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## NEXT MEETING: September 12<sup>th</sup> 8pm – Open Studio Events & how to get the best from them

Those organising and participating in Devon Art Works and Art Trek explain what goes into making an open studios events work - costs, promotion, brochure distribution, etc. Amongst the contributors will be Claire Gulliver, Devon Art Works 2007 Co-ordinator, Stella Levy, Art Trek organiser, Dion Sears, Art Hopper Tours and numerous open studio event participants.

It promises to be a lively and topical discussion, looking at the open studios and closing the sale in these events! The meeting also takes place during the Devon Art Works event (Devon Art Works takes place 8th-23rd September), so there's an added incentive to get out there and see some open studios in the flesh.

Web sites: for Art Trek [www.northdevonfestival.org/events/arttrek.html](http://www.northdevonfestival.org/events/arttrek.html); for Devon Art Works [www.devonartworks.info](http://www.devonartworks.info)

As usual, a buffet (£5.50) is available from 7pm – ring Broomhill on 01271 850262 to book (or email on [info@broomhillart.co.uk](mailto:info@broomhillart.co.uk))

**Please note, that there is no NDA meeting in August.**

## EVENTS DIARY

**12<sup>th</sup> September- 8pm** Open Studio Events and how to get the best from them.

**10<sup>th</sup> October- 8pm** Lydia Corbett: Model Turned Artist

**14<sup>th</sup> November – 8pm** Christina Bonnett: Showing with Confidence

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## REVIEW OF NDA LAST MEETING – JILL DENTON ON RECYLING AND REUSING MATERIALS

Jill stepped into the breach since April Doubleday was unable to make our meeting on the night. Jill presented a fascinating insight into her work both in textiles and increasingly in found objects, which she uses to great effect to create her newest work.

Jill's recent downsizing from a larger to a smaller property, alongside her own environmental concerns had led her to seek to use all the materials collected over many years as an artist. She reuses everything from old frames to scraps of material and beachcombed objects. She showed a number of recent works, collections of shells, or stones or driftwood arranged by colour in frames. The work has a soothing order, that presented collected objects in a fresh way.

Jill is well know for her work in textiles, and she explained using old materials, such as an example of a scarf made from organza from a charity shop, married together with her new felted creations. Jill has also set herself the challenge of finding new ways to use older textile works. Jill's philosophy about the reuse and recycling permeates all her work. It certainly got NDA members thinking about their own use of materials.

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Linda

## NEW NDA WEB SITE LAUNCHED

**The relaunched NDA web site was released in July. Already we've had a lot of positive feedback from members!**

Many of you will already have had a chance to take a look around the new and improved NDA web site. If you haven't yet had a look, then please do so at [www.northdevonarts.co.uk](http://www.northdevonarts.co.uk).

Some of the key features of the new look web site:

- Home page carries images of members' artwork (changing frequently)
- Home page 'featured artist', changing every month
- Gallery section with individual artists' pages.
- New links section
- Indexes to all issues of the newsletter
- Clearer information on meetings, etc.

If you aren't currently appearing on the site, and you would like to, please email us (preferred) or if not on email, post in any new text (artist's profile and statement) and one photo of yourself and one photo of your work. Just as a reminder, the artist's profile could include, for example, training, key exhibitions, commissions, publications, work in collections, participation in projects etc. The artist's statement could include any other information you may wish to include – media used, ways of working, how work has developed over time, sources of inspiration etc. We suggest a limit of around 300 words in total for the artist's profile and statement.

If you have any suggestions for improvements to the site, please also send these in.

Emily Garnham Wright has now taken over as web master for the new site, so please send in any new information or suggestions to her: email – [webmaster@northdevonarts.co.uk](mailto:webmaster@northdevonarts.co.uk).

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## PO BOX ADDRESS FOR NDA

**We now have our own PO Box address for NDA.**

Sarah Gatehouse Brewer has organised a new PO Box address for NDA, so that we can simplify our administration. For all NDA correspondence in the future, please use the following address:

North Devon Arts  
PO Box 291  
Barnstaple EX32 2BN

## DEVON ART WORKS, OPEN STUDIO EVENT - 8TH-23RD SEPTEMBER 2007

**Look out for the new Devon Art Works 2007 Guide, which is about to be published.**

Devon Art Works 2007, the Devon-wide open studio event, takes place 8th-23rd September. It builds on the outstanding commercial and artistic success of previous events like Nine Days of Art. There will be almost 500 artists taking part in nearly 300 venues across the county, including many in North and mid-Devon.

