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NEXT MEETING: May 9th 8pm – Colin Allbrook

Colin Allbrook is a well-known artist. He will be talking about his career and demonstrating his techniques.

Colin's work interprets rural and coastal life from farm markets to fishing villages. He studied at St Martins School of Art in London and works as a full time professional artist. Colin's modest, but easy and confident manner is infectious and shines through in his paintings and drawings of life in Devon. Colin is widely shown and exhibited, teaches, has won numerous prizes and has a strong following.

EVENTS DIARY

1st June - 1st July NDA Summer exhibition, 'The Square Picture Show' at Broomhill Art Hotel Open Wednesdays – Sundays, 11.00am – 3.00pm
Small, square pictures will be for sale with a top price of £150.

For the first time, part of this exhibition can be seen at the **Appledore Visual Arts Festival, 31st May - 3rd June**. More details will be appearing on their website; www.appledorearts.org

June 13th Wednesday, 8.00pm, at Broomhill Come to hear the stories and inspirations behind the 'Square Picture Show' exhibitions as participating artists are informally invited to talk about their work.

22nd - 25th June Art Trek Open Studios NDA members will be taking part in this North Devon Festival event and will also be showing their work at Westcott Barton, nr Marwood, Barnstaple. www.westcottbarton.co.uk

As part of Art Trek, artists across the area will open their studios/homes or various venues, to invite you in for a cup of tea, see their work and have a chat about art! For details see; www.northdevonfestival.org

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Rinus van de Sande, Broomhill Art Hotel: 01271 850262 or: info@broomhillart.co.uk

REVIEW OF NDA LAST SPEAKER - ANDY WHITE ON MOSAICS

Many members came along to hear more about Andy's ambitious work as a mosaicist.

Andy ran an evening that was really stimulating for all those there – one that really made us work, as well. Andy is interested in the 'artist's block' – what stops us from being creative and why. We began by getting into pairs and talking to each other about what happens when creativity is flowing and what are the consequences of that. Then Andy talked about how to get over the block by thinking about it differently, seeing it as the way to move to the next stage, to progress, rather than as a hindrance to progress. He also suggested using 'block' time to good advantage.

The second part of the evening was spent looking at photographs of Andy's large scale mosaic work. He creates large mosaics (his completed work 'Rubens' Dream' is made up of three 2m x 1.5m panels, for example!). His latest work 'The Last Supper' uses thousands of pottery fragments. He collects old china and stores it by colour. Andy seems to have infinite patience – the expressive and painstaking work means that he still has around 18 months work left on this new piece. His work is well worth a look at www.andywhitemosaics.co.uk.
Linda

NEW EDITOR FOR NEWSLETTER

I have just taken over editing the newsletter from Stella, hence a slightly new look for it!

Stella has been overwhelmed with newsletter duties of late, and has passed on editorship to me for the present! News for inclusion can be sent to either myself or Stella, who will still be sourcing some of the stories (as she knows everyone and everything in the arts here in North Devon!).

Thanks go to Stella for all the hard work she has put in on the newsletter over many years. As you know Stella organises Art Trek and is also our Chairman, so she's a very busy person. Let's hope I can keep up her excellent track record with this newsletter!

If you want to send stories, my email is linda@m2z.co.uk.

Linda Hajdukiewicz

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.

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**.

Works to be delivered and hung Thursday 31st May at 4pm. Please do help with the hanging. The preview will take place on Sunday 3rd June at 2.30pm at Broomhill – all welcome. The exhibition continues 1st June- 1st July, open daily 11am-4pm (NOT Mondays and Tuesdays).

Please note the entry form is attached to this newsletter.

2007 AGM for NDA

The AGM is to be held on 3rd June 2007.

As usual the AGM will follow the Preview of the Broomhill Square Picture Show on Sunday 3rd June at around 4pm. All members are welcome to attend to hear our reports on NDA's year.

CALL FOR NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

We need enthusiastic volunteers to join the committee!

