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NEXT MEETING: June 13th 8pm – The Stories Behind the Square Picture Show

Artists participating in the Square Picture Show at Broomhill are informally invited to talk about their work.

These are often lively meetings with artists able to talk about their work which is on display at Broomhill. There's no obligation for artists to talk about their work, but many enjoy the chance to tell others about their art's direction.

As usual, a buffet is available from 7pm – ring Broomhill on 01271 850262 to book (or email on info@broomhillart.co.uk)

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 - Affordable Art to take away!

31st May – 3rd June For the first time, part of the 'The Square Picture Show' exhibition can be seen at the Appledore Visual Arts Festival, in St Mary's Church Hall. Details are on the Appledore Festival website www.appledorearts.org

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

22nd - 25th June Art Trek Open Studios. Many NDA members are taking part in this North Devon Festival event, which sees artists across the area opening their studios, homes and various venues. They will be inviting you in for a cup of tea to see their work and chat about art! For full artist and venue details see www.northdevonfestival.org/events/arttrek.html

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REVIEW OF NDA LAST SPEAKER – COLIN ALLBROOK

This meeting was run by Colin Allbrook, who gave a demonstration of his art.

This was a well-attended meeting – Colin is well-known and has quite a following in the area. It was a hands-on, methodical and practical demonstration of his watercolour technique. Colin engaged the audience, even those who aren't really watercolour buffs! He used sketches to put the subject onto the paper and then worked background to foreground to produce the work. He gave detailed advice on how he prepared the paper, and how the paint was applied – kindly sharing his techniques honed over many years of professional practice. Throughout the session, Colin worked up the watercolour and generously took questions from the floor – which were many and varied. The work was partly-completed by the end of an intense two-hour session in front of the NDA audience – further refinement would go on, no doubt, in the peace and quiet of Colin's studio!

Sarah Brewer

AGM JUNE 3RD 4PM

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. Also any members who wish to put themselves forward for the committee should attend.

SQUARE PICTURE SHOW PREVIEW – JUNE 3RD 2.30PM

The preview will take place on Sunday 3rd June at 2.30pm at Broomhill – all welcome.

SQUARE PICTURE SHOW AT BROOMHILL ART HOTEL - THROUGHOUT JUNE

More NDA members' 'Square Pictures' will be on show throughout June at Broomhill

Around 40 artists have entered the Broomhill Square Picture Show. A really varied and wide range of art will be on show.

The Preview is on Sunday 3rd June at 2.30pm. The exhibition continues 1st June- 1st July, open daily 11am-4pm (NOT Mondays and Tuesdays).

APPLEDORE NDA SHOW TIL 3RD JUNE

New Appledore Show attracts group of NDA artists.

The Appledore event 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 - NDA member, Fiona Balfour will be encouraging people to draw - she is using a model trained in circus skills, so this should be interesting. Fiona's sessions will be held Friday to Sunday of the festival and are drop-in sessions. Other sessions will be led by Hazel Pye and Alison Nicholson.

DINSDALE PETCH WINS AWARD

NDA member Dinsdale Petch, bronze founder & owner of Running Dog Art Foundry has been awarded the Giftware Association Award for Excellence.

Dinsdale receiving the award



Dinsdale's life-sized solid bronze fruit & nuts caught the judges' eyes in particular at the British Craft Trade Fair in Harrogate.

The Running Dog Art Foundry will be open during Art Trek (June 22nd-25th 11am-4pm) for anyone who would like a closer look at Dinsdale's work.

ART TREK SHOW CONTINUES UNTIL 30TH JUNE AT THE QUEEN'S THEATRE

The show gives a valuable taster of what to expect in this year's Art Trek.

One piece of work will be on show from every Art Trek artist (around 50 in all), enabling visitors to identify which open studios they want to visit.

The exhibition continues until the 30th June.

ART TREK OPEN STUDIOS 22ND-25TH JUNE 11AM-4PM

Art Trek Open Studios is a North Devon Festival event, with artists and makers (including many NDA members) joining forces to show their latest work to the public.

From Friday, 22nd through to Monday, 25th June, the artists involved will be inviting the public to visit their homes, studios and assorted venues to see where they get their inspiration, how they produce their artworks and to talk generally about art.

Art Trek aims to capture the friendliness of North Devon, with the artists involved looking forward to chatting with the public in a relaxed atmosphere, over a cup tea.

Certainly there will be no obligation on visitors to buy – just enjoy the art and the beautiful countryside as you embark on your Art Trek through North Devon and down to the edge of Dartmoor.

Leaflets will be available at the Queen's Theatre, various tourist board offices, libraries, shops, businesses and assorted venues throughout the region. It would be appreciated if you were able to take some to hand on to friends, neighbours, clients, etc.

