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NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 9th July, 8pm

INSPIRATION EVENING AND AGM

The evening will start at 8.00pm, with the annual, successful, 'Inspiration for Artists', where members talk for a few minutes, bringing with them an inspiring item that has helped their creative talents.

If you feel you would like to join in, please come along to this very friendly and informal gathering of artists, to pass on and listen to the interesting and varied things that trigger creative inspiration.

The second part of the evening is the NDA AGM, where members have an opportunity to discuss how the group should be run in the future and, to choose their next NDA committee (or nominate themselves). Nomination forms have been sent out and there's more about the AGM below.

Meetings are free to NDA members (memberships cover your entire household). Why not bring along a non-member friend for just £4. 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

August - no meeting in August

10th September - Chris Chapman, photographer talks about his work. Chris' photographs of Peter-Randall Page's work are currently on show at the Burton Art Gallery.

8th October - Lee Morgan, ex editor 'Art in Devon' talking about ways of getting your work in magazines.

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NORTH DEVON ARTS – AGM, WEDNESDAY 9TH JULY

Yes members, it's that exciting time of year again - the NDA AGM. The committee would like to encourage as many members as possible to come along - this is your group and your views count. As you will see from the AGM papers sent out already, we are suggesting the time is right for discussing the way forward for the group. It is ten years since the birth of NDA and the committee would like some feedback from the members as to how the group should approach the future.

We have been approached by various arts bodies, with regard starting an umbrella arts organisation in the area! The NDA committee feel, that with your guidance, NDA can be that organisation; we are already the source of most arts information going out in the area and, by joining with other colleagues and various arts organisations, NDA could be that first 'point of contact' for anyone looking for art/artists in the area.

At the moment, the NDA committee need a member to be nominated for Treasurer, as Sarah Gatehouse has been in post for the 3 year period (thanks go to Sarah for that!). Any member who has an interest and a little knowledge of figures could be eligible for nomination.

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Details of the committee changes, nomination forms (for those of you who wish to join the committee), and a proposal for organisational membership have already been sent to you by email/post. If you haven't received them, email Stella for copies.

I do hope to see you on the night.

Regards, Stella Levy

Stella Levy, NDA Chair

PS - Don't forget that Rinus at Broomhill does a special price buffet at 7.00pm for NDA members, at £5.50. Please pre-book on 01271 850262.

Stella – chair@northdevonarts.co.uk

FREE CERAMIC REVIEW BACK COPIES

NDA member Jenny Daisley has a box of back copies of Ceramic Review dated from the 1980s and early 1990s to give away.

If you want these copies, just contact Jenny to arrange collection from her home - she is based in at Holwell, East Down, near Barnstaple. Jenny can be emailed on jenny@springboardconsultancy.com

FAMILY ART WORKSHOPS 26TH-27TH JULY

NDA is hosting this Devon Artist Network event in North Devon on the Square in Barnstaple.

This is a FREE drop-in workshop for families on Barnstaple's Square. Children will create small pieces of artwork from natural materials such as pebbles, leaves, etc. The artists chosen for the project are a group called Oddbodies who have run many art projects across the county. The resulting work will then be contained in a purpose-built cabinet made following the workshop and displayed from the end of August to 'signpost' the Devon Open Studios event 6-14th September. The cabinet will be relocated to Torbay for the second part of the Devon Open Studios event to signpost the event there.

To take part: just drop-in with your family on 26th or 27th July between 10.30am and 4.00pm.

NDA MEMBER WORK ON SHOW IN EXETER

Joan Stribling de'Launay is exhibiting her painting at the South West Academy of Arts, Exeter College.

The show opens on July 31st and continues until 7th Aug - 10 am- 6pm. Late nights: Thursdays (closed Sundays).

South West Academy of Arts at Exeter College, 'Centre for the Creative Industries', Victoria Yard, Queen Street, Exeter EX4 3SR.

NDA at APPLEDORE FESTIVAL – OUR BEST YEAR YET

NDA had two shows at Appledore, the Market Street shop and Linda Gordon's fabulous 'Earth Dreaming' workshop.

Dave Green organised the Market Street shop exhibition, which proved to be an excellent show of our members' varied work.

The shop was really well presented and made a great addition to the lively street scene during the Festival. I understand quite a few pieces of work sold as well. Well done to all those who helped to make this happen (all exhibitors helped to set up and staffed the shop during the Festival).



Browsing in the NDA shop at Appledore

Also thanks to the shop's owner who offered this wonderful space to NDA: thanks go to new NDA member, Barbara Pruce, for her generosity in helping us to get our art out there!