Meetings are held once a month on the first Wednesday of the month at 6.30pm. We have a good committee at present, but would hope to swell the numbers and spread some of the duties, as well as replacing some committee members who have had to leave the committee. Meetings are friendly and involve coffee and biscuits!

If you are interested in joining the committee, a nomination form is attached to this newsletter.

APPLEDORE NEW NDA SHOW

A new event in the NDA calendar is the Appledore Visual Arts Festival Square Picture Show.

At the end of last year you may remember that Appledore organisers came to speak to NDA to encourage our participation in the Festival. The result is that we are taking part this year with an exhibition running alongside our usual Broomhill Show. It promises to be a great event for raising the profile of NDA and also offers members another chance to show and sell their work. The show will take place in the Church Rooms opposite main car park. Our room is at the front, overlooking the river, which is a great setting. The artwork will all have the theme of 'Wide River' and runs 31st May to 3rd June.

Also new are the interactive sessions we hope to run at Appledore - NDA is offering £50 per session to members who run a demonstration/workshop either am or pm on any of the four days.

Full details on entering the Appledore show and how to apply to run a demonstration or workshop are in the application form printed at the end of this newsletter. Deadline for entries **18th May**.

FRAMES & CANVASSES FOR SALE FOR NDA SHOWS

NDA ordered frames (£10 each) and box canvasses (£6 each) in the right size (35cm x 35cm) for our Summer Shows.

These will be on sale at the next NDA meeting on Wednesday May 9th. Frames are as last year – wooden with glass. In response to member comments on canvas needs of members, we have obtained box canvasses – they are Loxley Gold Chunky triple-primed canvasses, with a depth of 38mm.

Both may also be obtained from Sarah our Treasurer who is in Bickington - please call first on 01271 322291 to arrange for collection.

CATCH THE ART HOPPER BUS IN JUNE!

Dion Sears, an NDA member, is running bus tours of artists' studios.

Have you ever wondered where your fellow artists work? What pictures do they have on their inspiration boards? Are they organised or chaotic?

In June there is an exclusive opportunity to find out. Join a special Art Hopper tour led by Dion around North Devon artists' studios. Meet the artists and visit some of the most inspiring places to live and work in England. Breeze through the beautiful countryside in a luxury mini coach listening to tales about Devon's tiny villages. If you have always wanted to buy an artwork but needed the chance to talk to the artist, this is the trip for you. You will meet like-minded people and have a great day out. It is also the perfect day out if you have visitors staying for a long weekend, no map reading arguments or paying to park.

If these tours are successful Dion will be organising more dates throughout the year, so if you are an artist with an interesting studio and a story to tell, get in touch.

Tours will run on 10th, 22nd and 24th June.

If you would like to book (tickets £14.50) or register as an artist contact Dion on 07971 979373 or 01271 817561 or email TheArtHopper@myartsmail.com

PREVIEW OF SARAH GATEHOUSE BREWER AT THE LANDMARK – 2ND MAY 2007

Sarah Gatehouse has a new show opening at the Landmark, called 'Just there ...'

The exhibition is a spiritual mix of colour, nature and emotions. All are welcome to attend the first view on 2nd May 6pm-8.30pm at the Landmark Theatre. The exhibition continues until 26 May at the Rendezvous Café, Landmark Theatre, Ilfracombe. Sarah's tel: 01271 322291 – Sarah's website: www.sarahgatehouse-art.com

CALL FOR STUDIO SPACE

Sculptor/Painter Paul Devon Young is looking for studio space.

Paul has recently had to give up his existing workspace and is looking for a new place to work (and potentially live). Paul has received Arts Council funding and has a long CV, exhibiting widely in the UK and Europe.

He needs space for a large body of art work and a very large kiln - a fairly large, dry space with electricity, available on a long-term basis. Paul could offer some gardening and practical skills.

Contact: Paul Devon Young Email: YOUNGDEVON@HOTMAIL.CO.UK Tel: 07772792831

LYDIA CORBETT - FROM MUSE TO ARTIST - UNTIL 25TH MAY 2007

An exhibition of work by Lydia Corbett is on show at the Red House, Exeter.

