royal Bath & West Show.

The Art Exhibition has been one of the highlights at the South West's biggest and best agricultural show for over 100 years - promoting professional and amateur artists.

Over 350 works are selected by an invited panel of judges for display in the Art Pavilion each year for viewing by the thousand of visitors to the Show.

For full details about all the competitions and highlights, check out the website on; <http://www.bathandwest.com>

Or ring the Bath & West Showground on; 01749 822 200.

Devon Art Works 2007

September 8th-23rd

The deadline for artist to register for the *Devon Art Works 2007* Devon-wide open studio event is fast-approaching. Please register online at; www.devonartworks.info by **23rd April 2007**.

If you require more information about taking part in the event, see the web site at; www.devonartworks.info or contact Linda Hajdukiewicz on; 01271 861 608 (email: linda@m2z.co.uk).

Friday, 13th April at 8:00

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Jazz at Broomhill **Trevor Warren with Disassembler**

Trevor has been playing guitar for 23 years, largely self taught, exploring rock, jazz, world and folk idioms, most recently in his band Deva, whose music was recently used for the BBC 1 documentary 'Real Story'.

He has just recorded alongside Kenyan Ayub Ogada (Peter Gabriel) for the latest Deva album Breathe. In 1997 he played in a series of concerts with Indian percussion master Balachandar (Ravi Shankar) and in 1994 co-wrote music for dance/theatre projects at the ICA and The Place Theatre in London.

Taught jazz by John Etheridge and John Parricelli, he also studied Harmony and Composition at Morley College in London and formed this latest project in 2003. His aim with this group is to take the rhythms of modern dance music and treat them within the context of jazz improvisation.

Other members of Disassembler are:

Mark Lockheart, saxes

Annie Whitehead, trombone

Winston Clifford, drums

Dudley Phillips, bass

Trevor Warren, guitar

£15.00 per ticket including Mediterranean Tapas buffet.

Doors open at 19:30, performance begins at 20:00.

Reservations are essential – email info@broomhillart.co.uk

NDA Square Picture Shows

'Square Picture Show' at Appledore Visual Arts Festival

31st May to 3rd June

The Church Rooms (*opposite the large main car park*)

Theme - 'Wide River'

It would be great if any exhibiting members could take up their brushes, pens or pencils etc: to work on site, giving the public a chance to see artists in action!

Small, square pictures should be for sale with a **top price of £150** - creating 'Affordable Art' to take away! Exterior dimensions 35 x 35 cms, (*to include the outside measurement of the frame*). Frames will be available from Sarah Gatehouse; sarah@willowgate.wanadoo.co.uk

Deadline for entries for this four day show are due in by **Friday, 18th May**.

Entry forms will be emailed out shortly, or contact **Lani; 01271 889 221**.

'Square Picture Show' at Broomhill Art Hotel

Throughout June

More NDA members 'Square Pictures' will be on show throughout June at Broomhill Art Hotel and Sculpture Gardens, Muddiford, Barnstaple.

This show has no theme, but all work should be 35 x 35 cms, (*to include the outside measurement of the frame*). Again, the small, square pictures should be for sale with a **top price of £150** - creating 'Affordable Art' to take away!

Each artist can submit up to four pictures and although we may not be able to hang them all, we would like to be able to re-stock the exhibition as soon as work sells.

Deadline for this exhibition is **Monday 21st May**.

Entry forms will be emailed out shortly, or contact **Lani; 01271 889 221**.