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HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL NDA MEMBERS

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, 12th December, 7pm for 7.30pm

NDA Christmas Party 2007

This is the annual Christmas Party at Broomhill. This is a great way of meeting fellow members and also of introducing friends and interested people to NDA. It is always a fun night and one where we can get to know each other in a relaxed setting!

The tickets are £18 and include a delicious Broomhill three course meal and a complimentary glass of wine. There's also a fun (optional) Christmas Creative Challenge to bring or wear your Christmas tree - a prize to the best. Also bring a wrapped present to the value of £1 (learn to love your pound shop!).

Tickets can be purchased by sending your cheque for £18 per ticket made payable to 'North Devon Arts' to: North Devon Arts, PO Box 291, Barnstaple, EX32 2BN

EVENTS DIARY

12th December – 8pm Christmas Party

10th January 2008 – 8pm A user's guide to the NDA web site - plus tips on setting up your own site *plus* Appledore Visual Arts Festival - call for NDA involvement

13th February 2008 – 8pm New Year New Work 2008: the Stories Behind the Work

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NOVEMBER NDA MEETING – CHRISTINA BONNETT: SHOWING WITH CONFIDENCE

Christina, an artist, framer and gallery owner of many years' experience, began the evening by discussing how to make a group of works hang together - she discussed the importance of choosing the same moulding shapes, or family of mouldings to create a harmonious exhibition. Christina currently has an exhibition at the Queen's Gallery Café, where this harmonious approach can be seen (in addition to her stunning work!) - until 8th December.

Christina then went on to show examples of frames and works in a number of styles and showed how the look of a frame could impact on the way a work is perceived. She brought examples of varied work to 'frame' and also demonstrated using works in the gallery, showing ways to bring out the most in an artwork. Christina also took questions from the floor, on how to enhance particular types of work, including pencil drawings, collages, etc. Christina's runs Outlines gallery in Chulmleigh. See her website at www.outlines.org.uk. Linda

SIXTH NORTH DEVON OPEN ART SHOW – ENTRY DEADLINE: **10TH DECEMBER**

This major open art show, featuring the work of artists resident in, or created and inspired by northern Devon, is calling for applications from artists.

Around 10 artists will be selected for this show, which in the past has featured many NDA artists. NDA works with the Museum of Barnstaple and North Devon, North Devon College School of Art and the North Devon Theatres Trust in supporting the event, and we have representatives on the selection panel. The exhibition runs at the Museum from 19th January to 1st March 2008.

For an Entry Form and further details please visit: The Museum of Barnstaple & North Devon, The Square, Barnstaple EX32 8LN. Telephone: 01271 346747 or email museum@northdevon.gov.uk

NDA'S BIGGER PICTURE SHOW – NOW EXTENDED UNTIL 28TH DECEMBER!

The NDA Bigger Picture Show at Trelawneys, Ashford is still showing the diverse talents of NDA artists. The show is now extended until December 28th, during usual Trelawneys garden centre opening hours.

Bigger Picture Show participants please note that the show closes on 28th December and that take down is at 10.30am.

NEW YEAR NEW WORK 2008 – CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS **7TH DECEMBER**

The annual NDA winter show is again upon us.

Applications must be submitted by December 7th at the latest. As is our usual format, there will be three shows during the exhibition. The exhibitions run 13th January to 9th March 2008.

The entry forms and terms were included in last month's newsletter, or can be downloaded from the NDA web site at:
<http://www.northdevonarts.co.uk/exhibitions.html>.

A new **colour poster** is also available – this was handed out at the last NDA meeting. Please can as many of you as possible download and print off copies, to get posters out there advertising our exhibition. Copies of the poster are available on the web site (address as above).

NEW YEAR, NEW PAYMENT!

Annual membership fees are now due.

We are pleased to say that membership fees for 2008 have been held at 2007 rates and are:

- Standard Membership - £15 per year (annual membership January to December). Our newsletter is emailed to you.
- Postal Membership - £25 per year (annual membership January to December). Our newsletter is posted to you.
- Under 18s Membership - free to you (not free to the entire household).