An unusual introduction to Picasso led to Lydia Corbett (or Sylvette David as she was then known) modelling for him on a regular basis. Stunningly beautiful: 'The Girl with a Ponytail' was the inspiration for numerous paintings and sculptures and this encounter with genius was instrumental in developing her own artistic practice in later life.

From an early age Lydia has been engaged in the world of artistic expression. In the last few years her work has been increasingly expressive and illustrative, recalling those early impressive years and later her journeys through motherhood, love of nature, religious, social and philosophical themes. Corbett's paintings and ceramics possess a dreamlike quality born of naïveté. The term naïveté used to describe her stylistic sense is not to demean, but rather to stress a form that shuns the intellectual. Corbett celebrates a childlike freedom of form which casts off the yoke of our adult material existence. It allows the human form to bend impossibly like the stem of a flower, suggesting deep rooted tangles of emotion. Abandoning scale and perspective, Corbett interweaves her human subjects with animals, vegetables, minerals and even Provencal tablecloths, in blissful earthly harmony.

The show is at the offices of Atkins Law which is a working law office and so cannot open their doors to the public as freely as a conventional gallery would. Please visit their website at www.atkinslaw/art for opening times, or alternatively contact Fiona via e-mail at artattheredhouse@yahoo.com for information. They welcome groups by arrangement.

Art at the Red House, Atkins Law Solicitors, St David's Hill Exeter, EX4 4BS, Tel: 01392 671657 www.atkinslaw.co.uk

I went along to this fabulous show and found the work to be sensitive and evocative. The work has a real charm and a dream-like quality that reminded me of Chagall. Her colours were also really inspiring – do go and see her work in the flesh. I met Lydia she has agreed to speak at our meeting on October 10th to discuss her work and her time with Picasso. Should be an excellent evening – details nearer the time.

Linda

ART TREK SHOW AT THE QUEEN'S THEATRE

The launch of Art Trek 2007 will be on Wednesday 30th May at 6.30pm at the Queen's Theatre, Barnstaple.

All are welcome to attend the preview of the Queen's Theatre Gallery Cafe exhibition for all the Art Trekkers are NDA members, so please come along and support your

fellow NDA members.

One piece of work will be on show from every Art Trek artist, enabling visitors to identify which open studios they want to visit.

The exhibition continues until the 30th June.

JAZZ AT BROOMHILL – BARAK SCHMOOL WITH TIMELINE - FRI 4th MAY - 8PM

"Timeline's performances truly cross the barrier between stage and audience." - www.f-ire.com

Its music re-unites the surprise of jazz with the fire of traditional African rhythms. With a language part contemporary urban, part traditional that allows and invites interaction on many levels.

Doors open at 19:30, performance begins at 20:00. Please note we do not accept credit cards. Reservations are essential - email info@broomhillart.co.uk

Each performance - £15.00 per ticket including Mediterranean Tapas buffet.

Why not make a night or even a weekend out of it? No worries about drinking and driving, wake up to a Broomhill breakfast, perhaps with stroll round the Sculpture Garden (admission free).

Jazz Night Stay - Two people; double en suite room; bed and breakfast; Jazz Concert and Dinner £95.00 for two.

More info:
<http://www.broomhillart.co.uk/jazz/index.html>

Don't forget you can get a discount on Broomhill event's like this – just show your NDA membership card.

Linda

DARTMOOR ARTS PROJECT - 2007 SUMMER SCHOOL

An invitation to book places on Dartmoor Arts Project 2007 Summer School – 25th June –6th July

Summer School 2007:

The Dartmoor Arts Project Summer School 2007 is a two-week programme of eighteen concurrent taught courses, ranging from stone carving through poetry to digital photography.

The Dartmoor Arts Project - which represents a wide range of artists, as tutors, expert in different mediums, with diverse ideas and attitudes - aims to provide:

- An experimental and supportive environment.
- The opportunity for developing artists to learn through working alongside experienced practitioners.
- Needs-based tuition workshops in the skills that aid the artist in developing and articulating an individual voice.
- A high level of debate and critical engagement, closing the gap between theory and practice.
- The chance for artists from all over the world to stimulate one another by showing work, running workshops, giving lectures and making practical collaborations.

