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NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 13th February, 8pm

New Year New Work 2008: the Stories Behind the Work

Come to hear the stories and inspirations behind New Year New Work 2008, as participating artists are informally invited to talk about their work. A real chance to get an insight into the working methods and creative responses of fellow members.

If your artwork is in the latest exhibition, why not tell us about your motivations in creating the pieces on display? If not, why not bring one of your works along to talk about... Or alternatively, just sit and listen as others inspire you!

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

EVENTS DIARY

12th March 2008 – 8pm - Kate Rowley discusses her career as a textile designer for companies such as IKEA, Tommy Hilfiger, etc.

9th April 2008 – 8pm - Multi Story Theatre Company will run a participative session for NDA members which examines the way artists see using activities such as kinetic sculpture.

Multi Story will introduce themselves with a short performance from their current work, probably from the piece that they will be taking to 2008 arts festivals.

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NDA JANUARY WEB SITES MEETING REVIEWED

The evening kicked off with a brief talk from Fiona Fraser Smith, co-ordinator for the Appledore Arts Visual Arts Festival. She brought ideas sheets and talked to us about this year's theme of 'Earth'. There is a call out for artists to be engaged with the Festival and NDA is asking artists to submit ideas for NDA workshops over the four days.

Then Linda and Mark Hajdukiewicz (of m2z), the main speakers for the evening, took us all through the workings of the new NDA website, designed by Emily Garnham Wright, our webmaster. It really helped to be told and shown in simple terms how to get the best out of this site. Apparently not all members are taking advantage of this facility, only 64 with an image in the gallery section, with a fewer number having their own portfolio page (21). For this we were told, up to seven larger images can be sent, giving a broader range to advertise yourself on the site. All this is free to NDA members - email: webmaster@northdevonarts.co.uk with your images and text for the site or for further information.

Most of us were surprised to learn there had been over 13,000 visits to the NDA site in the last six months since launch, reassuring us that at least there was interest, potential contacts or even sales to be had. We also learnt that the more links to a site will give it a higher search engine ranking, possibly bringing increased business and interest, and so we were all encouraged to link our own websites to the NDA site. At the moment the links section consists mainly of Arts Organisations. If NDA were able to gain business links as well, it may well open other doors to members. Should any of you know any business that would be willing to link with NDA, please let the committee know. *Continued p.2 col.1*

We were shown how to download the NDA logo to use on any publicity material we may send out (exhibition invites, email signatures, etc.) - giving members increased credibility in the market place, how to download exhibition entry forms and the artists portfolio pages. Members' own exhibitions can also now be advertised on the site - send details to: webmaster@northdevonarts.co.uk.

Linda and Mark made it all sound very easy, and I'm sure it is once you have the hang of it. It may help by experimenting a bit, look around the site and see what other members are up to and what is available to you.

They also gave advice on setting up your own web site, including how to buy domains, planning your site, technical and design considerations, etc. A copy of this advice is available at: <http://www.northdevonarts.co.uk/webtalk.html>

They also advised that should you need a website, you look at other member's sites, picking out ones you particularly like and would suit you, then talk to those artists about who designed them. A list of members with web sites is at: <http://www.northdevonarts.co.uk/websites.html>

Finally Linda gave us a break down of costs for setting up your own site using Mark at m2z ltd, which could be done very simply at a low cost: (1) BASIC - £20 + VAT per annum - artist's own domain, forwarding to their existing NDA gallery page (2) STANDARD - £150 + VAT first year, £75 + VAT per annum ongoing - artist's own domain with upto 8 pages of content, own design 'wrapper', own email address; (3) FULL SITE - £325 +VAT first year ongoing £75 + VAT - artist's own site, unlimited pages, own site update facility, own domain and email addresses. Further details at <http://www.northdevonarts.co.uk/webtalk.html> or email Mark: mark@m2z.co.uk or tel: 01271 861 608. To support the work of NDA, a 10% contribution to NDA for every service taken up by NDA members (10% of first year costs).

I found I went away very impressed with the whole web presentation and the NDA website, thinking how very professional and classy it looked, plus being easy to use - this is really something for me as I am not too good at this techno world. Many thanks to Linda and Mark and all involved with getting this site up and running and looking so good.

Stella

NDA - NEW PREVIEW DATE, 10TH FEB!