Artists taking part will be part of a more diverse contemporary visual arts offering than ever before. As well as a strong contingent of the timeless favourites like painting, ceramics and textiles, there will be a small number of less well-established open studios art forms including installation, environmental art and video - all adding yet more reasons for people to visit Devon Art Works 2007. The Guide covering all the artists taking part, will be available from venues like Tourist Information Centres, arts venues, etc.

*Ed's note: An interesting discussion of open studio events, including this one, is planned for our next NDA meeting in September – for details see page 1 of this newsletter.*

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## NEW 'OUTLINES' ART GALLERY SET TO OPEN IN CHUMLEIGH

**NDA member Christina Bonnett is opening 'Outlines' Art Gallery in Chumleigh, where she will have a gallery space and picture framing service.**

The gallery will be opening in August, and Christina is calling for artists who wish to show work at the gallery to contact her. Artists should send her information and images either on a CD, by email, or provide a link to their website, if they have one. She would also be interested in smaller 3D work, ceramics, etc.

Christina's contact details are:

Tel: 01769 581 629  
Web: [www.outlines.org.uk](http://www.outlines.org.uk)  
Email: [christina@outlines.org.uk](mailto:christina@outlines.org.uk)

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## **BIDEFORD FESTIVAL OF ART & CONTEMPORARY DESIGN AUGUST 17TH-19TH**

**This free Festival takes place 17th-19th August at Edgehill College and is open Friday 17th 16:00-20:30; Saturday 18th 11:00-20:30 and Sunday 19th 10:00-16:00. The Festival is in partnership with Devon Artsculture and North Devon Enterprise Agency.**

Bideford Festival of Art and Contemporary Design at Edgehill College will complement the Bideford Folk Festival by bringing together many of the regions leading artists, designers and makers in one show. This will give visitors and locals alike an opportunity to buy unique and original art and craft from the makers and will be an important new selling opportunity in Devon for Artists, Craftspeople, Designers and Makers. Several NDA members are amongst those exhibiting, so do go along and support your fellow-artists.

The location at Edgehill College is also the main concert venue for the folk festival and will be supported with performances, family workshops and a free shuttle bus from the town centre.

The show still has a few spaces still available for contemporary makers and artists to sell their work. To be permitted to exhibit all artists will have to meet the high criteria of the selection process. Selected Devon-based artists will receive funding bringing their stand costs down to just £20 (instead of £120). Exhibitors need to provide their own stand - up to two tables and chairs and electricity are provided by the organisers.

If you wish to apply for a place, please contact Jerry Bix.

Contact: Jerry Bix; Tel: 01237-470792  
Email: [jerry@bidefordfolkfestival.co.uk](mailto:jerry@bidefordfolkfestival.co.uk)

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## **'WESTWARD HO! & BIDEFORD ART SOCIETY 85TH ANNUAL EXHIBITION**

**This show runs from 28<sup>th</sup> July- 27<sup>th</sup> August**

The Westward Ho! & Bideford Art Society 85<sup>th</sup> Summer Exhibition opens on 28<sup>th</sup> July at the Burton Art Gallery & Museum, Kingsley Road, Bideford. One of the highlights of the annual exhibition calendar is once more at the Burton.

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## **BIDEFORD FOLK FESTIVAL 13TH-19TH AUGUST**

**There are concerts and music sessions taking place every day of the week with plenty of opportunity for musicians and singers to join in and for audiences to listen to good music.**

Edgehill College is a really comfortable modern theatre and the Festival boasts the best performers ever likely to be seen in North Devon, also intimate venues, free pub gigs and lots of chances to join in – workshops, etc.

Visit the web site for details  
[www.bidefordfolkfestival.co.uk](http://www.bidefordfolkfestival.co.uk)

Or write to the address below for a programme.  
Jerry Bix, 36 Lower Gunstone, Bideford EX39 2DE

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## **SUE PYGOTT EXHIBITION AT THE GALLERY CAFÉ, QUEEN'S THEATRE, BARNSTAPLE 30TH JULY - 1ST SEPTEMBER**

**This new exhibition of the work of photographer, Sue Pygott, who is a member of NDA, opens on 30th July.**

Sue says "I hope you will be able to attend my first solo exhibition at The Queen's Theatre Barnstaple which is running throughout August.