Events 2007:

Artists' Talks: Jolyon Brewis, Susan Derges, Peter Randall-Page, Jackie Abey, Jill Smallcombe and Alan Lee.

Music: The Mike Westbrook Village Band, Louise Parker, The James Shipway Quartet, The Neil Burns Quartet.

Further information from their web site at www.dartmoorarts.com

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North Devon Arts - 2007 AGM
At Broomhill Art Hotel, Muddiford, Barnstaple
3rd June, 3.30pm

NDA COMMITTEE - NOMINATION FORM

Committee at present, as follows;

Chair...Peter Bright – resigned and not standing again
Acting Chair...Stella Levy, standing as Chair
Vice Chair...John Wright, resigned and not standing again
Acting Vice Chair...Kate Rowley, re-standing as Vice-Chair.....
Minutes Secretary...Lani Shepherd.....
Treasurer and Membership Secretary ...Sarah Gatehouse.....
Linda Hajdukiewicz.....
Ros Osbourn – not standing again
Don Sibthorpe.....
Emily Garnham Wright.....
Tim Saunders... resigned and not standing again
Rinus Van de Sande.....

Other Nominations for the NDA Committee

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Seconded by.....

As you can see various committee members are unable to re-stand for election at this year's AGM, leaving opportunities for you to fill these gaps.

If you wish, you can nominate yourself (*you would need a seconder, either at the meeting or in writing*) - it's a great way to get to know artists, put your ideas across and know what's going on in the area.

Members can also be co-opted onto the committee as and when required – special projects/ideas etc.

Please make sure your subscription is paid up to date in good time – otherwise you will not have a vote or a voice at the AGM.

Please fill in the nomination form naming your choice of committee members, [if new, please make sure you get their approval first] then email to; stella@widgerystudios.com or send ASAP to:

Stella Levy
Widgery Studios
3, Toits Cottages
Umberleigh, EX37 9DB.

North Devon Arts 'Square Picture Show' at Appledore
Theme 'WIDE RIVER'

The exhibition is open from 10.30am to 5pm on 31st May – 3rd June

Exhibitors entry form: Closing date for entries: Friday, 18th May 2007

Your name

Email address

Telephone number

Details of exhibits: Please ensure these details are correct as this will be the information typed up for the exhibition labels and cannot be changed. *(Please note: Label changes require 48 hour notice).*

Title:	Medium:	Exterior Dimensions: 35 x 35 cms	Retail price:

Exterior dimensions should conform to **35 x 35 cms** including outside measurement of frame.

Each artist can submit up to **two** artworks with the theme '**Wide River**', with a maximum price of **£150**. *(Both may not be hung if we are well subscribed, but MAY be needed to replace any work that sells).*

I have/haven't further items that I can supply, if needed, to replace sold items.....

I am available to help with the hanging of the exhibition on Wednesday 30th May.....

Are you available for stewarding at the exhibition? Please state times, am. or pm.

Are you available to demonstrate or run workshops at the exhibition?

NDA is offering £50 per session, to members who will run a demonstration/workshop either am. or pm. on any of the four days.

If you are interested, please send a brief outline of your proposed workshop with your entry form.

Please state which day/s and times, am. or pm.

Please Circle the appropriate answer below

I am prepared to give fellow NDA members a 10% discount off the purchase price of my work. **YES NO**

By returning this form, you are agreeing to the accompanying terms and conditions.

Please return completed entry form with a cheque for **£3 per exhibit** and a photo of your work for the portfolio, making your cheque payable to '**North Devon Arts**', to; **Lani Shepherd, Castle Hill Lodge, Newberry Hill, Berrynarbor, Combe Martin, EX34 9SS**, to arrive by the deadline – **Monday, 18th May**

Advice for Members

If members are in a disagreement with:

- A. fellow member/s
- B. a gallery owner
- C. other projects directly or indirectly involving them and the NDA.