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Preview for the second exhibition in the New Year, New Work show is now Sunday 10th February, 2.30pm

Preview Show 2: Sunday 10th February at 2.30pm, Broomhill. All work delivered and collected Friday 1st, 4.00 - 7.00pm and hung on Saturday 2nd.

Preview Show 3: Sunday 24th at 2.30pm (as scheduled). All work delivered and collected 22nd, 4.00-7.00pm February and hung on 23rd. Collection of work and end of show, Friday 14th March.

Stella

PS Look forward to seeing you and guests there!

FREE PUBLICITY WITH NDA!

Dave Green, NDA publicity officer, wants good images for sending to the press.

Newspapers and magazines want good pictures because it sells their product. A good photograph of your artwork is great, a good photograph of you making, working on or with your artwork might be better. People like to see pictures of people. When sending images to myself (or directly to the Press) images should be in focus and not too light or too dark. Try to get the colour right if that is important to you as an artist. The size of image should be approx 15cm longest length and 300dpi try to save them as a good quality jpeg with a compression (quality) of 9 on a scale of 12; and try to make your file size around 1 megabyte so that downloading doesn't take long. If you have a solo show send a landscape and portrait format in case there's only space for one shape. Make the pictures easy to crop but not to the extent that they have to be cropped because your artwork takes up only 1/2 of your picture. I will not prejudice you or your work because your pictures of it are poor - I'll do my best to make them look good - but the Press will be less democratic.

Always name your image files with your name plus the name of your artwork e.g. dave_green-black_church_rock_2007-digital_photograph. There's more chance of you getting a plug in the paper if you add some text about you and your work. What inspired you to make it, can you say anything topical, or relate your work to anything happening locally, the landscape, environment, etc. Always document your work photographically and keep sending updated/new pictures to me/the Press when you have a show - they won't use pictures they've printed before unless they're desperate. So keep sending me pictures I'm only a few seconds away at greengallery@btinternet.com

Dave Green, NDA publicity

SIXTH NORTH DEVON OPEN ART SHOW – NOW SHOWING

NDA was on the selection panel for this exhibition & NDA bursaries were given to the artists selected.

This excellent exhibition, including a strong NDA member contingent, runs at the Queen's Theatre Gallery Cafe and the Museum of Barnstaple & North Devon until 1st March 2008.

NDA PLOUGH SHOW ENTRIES

Forms for this show are attached at the end of the newsletter and also available in the NDA web site's exhibitions section. The show runs 1st April-28th April and the closing date for entries is **1st March 2008**.

LAST CALL FOR ART TREK ARTISTS/MAKERS

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

Art Trek is a growing and successful annual event, where artists and makers across North Devon, West Exmoor and Torridge open their homes, studios and other assorted venues.

Art Trek will be producing its own full colour leaflet, have a page in the North Devon brochure and be on the Festival website. The Gallery Café in the Queen's Theatre, Barnstaple, will be hosting an Art Trek exhibition during June and each participating artist will have the opportunity display a piece of their work.

Deadline: 1st February '08. There is a little lee-way on this date, but don't leave it too long or you may miss your chance of taking part in this event. Please email your forms to Stella. For further details of the event, or to take part, please contact: Stella Levy, Art Trek organiser Tel: 01769 540602 Email: stella@widgerystudios.com

NDA MEMBER JEWELLERY PARTIES

Host a jewellery party and earn rewards

If you may be interested in hosting a jewellery party, then make a call to Maggie Benson of Benson Creative Designs. The hosts will earn rewards in the form of jewellery by Maggie Benson, and all that Maggie asks in return is that you invite a minimum of five guests to your party, who are likely to be interested in buying jewellery. Maggie makes jewellery that is inspired by the Celtic Festivals, nature and the elements of Earth, Air, Fire and Water. Also work explores the folklore and fairytale of Britain and Europe. Examples of Maggie's jewellery can be seen on the Benson Creative Designs website at

http://www.bensoncreativedesigns.com/index_files/Jewelry.htm and by following the links at the top of the page. The terms for hosting a jewellery party may be seen at

http://www.bensoncreativedesigns.com/index_files/Jewelry.htm?HostAParty.htm&3

ARTS GROUP AT THE PORTSMOUTH ARMS

This is a new Arts & Activity Group at the Pub.