Memberships can be renewed at NDA meetings or by post.

A cheque for the membership fee, made payable to 'North Devon Arts', should be sent to: Membership Secretary, North Devon Arts, PO Box 291, Barnstaple EX32 2BN.

Further info: memberships@northdevonarts.co.uk
Web: www.northdevonarts.co.uk/join.html

A list of retailers offering discounts to NDA members is included at the end of this newsletter.

LAST CHANCE TO SEE!

The following exhibitions are now showing, catch them while you can:

- Alison Nicholson, 'Sundowner', Landmark, Ilfracombe until 12th January
- Christina Bonnett, 'High Colour', Queen's Theatre, Gallery Café until 8th December
- 'Winter Exhibition', Burton Art Gallery & Museum until 20th December

CERAMICIST SOUGHT

The North Devon Hospice at Barnstaple is looking for a ceramicist to work on a voluntary basis .

The volunteer is sought for one day per week helping patients make pots and overseeing their firing. If you are interested, please contact Maggie at the Hospice.

NDA MEMBERS TV PROGRAMME - NEW DATE

The transmission date of the Westcountry Hall of Fame programme featuring NDA members has changed by one week to Thursday 6th December at 7.30pm on ITV1.

There is also a website address for voting on those discussed in the programme:
www.itvlocal.com/westcountry

2008 INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF PLANET EARTH - MOSAIC EXHIBITION

Calling all Mosaic Artists to create mosaics for the above exhibition.

In conjunction with Planetearth and the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS), the United Nations Educational Scientific Cultural Organization (UNESCO) have designated 2008 as the International Year of Planet Earth.

At Opus Mosaic we feel that this initiative is of vital importance to all of us. We have therefore based the theme of our 2008 Mosaic Exhibition to support this project. We request artists to look at the 9 themes and create a mosaic for one of them. This exhibition will have international recognition and there will be prizes for the mosaic that is created best to the spirit of each theme.

Deadline for applications: 30/12/2007. Expression of interest forms to be received by the 30th December 2007. The exhibition dates are 5th May 2008 to 28th June 2008. Web: www.opusmosaic.co.uk

CALL FOR YOUR WEBSITE EXPERIENCES

Experiences of members in setting up/running their own website are sought as part of our January meeting

The January NDA meeting, will include a session on both the NDA's own website and on how to go about setting up your own website. The meeting presenters are seeking experiences on setting up websites from NDA members. We are interested in who is hosting sites, who designs them, and maintains them. If you are doing this yourself, how easy have you found it, any tips, packages to recommend, etc. We are interested in sharing good and bad experiences with the audience. Information will be used during the presentation with contributors' names kept confidential.

Send your information to: Linda Hajdukiewicz - linda@m2z.co.uk

THE 2007 ROUGH AND SMOOTH ART EXHIBITION

An exhibition in Westward Ho! by Richard Meyer and Rosh Johnson

A show featuring work by Richard Meyer, 'The Rough' and Rosh Johnson 'The Smooth' at Atlantic Studio, 31 Atlantic Way, Westward Ho!

The exhibition runs until 7th December and is open 11am to 4 pm. Web: www.roughandsmooth.org.uk

CARYS WILSON EXHIBITION

NDA member, Carys, has a new exhibition.

The exhibition is in the Ondaatje Hall, at Blundell's School, Tiverton and runs from 26th Nov - 8th Dec 2007. The opening night is on Friday 30th Nov, from 7.15pm until about 10 pm. All are welcome. Website: <http://www.caryswilson.co.uk>

CALL FOR ARTISTS & MAKERS - ART TREK OPEN STUDIOS & ASSOCIATED EVENTS

Art Trek dates Thursday 19th-Sunday 22nd June 11.00am-4.15pm - part of the North Devon Festival

As most of you are probably aware, Art Trek is a growing and successful, annual event, where artists and makers across North Devon, West Exmoor and Torridge join forces and open their homes, studios and other assorted venues (we had one artist doing drawing walks on Dartmoor).