For up to date details of the event, the artists involved and any changes, please go to the Art Trek web pages www.northdevonfestival.org/events/arttrek.html

Or contact Stella Levy, Art Trek organiser
stella@widgeystudios.com

TRIPLE TRIUMPH FOR PETE NEWELL

Pete has shows on in Honiton, at the Appledore Festival and a one-man show due at the Burton Art Gallery in November.

Pete Newell has recently had a painting selected for the Thelma Hulbert Gallery 2007 open exhibition in Honiton. The exhibition runs until 30th June (more details at www.thelmahulbert.com)

This comes on the top of being given a space in the Appledore Festival to exhibit four new paintings composed around objects found at four edges of the Taw and Torridge. Pete also has a major one-man show coming up at the Burton Art Gallery this November.

JAZZ AT BROOMHILL – RAY D'INVERNO / TONY ROBERTS QUARTET - 1st June - 8PM

The Ray d'Inverno/Tony Roberts Quartet – classic and accessible modern jazz at its best.

Pianist/composer Ray d'Inverno has played in every format from solo to big band. He currently leads his piano trio, the Miles Davis tribute band. Ray co-leads the quartet with Tony Roberts, a tenor saxophonist and flautist who has played in bands led by John Dankworth, Ian Carr, Mike Gibbs, and Kenny Wheeler.

Tickets are £15 including mediterranean buffet.

These events are often sold out well before the event although it's always worth a try for a late cancellation. Booking is essential. Tickets are limited to ensure that the social and musical ambience is at its best.

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

Jazz Break

Why not make a weekend out of it? No worries about drinking and driving. Wake up to a Broomhill breakfast and take a relaxing stroll round our Sculpture Garden.

Two people - Double en-suite room - Bed and breakfast - Jazz Concert and Dinner - Free entry to Sculpture Garden - £205 for TWO nights.

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

Linda

ROS OSBOURN'S ARTGARDEN OPEN 23RD & 24TH JUNE

Ros & Geoff Osbourn are again opening their Artgarden at 'Queens Shute', Shute Lane, Combe Martin, this time in aid of funds for the village church.



A view of the garden this Spring

Ceramic fountains, pottery tiles and sculptures as well as painting and mosaic will be on display along with a variety of hardy exotic plants. Weather permitting, there will also be music on the hour. Come and see the art, the series of terraces, the flowers and the vegetable garden, which supplies food throughout the year, and experience the influence of Gaudi and Matisse on the design and decoration of the garden.

Opening times are 2pm to 6pm on Saturday and Sunday 23rd and 24th June. For an entrance fee of around £4 you can visit a dozen or so gardens in the village, some of which also supply afternoon teas.

SEMINAR ON DEALING WITH THE PUBLIC – JUNE 5TH, SOUTH MOLTON

Stella Levy and Dave Hotchkiss seminar on how to network, present yourself to the public and coping with the public in an open studio situation.

Coffee and welcome from 9:30am for a 10:00am start, through 'til 4:30pm (with a break for lunch, etc).

Dave Hotchkiss, Head of Commercial and Creative Partnerships, Plymouth College of Art and Design and Stella Levy, acting Chair, North Devon Arts and Organiser of Art Trek Open Studios, will be heading up the day.

The seminar is open to Devon Artsculture members plus all the artists taking part in the Art Trek and Devon Artworks open studio events this year.

This will be an interesting day, aimed to improve artists' dealings with the general public. It will focus on relationship building, effective networking and customer care, particularly in the creative sector context and in preparation for the 'Open Studios' type of event, including lots of opportunities for discussion and sharing of experiences.

Participants are asked to bring any promotional material they may have to the session. It should highlight some good examples to share across the group.

To book, please contact Sadie Green at Devon Artsculture, c/o Beaford Arts; devarts@beaford-arts.co.uk

ARTS AND ECOLOGY AT DARTINGTON PROJECTS AND EVENTS

**Schumacher College, Dartington
(<http://www.schumachercollege.org.uk>)
New Course Programme launched for 2007/08**

Schumacher College has launched its new programme for September 2007 – July 2008. There are lots of new and exciting courses for people interested in transformative learning for sustainable living, locally and globally. Programme available from <http://www.schumachercollege.org.uk/ShortCourses/07-08-programme.pdf>

Dartington College of Arts exhibition: Brief Encounters - 10 Conversations with Place - Saturday 19 May, 10am-4.30pm, Centre for Contemporary Art & the Natural World, Haldon Forest Park, Exeter

Over the last couple of weeks 10 artists from the Arts & Ecology MA course at Dartington have been visiting Haldon forest. This showing of work will give a sense of other ways to engage with a place and our transient encounters with our environment and also explores aspects of the forest you may not have noticed. If you visit CCANW's Project Space you will find directions to work installed in the Forestry Commission buildings and also some other works in the forest.

A downloadable pdf detailing the students' work on display is available from <http://www.ccanw.co.uk>

An Arts & Ecology at Dartington project in association with CCANW.