There are many art, crafts, music, computer studies, and activity groups for all ages. Special guest artists will run a series of workshops during the day and the evenings. For further details please phone Dee at the pub: 01769 561117; or Rita 01769 561061; or Marion 01769 580542. The Portsmouth Arms, Umberleigh, EX37 9ND. Next to the Northcote Manor.

NDA MEMBER JILL DENTON'S EXHIBITION

Jill's exhibition, entitled 'A New Horizon' is her first solo exhibition for many years and promises to be an unusual and interesting collection of textiles and mixed media, colour and texture.

It reflects her recent move to Cornwall after living in North Devon for more than 40 years, and encompasses all her passions and inspirations from feltmaking to photography, from the beach to her grandchildren. The exhibition runs from Feb 1st - March 1st at the Plough, and a very warm welcome is extended to all NDA members at the Private View which will take place on Friday 1st February from 6.30 - 8.30.

CALL FOR ARTISTS - TORQUAY FRINGE

Torquay Fringe is an exciting new independent event taking place across the town in August '08.

Contemporary artworks, both 2D and 3D will be exhibited in alternative venues across Torquay, including businesses, shop fronts and shopping malls and appear in the Fringe publicity. Interested artists are invited to submit 3 images of their work for our consideration. No commission will be taken on sales. £10 submission fee only.

First consideration will be given to Torbay artists, however a limited number of artists from outside Torbay submitting exceptional work will also be considered. Deadline: 30/03/2008. Successful artists will be notified by the end of May 2008. Please email puregraffiti2000@yahoo.co.uk for an application form.

CALL FOR CRAFT STALLS AND ARTISTS TRAIL - APPLIEDORE VISUAL ARTS FESTIVAL

Appledore Arts is inviting artists to submit applications for a Craft Stall and Artists Trail for the 11th Appledore Visual Arts Festival

The Appledore Visual Arts Festival (May 29th - June 1st 2008) is an exciting and unique Visual Arts event and attracts several thousand visitors each year. Please refer to our website (www.appledorearts.org) for full details including our downloadable Craft Stall and Artists Trail - Booking Form. Please note that all applications will be reviewed by a Selection Committee. We can only accept applications from artists and makers who exclusively sell their own work. Bought in crafts from other makers are not acceptable. Deadline : Saturday March 15th, 2008. E-mail : info@appledorearts.org. Address : Project Manager, Appledore Arts, 3 Marine Parade, Appledore, Devon, EX39 1PJ

ART WALLS - EXHIBITING OPPORTUNITY

Would you like to show your work to a wider audience or do you have trouble storing your work?

Taunton Deane Borough Council may offer a positive solution to both through their Art Walls project. Caroline Corfe, the arts officer, runs a picture loan scheme whereby artists lend work to hang in the council offices and committee rooms at Deane House and other council buildings. Work has to be framed and ready for hanging with an artist's statement and price list. Staff reaction to the pictures and photographs so far has been very favourable, and four artists have sold work through the scheme although this is not guaranteed and no commission is charged.

Contact Caroline to discuss a flexible arrangement to suit you on 01823 356521 or through c.corfe@tauntondeane.gov.uk.

EXHIBITING OPPORTUNITY - BARNSTAPLE

A pilates studio in Barnstaple, The West Studio in the Tarka Clinic, has display space

Our studio walls are pretty bare, and we are looking for artists to display their work, to get great coverage for them and something nice for my clients to look at.

If you are interested in exhibiting at the studio, contact Debbie West, telephone: 07977 449254 or email: theweststudio@hotmail.co.uk

VIVIEN WALTERS ANIMAL PAINTING WORKSHOPS

NDA member Vivien is running these workshops commencing in March

I specialise in painting animals in pastel, and I am running a series of workshops at Filleigh Village Hall commencing Tuesday 25th March. Classes are conducted in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere, and will include the wildlife of Exmoor.

I can be contacted on 01398 341806, and details are also available at www.saa.co.uk ("Professional & Tuition" section).

Ed's note: a number of examples of Vivien's work can be seen in the gallery section of the NDA web site – take a look.

NEW YEAR, NEW PAYMENT!

Annual membership fees are now due. Thanks to all who have already sent in their fees.