Art Trek aims to capture the friendliness of North Devon and artists involved are encouraged to treat it as this; to chat with the public and create a relaxed atmosphere over a cup tea, where there is no obligation on visitors to buy. Of course, making visitors feel at ease can often lead to sales or commissions, which is a real bonus!

This year Art Trek is teaming up with the North Devon Hospice, where it is hoped various art workshops and interactive installations will be taking place, prior to and during Art Trek. The Hospice have an art room and a pottery room with a small kiln, plus beautiful gardens, where artists interested in making either temporary or more permanent art outside, can work. Please let me know ASAP if you want to put your name forward for selection to run any of these Hospice workshops. (It would be useful if you are police checked and have your own public liability insurance).

Art Trek will be producing its own full colour leaflet, have a page in the North Devon brochure and be on the Festival website, where each artist will be able to link their own sites and update their space as the event draws closer. Plus the North Devon Festival will publicise the event in all its dealings with the media.

The Gallery Café in the Queen's Theatre, Barnstaple, will be hosting an Art Trek exhibition throughout June and each participating artist will have the opportunity display a piece of their work.

Deadline for entries: 1st February '08. For further details of the event, or to take part, please contact: Stella Levy, Art Trek organiser Tel: 01769 540602 Email: stella@widgeystudios.com

NEW PORTFOLIO PAGES NOW ON THE NDA WEBSITE

Members of North Devon Arts can now display more work on www.northdevonarts.co.uk.

In addition to what is there already (an image of you - 90x90 pixels; a small image of your work - 90x90 pixels; any contact details you want the public to see; your artist's profile; and your artist's statement) there is now also space for 7 large images of your work (maximum dimension 600 pixels), their thumbnails (90x90 pixels) and their details (title; price; dimensions; and medium).

To give you an idea of what is possible, please see my page www.northdevonarts.co.uk/member_27.html

All you need to do is send me the information you want to appear on your pages. I look forward to hearing from you.

Emily Garnham Wright

Email: webmaster@northdevonarts.co.uk

BP PORTRAIT AWARD 2008

This well-known show at the National Portrait Gallery is calling for entries

It is open to everyone over 18, with a first prize £25,000. The deadline for entries is 17th February. Enter online at www.npg.org.uk/bp

For further information: BP Portrait Award 2008, National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Place, London WC2H 0HE. Tel: 0870 112 6772.

Email: bpaward@npg.org.uk

RENAISSANCE PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Renaissance is a photographic competition to raise money for the Lavender Trust at Breast Cancer Care.

The competition will be judged by a celebrity panel consisting of photographers Eamonn McCabe, Mary McCartney, singer/songwriter KT Tunstall and eve editor Sara Cremer. There will be a four day exhibition and sale at Proud Galleries, London. The exhibition is in March 2008, with over £2,000 worth of prizes to be won, including an African safari and photographic equipment. The deadline for entries is 10th December.

For further information:

www.renaissancephotography.org

CALL FOR OILS, WATERCOLOURS & PENCIL

The Edgcumbe Hotel in Bude, a small hotel in North Cornwall, are looking for artworks

The Hotel are looking to offer up their mix of white & magnolia-ish newly-painted walls to oils, watercolours & pencil works from artists in Cornwall or North West/West Devon, who would like some free wall space to sell their work. They may consider non-sea photography too. Price labels may be put on, and pictures replaced if unsold.

If NDA members are interested, please contact Lee Norman at info@edgcumbe-hotel.co.uk preferably attaching some samples of work.

GALLERY 86 MIDWINTER ART SHOW

This show in Cridton features the work of over 20 local painters, potters and sculptors.