Linda Gordon's work 'Earth Dreaming'

Also a great success, and I think one of the highlights of the Festival was Linda Gordon's 'Earth Dreaming' workshop. This mandala made of small coloured stones was exquisite, and proved a great success with visitors.

Linda commented on the event: "Nearly everyone I spoke to commented that their experience of 'Earth Dreaming' was relaxing and therapeutic. Like much of my work, it was deliberately temporary, drawing attention to the transient nature of life. Many, when they learned it would be destroyed at the end of the Festival, were at first taken aback, but came to realise that not everything has to be permanently 'set in stone'. Others were completely comfortable with the fact, and worked with dedication right to the end."

Linda's visitors book testified to the really enjoyable experience many had collaborating on this work – it was full of praise for the experience of creating this work.

Many other NDA members took part in events during the Festival, including Pete Ward, Sarah Gallifent and Lani Shepherd, so we really made an impact on the event this year. Well done to everyone involved. Many mentioned to me how strong NDA was in the Festival...

DAVE GREEN SOLO SHOW AT THE QUEEN' THEATRE, BARNSTAPLE

Dave Green's exhibition at the Queen's Theatre , 'Constructed Photographs', opens on Wednesday 9th July, with a reception from 5pm-7pm prior to the NDA meeting.

The show will trace the origins and development of his vision over the last 15 years through camera-less images, traditional film photography to the digital image.



Web: www.greengallery.co.uk Tel: 01237 477789

STANDING STONES CHOREOGRAPHED BY JACKY LANSLEY

Free Entry to their South West 'Cathedral Tour' date at Exeter Cathedral, Saturday 5th July 2.00pm. Also at Bristol Cathedral, (tickets £10, concessions £8) Thursday 10th July 7.30pm.

Standing Stones is a major new dance work conceived for Cathedral spaces. Jacky Lansley will draw on her extensive experience of site specific work to approach these special and ancient spaces. Produced by Ascendance Rep, one of the UK's most innovative dance companies, Standing Stones aims to celebrate the timeless continuity of Cathedrals and the magnificence of their architectural landscapes through dance, visual image and music. The choreography uses the beautiful Mozart Clarinet Quintet K.V.581 played live by members of the Cornish Sinfonia.

Visit www.ascendance.org.uk for full details.

KATHERINE LIGHTFOOT EXHIBITION

Katherine is showing her work at the newly refurbished George Hotel in South Molton over the next 2-3 weeks.

In 1998, she moved to Dartmoor where she gained her inspiration for painting moorland animals, within their hostile, remote, yet beautiful environment. Painting primarily large canvases on oil, she portrays the land and the sea as both breathtaking, and hostile, though without narrative content.

Katherine had her first major exhibition at the Arndean Gallery, Cork Street, London, which was a huge success. Katharine has since developed a great following, with collectors in London, France, America and Hong Kong.

For further information: Cathy & Rob Doel, The George Hotel, 1 Broad Street (the Square), South Molton EX36 3AB Tel: 01769 572514 Fax: 01769 579218
www.georgehotelsouthmolton.co.uk
info@georgehotelsouthmolton.co.uk

THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF SOUTH DEVON

The People's Republic of South Devon web site has probably the best arts coverage in the region. It is edited by the former editor of Art in Devon, Lee Morgan.

The 50,000 plus readers a month are treated to news, views, reviews and interviews with all those who make up the arts community, and beyond.

The People's Republic of South Devon covers art, the environment and current affairs.

Web: www.peoplesrepublicofsouthdevon.co.uk
email: info@peoplesrepublicofsouthdevon.co.uk

THE DEVON GUILD OF CRAFTSMEN - FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Yakimono at the Devon Guild of Craftsmen

Week long exhibition of Japanese ceramic art: 23-30 July. Open 10-5.30pm. Featuring: Masahiro Kumagae, Tomoko Okuda, Peter Seabridge, Taketoshi Ota. Also textiles by: Noriko Takasu

Also: Saturday July 26 1-4pm

Meet the exhibitors. An opportunity to ask questions and discuss textile and ceramic techniques with the makers themselves.

From 10-4pm, Miho Kabashima will demonstrate the beautiful minimal art of Japanese floral design in the courtyard of the Devon Guild. All free.

Boundaries The Devon Guild of Craftsmen Summer Exhibition 28 June-7 September

Our next exhibition 'Boundaries', starts on 28th June and features innovative designs by craftspeople who are working across disciplines, media and ideas. It will include unique styles of furniture, sculpture and print as well as glass, clay and metal work.