Fees for 2008 have been held at 2007 rates and are:

- Standard Membership - £15 per year (annual membership January to December). Emailed newsletter.
- Postal Membership - £25 per year (annual membership January to December). Posted newsletter.
- 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

BROOMHILL 2008 JAZZ AND DINNER CONCERTS – FORTHCOMING DATES

Enjoy a relaxing and intimate evening eating and absorbing the vibes of Britain's best jazz performances.

Set in the enlightening atmosphere of the Broomhill Contemporary Art Gallery with a Mediterranean Tapas buffet from the Broomhill kitchen, the ambience is definitely appealing.

Each performance - £15.00 per ticket including Mediterranean Tapas buffet. Booking is essential - tel: 01271 850262.

- Arthurs.Høiby.Ritchie + Julie Sassoon (solo) - Friday 8th February at 8pm
- 'Compassionate Dictatorship' - Friday 7th March at 8pm
- Janette Mason Trio with Dudley Phillips and Josh Guinta - Friday 4th April at 8pm

Further details from: Helen Ashford, Broomhill Art Hotel, Sculpture Gardens & Contemporary Art Gallery

Web: www.broomhillart.co.uk. Tel: 01271 850262
Mobile: 07896414682

Ed's note: Don't forget NDA members are entitled to a discount on Broomhill events

INSIDER ART - COURSES

'Insider Art' are an Arts and Health organisation who offer a range of services and events

7th Exeter Arts & Therapies Conference 2008 - Nature & Nurture: the image, the word, and the world. Friday May 16th. Stoodleigh Court, near Tiverton, Devon.

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.

Cost: Employer Funded: £100. Self-funded: £80. Discount Rate: £70. Concessions £60.

Other Courses:

Sand Tray Therapy. Tutors: Brenda Rawlinson & Lynn McClelland. A three day course: April 26th, May 17th and June 7th. Saturdays, 10.00am – 4.00pm in Exeter.

This introductory course will look at the following important themes: history and development of sand play therapy; creative expression; imaginative and symbolic thinking; dramatic structure; play and story-making; recent developments.

Cost: Employer funded: £290. Self funded: £220. Discount rate: £195. Cons: £165.

To Book a course: 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

All courses run from 10.00 - 4.00pm in Exeter. Lunch and materials are 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.

INTRANSITION SUSTAINABLE ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN FOR CORNWALL

'Changing the way we think about our environment - from vision to commitment' - 14 - 15 February 2008, University College Falmouth

University College Falmouth's RANE research cluster

and The Design Centre, Tremough in association with Transition Falmouth and Transition Truro, invite you to engage in dialogue and collaboration on the subject of sustainable architecture and design for Cornwall. Our Woodlane Campus and Tremough Campus will each host a day of free events, open to all. Space is limited at some venues. To be sure of your place please email:

georg.dietzler@falmouth.ac.uk leaving your name, and the number of places you wish to reserve. NB: Speakers and timetable may be subject to alteration.

For any further information about this event, programme details:

<http://rane.falmouth.ac.uk/InTransition/>

AIR OFFERS ARTISTS INSURANCE

AIR (Artists' Interaction and Representation) is a membership scheme exclusively for practising visual artists who are a-n Artist magazine subscribers

There are numerous benefits, including the e-bulletin, online forums and artists insurance. Artists subscribing to a-n magazine + AIR get £5m AIR public and products liability insurance (UK-based artists only). Subscription at present is £34 per year.

Go to www.a-n.co.uk/AIR for further details of this scheme and their insurance.

COURSE: HOW TO RAISE THE PROFILE OF YOUR BUSINESS

Nicky Oliver from Dorset based E3 Consulting will work with delegates to look at ways to raise the profile of your business with minimum effort, budget and restricted time.

The day will include: tips and strategies for effective communication; how to work with like-minded people in collaboration; how to approach things from a commercial view-point; tips for raising the profile of your business. Nicky will work in an informal, round-table discussion style to engage delegates and discuss real-life situations.

Thursday 7th February 2008 10am-4pm. MLA South West, Creech Castle, Bathpool, Taunton, Somerset TA1 2DX. The seminar costs £25. Please note that the seminar is limited to 20 delegates. For more information and to book a place please contact Rachel Pyke on rachel.pyke@AandB.org.uk or 0117 9290522.