The private view is on Friday 7th December 6pm-9pm. The exhibition is open daily (including Sundays) 10am-5pm 8th December-24th December (closes 2pm). The show is at Gallery 86, 86 High Street, Cridton, Devon EX17 3LB. Tel: 01363 777736 Web: www.gallery86.co.uk

FUNDING TO DEVELOP INNOVATIVE MOVING IMAGE PROJECTS (SOUTH WEST)

South West Screen and 'Picture This' are seeking applications from individuals based in the South West for an opportunity to develop, and then produce a new moving image project that pushes the boundaries of narrative story telling.

The funding which is being made available through South West Screen's Digital Shorts Plus programme will provide successful applicants with funding of up to £16,000 plus other support. This scheme is aimed at filmmakers who have a track record in making independent short films who wish to expand their creative skills; and for artists who want to gain experience in writing scripts. To assist in the development of applications, South West Screen is running both a Road Show and Surgery. The closing date for applications is the 7th January 2008.

For more information:

<http://www.swscreen.co.uk/WhatWeFund/157.aspx>

INSIDER ART COURSES 2008

Learning Emotional Logic: Working with loss

Tutor: Trisha Horgan.

A two day course.

1st & 15th February 2008.

10.00am - 4.00pm. Exeter.

Employer funded:£190.00. Self funded:£150.

Discount rate:£130. Cons:£110.

One day courses

Introduction to Art Therapy and Participatory Visual Arts

Tutors: Malcolm Learmonth and Karen Huckvale.
7th March.

Art and Conflict

Tutor: Marian Liebmann.
6th June.

Art and Anger Management

Tutor: Marian Liebmann.
7th June.

All courses run from 10.00am-4.00pm in Exeter.

Cost: Employer Funded: £100. Self-funded: £80.

Discount Rate: £70. Concessions £60. Lunch included.

The discount rate is for members of Arts and Health South West and registered charities. The concessionary rate requires proof of student status or receipt of benefits.

To Book: Please send a deposit (25% of total cost), any proofs and a brief letter including contact details to:

'Insider Art', PO BOX 272, St Thomas, Exeter EX2 9ZL.

Tel: 01392 677258.

Email: sara@insiderart.org.uk

Web: www.insiderart.org.uk

FILM: THE DIGITAL FUTURE

A one-day film conference presented by South West Screen 11 December 2007, Watershed, Bristol

'Film: The Digital Future' will bring a pool of experts to the region to explain how best to embrace and exploit the ongoing digital developments within the production, distribution, exhibition and marketing sectors.

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Following on from 'Funding your Feature', the informative South West Screen film finance conference of March 2007, 'Film: The Digital Future' promises to be both compelling and entertaining, and of course immensely informative.

Speakers confirmed from companies/organisations including the UK Film Council, Arts Alliance, Content Republic, City Screen and Hammer. Quite simply, there is no better way to get the lowdown on the changing landscape of digital film.

Places are £50 including lunch. To book contact Watershed box office on +44 (0)117 927 5100

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ADAM REYNOLDS MEMORIAL BURSARY

Shape has launched the Adam Reynolds Memorial Bursary, offering disabled or deaf visual artists a £5,000 award, and a yearlong artistic residency.

The bursary is absolutely unique in its aim to provide an opportunity for artists to develop their ideas and practice without pressure to deliver a particular outcome. The bursary is in memory of Adam Reynolds who died in 2005. Adam was a past Chairman of Shape's Board of Trustees, a renowned sculptor and an activist for disability equality in the arts.

The bursary will be offered annually to support a disabled artist working in the visual arts. Each year, the bursary will be offered in conjunction with a residency in a visual arts venue. In the first year, this will be Camden Arts Centre in North London, where Adam himself had a residency. The successful artist will be selected from an open submission, on the strength of their work and proposal.

The artist will also be able to benefit from support and advice from the Artists Professional Development team at Shape, and, if they wish from Link Up, the mentoring and advice and guidance programme that Shape also runs.

Please email Cath Hawes cath@shapearts.org.uk or telephone 02076196171 for more info.