Estates in Transition, one-day symposium, Monday 11 June, 9:00am - 5:00pm, Great Hall, Dartington

What does climate change and peak oil mean for estate and land management? New fact sheets published this month by farming futures reveals that 60% of farmers surveyed in England say they are already affected by climate change and 70% expect to be affected in the next 10 years. Rural estates across Europe are telling a similar story, with the negative impacts of climate change, if anything, being understated.

To address these issues, Dartington and Transition Towns have joined forces to hold a one-day symposium that explores potential implications for both rural and urban land use and land management in light of climate change and peak oil and showcases innovative responses.

Guest speakers include: David Fursdon: President of the Country Land and Business Association; Jeremy Leggett: former oil geologist and author of *The Carbon War and Half Gone*; Patrick Holden: Director of the Soil Association; Jeffrey Thomas: owner of Hartham Park promoting sustainable enterprise

For more information visit <http://www.dartington.org> or contact: Deborah Passmore, The Elmhirst Centre, Dartington Hall, Totnes, Devon, TQ9 6EL. Tel (01803) 847008. Email: d.passmore@dartington.org. Web: <http://www.dartington.org>

Food & Farming in Transition: The Renaissance of British Food Culture as the Age of Easy Oil Draws to a Close, Monday 11 June, 8:00pm, Great Hall, Dartington

The average British family requires 10 barrels of oil a year in order to feed itself, yet as we enter a new energy world it is time to pause and rethink. What might a post-carbon agriculture look like? How might we move towards it? Does it offer the potential of a renaissance for food and farming in the UK?

Food & Farming in Transition is a landmark evening, bringing together four of the leading thinkers on oil depletion and on new directions for farming in the UK: Chris Skrebowski, editor of Petroleum Review and leading expert on peak oil; Jeremy Leggett, Half Gone author and director of energy company Solar Century; Vandana Shiva, campaigner for localisation and biodiversity, and Patrick Holden, director of the Soil Association. The evening will be chaired by Rob Hopkins of Transition Town Totnes.
www.transitiontowns.org/totnes

A Schumacher College Open Evening, in collaboration with Transition Town Totnes and Dartington Arts.

Tickets £5.00, concessions £4.00 Dartington Box Office 01803 847070 <http://www.dartington.org>

Brian Goodwin presents Nature's Due: Healing Our Fragmented Culture, Friday 29 June, 6.30pm, Barn Theatre

Join Brian Goodwin, biology professor, Schumacher College lecturer and acclaimed author of *How the Leopard Changed Its Spots*, as he explains the key themes in his new book *Nature's Due* and takes questions from the floor.

Within the pages of *Nature's Due*, Professor Goodwin challenges modern ideas on the interaction of science, nature and human culture, with far-reaching consequences for how we govern our world. He proposes that, in order for us to work with nature to achieve true sustainability on our planet, we need to adopt a new science, new art, design, economics and patterns of responsibility.

There will be a signing session in the Roundhouse Café immediately after this event, as well as a chance to purchase *Nature's Due*. Tickets £4.00
Dartington Box Office 01803 847070
<http://www.dartington.org/arts>

AUNE HEAD ARTS (AHA) EVENTS

The annual end of year art and design exhibition in Art Barn studio 2 is imminent, there is a private view (to which NDA members are invited) on Monday 11th June 7 - 9pm and it opens to the public on Tuesday 12th June and runs until Thursday 5th July, Monday to Friday 9am to 3pm and Thursdays until 7pm. (It is closed for external validation on Monday 2nd July).

AHA workshops - their artist-led workshops continue to receive high praise from participants. AHA is all artist-led so the discussion will be of specific relevance to artists: whether visual, digital or craft artist or work in performance-based forms.

Prices vary as some workshops are subsidised through Artsmatrix or Devon Artsculture. Others are being produced by AHA without funding support and the price reflects what they cost to produce (little things like: venue rental, teas/coffees/lunches, prep time to create a pertinent and useful session for you, equipment for digital workshops, etc.)

Forthcoming events are:

Wednesday June 6 - Introduction to prof. video editing, The Bellever Studio, £75/£50

Monday June 11 - Finding Funding, Exeter Phoenix (Dance Studio), £25

Tuesday June 12 (for Devon Artsculture beneficiaries only) - Work Safe: Health & Safety for Artists?, Ockment Centre, Okehampton - contact devonartsculture

Thursday June 14 - Rural Working: Working Rurally, Ockment Centre, Okehampton, £25

Wednesday June 20 - Advanced DVD Authoring, The Bellever Studio, £75/£50

Wednesday July 4 - Introduction to shooting video, The Bellever Studio, £75/£50

Wednesday July 18 - Video editing for artists (who haven't done it before), The Bellever Studio, £75/£50

For further information or to sign u, go to:
www.artist2artist.info or ring 01822 890 539

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