All events: Devon Guild of Craftsmen, Riverside Mill, Devon TQ13 9AF. Tel: 01626 832223 Fax: 01626 834220
Email: devonguild@crafts.org.uk Web: www.crafts.org.uk

NEW PRINTMAKING STUDIO IN PLYMOUTH

This summer, Plymouth Printmaking Studio are opening a new printmaking studio in Plymouth, that will provide the resources and space to practice the art of printmaking. It is a great environment to learn a variety of print techniques via workshop courses with expert tuition.

Plymouth Printmaking Studio is an open access community based printmaking studio available to printmakers, artists, schools colleges and beginners alike and run a full programme of courses including day, two-day, evening, weekend or drop-in, whichever suits you. All offered at affordable, competitive prices.

Plymouth Print Studio. Mob: 07751152079

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT THE PLOUGH

The Plough continues its programme of exhibitions and also is holding workshops.

July Exhibition by Dixie Appleton-Wahl

NDA members are most welcome to attend the Sneak Preview celebration on Friday 4th July at 7pm.

Dixie is a vibrant artist who has travelled around the world finding most of her inspiration from Mexico and Africa. She presents work in a variety of media - her work is colourful and intoxicating. Dixie will be holding a Wooden College Workshop for adults in the gallery on Saturday 19th July 10.30 - 4pm at a cost of £15. Booking essential.

Photographic Talk & Supper

In the gallery on July 24th at 7.30pm with photographer Pam Kemp £10. Booking essential.

Pam is an award winning photographer, and has won the BBC Wildlife Photographer of the Year. Pam has given illustrated lectures to organisations such as The Geographical Society, Country Wildlife Trusts, Botanical Societies and The Marine Conservation Society throughout Britain. In her talk she will be taking us around the world with her camera exploring techniques and photographic skills which participants may put into practice to improve their own photography.

Plough Photographic Competition and Exhibition

Deadline for entries 30th August. This year's categories: The Seas, Seascapes and Torrington. The exhibition runs throughout September, maximum 3 entries per applicant. For more details or an application form, please email joanna@plough-arts.org.

October Workshops & Exhibitions

Programmed to coincide with The Big Draw, The Plough is holding an exhibition of drawings by four artists. This exhibition is designed to highlight the joy of drawing and explore the variety and purpose of drawing. There is also a programme of drawing workshops :

- Fiona Balfour - Life Drawing Workshop Saturday 4th October 10am-1pm
- Colin Allbrook - Drawing Workshop Saturday 18th October 10am-1pm
- Vincent Silcock - Cartoon Drawing Workshop Saturday 25th October 10.30am-1.30pm

Original Gifts for Christmas

Artists are invited to exhibit in the Original Gifts for Christmas Exhibition which runs during December. If any NDA members are interested please email joanna@plough-arts.org for further info/application form.

WRITERS WEBSITE

Tony Culver is having a series of five articles posted on a London Literary Website.

The subject/title 'A New Cultural Sector? - writers as exhibiting artists. The introductory article is currently 'up' and four will follow in the near future on A) book-decos; b) books as sculpture; c) scripts in exhibition; d) mss in exhibition. Some of the NDA members might be interested in the site since it could be of use to writers of poetry, short stories, plays and novels; illustrators; sculptors; painters. www.londoncomedywriters.com

THE FABULOUS WALKS

There's a whole weekend (25th-27th July) of walking performances in Teignbridge, called 'The Fabulous Walks'.

It is a fabulous team who this time are going to be working on these walks. Not only are Anoushka Athique and Katie Etheridge returning after creating last year's project, but now they are joined by the traditional Zimbabwean mbira player Chartwell Dutiro, Simon Persighetti from Wrights & Sites, singer and performer Nicola Singh, dancer and choreographer Rachel Sweeney, and the movement artist Fumiaki Tanaka. The team will work in pairs, each creating their own performance walk based on the themes, findings, secrets and possibilities of their different routes (each with some participation from the rest of the team). The pairs and the starting points of their walks, plus times and dates, are these:

- Anoushka/Rachel: Teignmouth Tourist Information Centre: 4pm Friday, 25th July. 10.30am & 1.30pm, Saturday, 26th July. 11am, Sunday, 27th July.
- Phil/Nicola: Teign Village & District Social & Sports Club: Teign Village, 7pm Friday, 25th July. 10.30am, Saturday, 26th July. 12pm & 4pm, Sunday, 27th July.
- Katie/Fumiaki: Kingsway Meadow Centre, Teignmouth: 1.30pm & 4.30pm, Saturday, 26th July. 10am & 2pm, Sunday, 27th July.
- Chartwell/Simon: Forde House, Newton Abbot: 4.30pm & 7pm, Saturday 26th July. 4.30pm & 7pm, Sunday, 27th July.