My creative art photography has developed from my fascination with the way shapes become distorted in water, or when reflected on glass. I like the strong patterns created by focusing on a small part of a structure, peering through narrow gaps or watching light seep through a canopy of trees.

If the summer remains as it is then you will need somewhere to shelter when running between the shops!"

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## **INSURANCE FOR ARTISTS**

**Any NDA artists interested should send off for a useful insurance factsheet from CreativePeople - email them at [info@creativepeople.org.uk](mailto:info@creativepeople.org.uk)**

The factsheet has helpful advice and a long list of organisations and insurance companies to contact. More and more events are insisting that entrants have their own insurance now, so this document is a must for professional artists without insurance.

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## MAJOR PICASSO EXHIBITION OPENS IN EDINBURGH

**Picasso on Paper is one of the most comprehensive Picasso exhibitions ever to show in Britain, and it is at the Dean Gallery from 14th July until 23rd September.**

The focus is on the artist's talents as a printmaker, featuring beautifully executed etchings, lithographs and linocuts spanning the whole of Picasso's prolific career.

The greatest examples of Picasso's printmaking, from around the world, have been gathered together for this exhibition, providing a unique and unmissable opportunity for visitors to chart the artist's entire career, from his pre-war cubist art to the sexually charged works of his later years.

Admission £6 (£4). Tickets can be bought online at [www.nationalgalleries.org/summer](http://www.nationalgalleries.org/summer), on the phone by calling 0870 118 1859, or on the day at the door.

*Ed's note: We have Lydia Corbett speaking at our October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting – she is a former model for Picasso, and now an artist producing sensitive work.*

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## CALL FOR ARTISTS TO RUN SCHOOLS WORKSHOPS

**Devon Artsculture is working with Beaford Arts to develop the workshop programme for schools and other groups of young people at the Beaford Residential Centre.**

Both organisations wish to work with, and promote, local Devon based artists of all artforms, including visual arts, music and performing arts.

If you run workshops, have some previous experience and would like to be added to the 'menu', please contact Sadie Green (details below) for further information and an application form. Artists contacting Sadie must be a member of Devon Artsculture. If you are not a member, contact Beaford Arts House Manager, Annette Gilbert directly on 01805 603710 or email [Rescentre@beaford-arts.org.uk](mailto:Rescentre@beaford-arts.org.uk)  
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Email: [devart@beaford-arts.org.uk](mailto:devart@beaford-arts.org.uk)  
Web: [www.devonartsculture.co.uk](http://www.devonartsculture.co.uk)

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## WEST COUNTRY HALL OF FAME – FILM FOR TV

**Storyboard Productions contacted NDA to provide a panel of artists for a film they were making at Broomhill, being shown later in the year on ITV Westcountry.**

Vanessa Marsden, Pete Newell, Zoe Hyde and Andrea Charters, all of them painters, were asked to talk about a selection of Westcountry linked painters.

A lively and fun discussion took place on 24th July in the Broomhill Gallery - Pete Newell will enlighten us with more details in the next newsletter.

*Stella*

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## LIGHTFEST 2007

**Lightquest presents Lightfest in September 2007 at the Valley of Rocks, Lynton and Lynmouth.**

Lightfest is a spectacular festival of light surrounding an illuminated evening or night time walk. Witness the dramatic landscapes and picturesque towns all transformed with beautiful light. Discover a trail of ten thousand lanterns and lights. Join the celebration with live music and dance.

Search out 20 intriguing light installations combining art, video, sculpture, music, live performance, sound effects and most importantly light.

Don't miss the dancing fire organ or the sanctuary of light created with 5000 candles!

Opportunities for volunteering and being part of this fantastic event. Anyone who has been to one of these light walks before will know how much work and how many artists of all types go towards making the walks a highlight of the year. Lightquest are renowned for their exquisite light shows and light walks, worldwide.

Please go to their website for detailed information.  
Web: [www.atdq50.dsl.pipex.com/lightfest/](http://www.atdq50.dsl.pipex.com/lightfest/)

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