Members should contact the NDA committee immediately. Thus allowing NDA to mediate or take advice on behalf of its membership or to enable negotiation or arbitration between concerned parties.

North Devon Arts 'Square Picture Show' at Broomhill

Exhibitors entry form:

Closing date for entries: Monday 21st May 2007

Your name

Email address

Telephone number

Details of exhibits: Please ensure these details are correct as this will be the information typed up for the exhibition labels and cannot be changed. *(Please note: Label changes require 48 hour notice).*

Title:	Medium:	Exterior Dimensions: 35 x 35 cms	Retail price:

Exterior dimensions should conform to **35 x 35 cms** including outside measurement of frame.

Each artist can submit up to **4 artworks** - there is no theme for this Broomhill show.

(These may all not be hung if we are well subscribed, but MAY be needed to replace any work that sells).

I have/haven't further items that I can supply, if needed, to replace sold items.

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I am available to help with the hanging of the exhibition on **Thursday 31st May at 4.00pm**

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Are you available for stewarding the exhibition? Please state times, am. or pm

The exhibition is open from 1st June - 1st July, 11am to 4pm, excluding Mondays and Tuesdays.

Please Circle the appropriate answers below

I am prepared to give fellow members a 10% discount off the purchase price of my work. **YES NO**

I give my permission to allow Broomhill Gallery to negotiate reasonable discounting *(if necessary)* to achieve a sale. *(This is standard gallery practice).* **YES NO**

By returning this form, you are agreeing to the accompanying terms and conditions.

*Please return this completed entry form with a cheque for **£3 per exhibit***

*(payable to 'North Devon Arts') to; Lani Shepherd, Castle Hill Lodge, Newberry Hill, Berrynarbor, Combe Martin, EX34 9SS, to arrive by the deadline – **Monday, 21st May***

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NORTH DEVON ARTS
'Square Picture Show' at Broomhill
1st June – 1st July 2007
Call for entries and terms and conditions

Closing date for entries: Monday 21st May 2007

Hanging of exhibition: Thursday 31st May at 4.00pm, (work to be delivered to Broomhill at 4.00pm sharp).

1. There is a top selling price for work of **£150**.
2. Exhibitors must be current paid-up members of North Devon Arts.
3. Members can enter up to a maximum of 4 images; if there are many entries, not all may be hung, but some held back to replace those that sell.
4. There will be a charge of £3.00 per individual work. **Cheques in advance please, payable to; North Devon Arts.**
5. Please attach to your completed entry form: a CV and/or artist's statement with your phone number (see artists' portfolio page). Also required, a photograph, or print of one of your proposed exhibits.
6. You are welcome to provide postcards of your work at your own risk.
7. Work should be ready to hang on the allocated day, with appropriate string or wire attached, making life easier, cutting down time spent hanging the work.
8. When pricing work, remember Broomhill will deduct 30% as their commission. If a piece of your work is sold, you need to invoice Broomhill Art Hotel for the selling price, less 30% commission. They cannot pay you until they receive this. If you wish Broomhill to negotiate a reasonable discount on the sale price on your behalf, which could lead to a sale, please circle yes on the entry form.
9. Please mark clearly on the back of each item, or on a label attached to each item: **your name, title of piece, the retail price and your telephone number**. It is your responsibility to check that these details appear correctly in the exhibition. Work will not be displayed if these details are missing.
10. North Devon Arts and Broomhill Art Hotel will do our best to take care of your work, but cannot be held liable for any damage or loss; you exhibit at your own risk - please arrange your own insurance if this is an issue for you.
11. The NDA committee and Broomhill, reserve the right to refuse to exhibit a work in the very unlikely event of them regarding it as being unsuitable.
12. **Work not removed within a two day deadline following exhibition period, will incur a storage fee of £1 per piece, per day, unless prior arrangements for storage have been made with Rinus at Broomhill Art Hotel.**

**Please return completed entry form with your cheque, CV/statement and photos to:
Lani Shepherd, Castle Hill Lodge, Newberry Hill, Berrynarbor, Ilfracombe, North
Devon. EX34 9SS. 01271 889 221**