Some of the walks may cover uneven ground.

Tickets (£5/£3 concessions) are available from the Tourist Information Centres in Newton Abbot (tel: 01626 215667) and Teignmouth (tel: 01626 215666). If you need more information on these you can email perform.smith@ukgateway.net or call 01392 410575.

AUDIENCES SOUTH WEST TRAINING

Advice Surgeries - the next round of advice surgeries takes place in August.

Please visit the website to book your place at their one-to-one surgeries that give you the opportunity to discuss any area of audience development with a member of their experienced team.

The dates are as follows:

- Plymouth - 20 August
- Gloucester - 26 August
- Dorchester - 28 August

To find out more visit www.audiencesw.org
Tel: 0117 927 6936. Email: info@audiencesw.org

DARTMOOR ARTS SUMMER SCHOOL 2008

The Summer School takes place Saturday 26th July-Saturday 2nd August 2008

A fantastic opportunity for anyone involved and interested in the arts, to spend a week on Dartmoor with some outstanding artists - Peter Randall-Page, Alan Lee, John Burnside, Chris Chapman, Andy Brown, Andy Griffiths, Simon Thomas, Stephen Park, Banyak Productions.

Gain experience from a variety of courses, including Stone Carving, Iron Casting, Documentary Film Making, Digital Photography, Drawing Masterclass, Pattern and Structure, Performance, Printmaking, Poetry, Painting, Ceramics and Cob.

And, after dinner, join in with our talks every evening: Conrad Shawcross, Alex Dougherty, John Burnside, Chris Chapman and music with Tragic Roundabout.

Bursaries are available please see www.dartmoorarts.com for the full programme, course and tutor details and the application form.

Or if you would just like to join us for the evening events, they are as follows:

Sunday 27th July - Alex Dougherty, Cambridge Art Historian - 'Rivers of the Windfall Light: poetry, art, philosophy'.

Monday 28th July - John Burnside is widely acknowledged as Britain's foremost Ecopoet. He teaches Creative Writing and Eco-poetry at St. Andrews University. John will be teaching Poetry for the week with Andy Brown. Please see website for full course details.

Tuesday 29th July - Chris Chapman has been photographing life on Dartmoor since 1975 and has accumulated a vast archive depicting the culture and character of the region. He will be teaching a three day Digital Photography course. See website for course details.

Wednesday 30th July - Marcus Vergette - Visual Music. A series of short films which are also the scores the musicians play. The point of the videos is to keep the musicians together and the audience closer to the music making process. The musicians are George Cooper, piano; Roz Harding, alto; Harry Fulcher, tenor; Gary Evans, drums and Marcus Vergette, bass /acoustic guitar.

Thursday 31st July - Conrad Shawcross, specialist in wooden mechanical structures based on philosophical ideas.

Friday 1st August - Comedy evening with Stephen Park and Jerri Hart & Music with Tragic Roundabout - renowned for their festival performances, these seven men from Brighton are one of the friendliest and most original street and stage bands around.

Please see www.dartmoorarts.com for booking details.

SOUTHMEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL, BRAUNTON

The school is looking for artists willing to volunteer their time to go into the school and work with groups of children.

The school is planning to hold an arts day for the whole school on Thursday the 11th of July. They would like this to be a broader experience than the one the children normally encounter and so are looking for as many participating adults from the wider community to come and support this.

Contact: Richard McCaie. Phone/fax: 01271 812448.
Email admin@southmead.devon.sch.uk

SUMMER SUNDAYS AT 14 THE GALLERY

14 the Gallery, Pannier Market, Torrington will be open on Sundays during the six week summer break.

Refreshments will be available from the cafe opposite every Sunday. 14 The Gallery is open every day (now including Sundays) 10am-4pm.

OPERA AT ROSEMOOR

The Duchy Opera is performing Semele, by Handel, at Rosemoor Gardens on 19th July at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £20 and are available from their ticket hotline: 0845 6121253.

OPERA HIGHLIGHTS AT GRENVILLE COLLEGE

North Devon Choral Society with guest soloists present a programme of opera highlights.

Scenes from some of the best loved operas, sung in English, with the support of a quartet of experienced operatic soloists, and linked by an informing narrative.

Tickets are £10 with children free. Tickets can be purchased at Tarka Books, Barnstaple, Walter Henry's Bookshop, Bideford, Mole & Haggis Bookshop, Torrington or at the door on the night.

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