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'Spring' Show

Exhibition at The Plough, Torrington

April 1st - 27th April, 2008

Terms & Conditions & Entry Form

Deadline for entries: Saturday 1st March (*Entry on first come, first served basis*)
Work to be delivered to The Plough, Monday 31st March at 1.00pm prompt
Hanging: Monday 31st March, 1 - 5.00pm

Only work delivered on Monday will be hung.

Sneak Preview & Meet the Artists: **Friday 4th April, 7.00pm**

Exhibition ends: **Sunday 27th April**

Dismantle: **Monday 28th April 10 - 12noon**

The next exhibition is being installed during the afternoon of Monday 28th April.

1. The title of our 2008 exhibition is '**Spring**' encouraging you to exhibit your freshest pieces of work!
2. Only open to current paid-up members of North Devon Arts; otherwise work will not be included.
3. Dependant on wall space, you may enter up to **two** artworks (*if you have very small wall artworks up to four may be allowed, check first*). With jewellery and other small items you can exhibit up to **four** items, again subject to available space. We have a glass cabinet for this purpose. (*With exceptionally large paintings, large sculpture, furniture or metal works, we may have to restrict you to **one** piece, dependent on space available*).
4. There will be a charge of £10.00 per artist. **Cheques in advance please, made payable to; North Devon Arts.**
5. Please bring to the Plough with your work, one good quality photo of your work on A4, plus one completed A4 page comprising of your CV and/or artist's statement with your phone number or contact details. (*See artist portfolio pages, downloadable for this purpose on; www.northdevonarts.co.uk*)
6. You are welcome to provide postcards of your work to accompany your exhibit at your own risk.
7. All work should be ready to hang on the allocated day, with appropriate string or wire attached for wall hanging works, making life easier for those hanging the exhibition on the day.
8. When pricing your work, remember that the Plough will **deduct 30%** as their commission.
When a piece of your work is sold, you need to invoice the Plough for the selling price, less 30% commission. They cannot pay you until they receive this. If you wish the Plough to negotiate on your behalf by discounting the sale price, please circle yes on the entry form.
9. Please mark clearly on the back of each item **and also on a hanging label attached to each item** (*for ease of hanging this should be visible when artwork is on the wall*): **your name, the title of the piece, the retail price and your telephone number.** It is then your responsibility to check that these details appear correctly in the exhibition. Work cannot be displayed if these details are missing.
10. North Devon Arts and the Plough will do their best to take care of your work, but cannot be held liable for any damage or loss; you are exhibiting at your own risk - we advise you arrange your own insurance if this is an issue for you.
11. The NDA committee and the Plough, reserve the right to refuse to exhibit a work in the very unlikely event of it being deemed unsuitable.
12. All work must stay until the end of the allocated take down date of the exhibition. Due to some members taking work out of exhibitions early, we have had complaints – please arrange collection of your work on the correct allocated day.
13. **At the end of this exhibition please collect your work promptly. If you are unable to do so, please arrange for a friend to collect your work for you as the Plough has no storage area and the next exhibition is being set up later the same day!**

Please return your £10.00 cheque to;

Lani Shepherd

Castle Hill Lodge

Newberry Hill, Berryarbor

Ilfracombe

North Devon

EX34 9SS

Tel: 01271 889 221

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'Spring' Exhibition at the Plough

April 1st - April 28th, 2008
Exhibitors entry form

Closing date for entries: Friday 1st March, 2008

Your name
Email address
Telephone number

Details of exhibits:

Title/s:

Medium:

Dimensions:.....

Retail price/s: (*inclusive of 30% for the Plough*)

Requirement other than wall space? Such as: floor space, plinth, cabinet, shelf, special lighting?
Please specify

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 the Plough Gallery to negotiate reasonable discounting (if necessary) to achieve a sale. (*This is standard gallery practice.*) YES NO

Please return your completed entry form, CV/statement and photos to;

**Lani Shepherd
Castle Hill Lodge
Newberry Hill, Berrynarbor
Ilfracombe
North Devon. EX34 9SS.
Tel: 01271 889 221**

(By returning this NDA entry form, you are agreeing to the NDA terms and conditions accompanying this form).

NOTES

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 enable negotiation or arbitration between disgruntled parties.

Contact: chair@northdevonarts.co.uk