Further information from their website: www.adamreynoldsbursary.org.uk

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CALLING ALL DISABLED AND DEAF ARTISTS IN THE SOUTH WEST

Equata wants to feature your work on its new website

As many of you know, we are currently in the process of designing a new website which we hope will really help to raise the profile of disability and deaf arts in the South West. We want to showcase high quality disabled and deaf-led work, which may also be used in our publicity and marketing material. If you are interested in this opportunity to promote your work we would love to hear from you.

Visual artists: Please send up to 6 digital images as high resolution jpg files, ideally between 500k - 2Mb each (suitable for A4 printing at 300dpi), either via email (in separate emails if necessary) or on a disc. Writers: Please send us an example of your work that is up to 500 words. Performance pieces: For the time being, please send us stills as per the instructions for visual artists (if possible). We are working on how to incorporate multimedia such as film and audio clips and hope to have this facility on the site in the future.

All artists: We cannot guarantee publication and there is no payment for publication of the work but you are invited to include a short biography (up to 125 words) and any contact details that you would like to appear on the site. Please also include any additional information about the work such as titles. We understand that not everyone is able to photograph their work so please get in touch to discuss your needs.

Please contact: Stephanie Cheesman (Administrator), Equata: The Disability Arts Agency for the South West, Bradninch Place, Gandy Street, Exeter, Devon EX4. 3LS 01392 219440, stephanie.cheesman@equata.co.uk Web: www.equata.co.uk

HIDDEN HISTORIES - A SOUTH WEST POETRY PROJECT

Hidden Histories is inviting poets from the South West to write poems based on local history

What do you know about your local history? What little-known story could you dig up? Or more famous one retell? Could you write a poem out of its social, mythical, geological or marine past? Hidden Histories is a project inviting poets from the South West of England to write poems based on their local history.

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2 poets will be selected from each of the 3 counties Cornwall, Devon and Dorset and invited to read at poetry festivals across the region. Poems must be no more than 40 lines. Please note the following deadline for Devon poems: December 2007.

For more information, or to email your poem: gretastoddart@talktalk.net

Or send your poem with your name and contact details in an envelope marked Hidden Histories (Creative Writing), to: Sam Mather, Department of English, University of Exeter, Queen's Building, The Queen's Drive, Exeter EX4 4QH

RETAILERS OFFERING DISCOUNTS TO NDA MEMBERS

Please show your membership card for discounts.

- Roy Smith, Blue Gallery, 16 Joy St, Barnstaple, EX31 1BF. 01271 343536, sales@bluegallery.co.uk
- Chris Johnson, Gallery Three Nine, Bear St, Barnstaple, EX32 7BZ. 01271 346415, johnson@btinternet.com
- Mrs Balfour, Garlands Art, 8c Allhalland St, Bideford, EX39 2JD. 01237 473736, p.balfour@btinternet.com
- Linda Halsey, The Frame Shop, 6 The Square, Braunton, EX33 2JD. 01271 817184, webgirl18@tiscali.co.uk
- Gerry Fry, Artstore, 21 Joy St, Barnstaple, EX31 1BS. 01271 346426, gerry@artstoregallery.co.uk
- Richard Jennings, Medina Gallery, 80 Boutport St, Barnstaple, EX31 1SR. 01271 371025, also at 55 Mill St Bideford EX39 2JR, 01237 476483
- Peter Shimwell, Gunns Gallery, 11 Lee Road, Lynton, EX35 6HW. 01598 753352
- Rinus Van de Sande, Broomhill Art Hotel, Muddiford, Barnstaple, EX31 4EX. 1271 850262, www.broomhillart.co.uk

ARTIST'S QUESTIONNAIRE RESEARCH

Charlotte Davidson, a student at Dartington, wants artists to complete a questionnaire for her.

She hopes to work with artists and creatives and is considering offering volunteer time to help artists with admin support. She is trying to find out what areas artists struggle with and then is looking to develop this as a business idea in the future. If any of you are interested in helping with the research by completing this questionnaire, she can be contacted on mobile number: 07912055747 or Email: misscdavidson@yahoo.co.uk

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