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CELEBRATING THE ARTS IN NORTH DEVON

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NEWSLETTER - DEC 2010



WELCOME - I thought December was a time for rest and contemplation - not with **NDA** - This month there are six pages full of exhibitions to visit, competitions to enter, opportunities and advice. Find a comfortable chair put another log on the fire and read on. Seasons greetings - Carl.

NEXT NDA MEETING: - Informal Christmas Get Together - Wed 8th Dec.

The NDA December meeting is given over to an informal gathering at Broomhill Art Hotel; members can bring along friends, chat with other members and get to know each other a little bit better.

If you would like a special £7.50 Broomhill buffet (with a pudding) at 7pm. please ring Rinus to book at least three days before on tel: **01271 850262**. Or, if you would like to come at 8pm and just socialise, it's up to you.

JANUARY NDA MEETING: - Wednesday 12th January 2011, from 8pm at Broomhill Art Hotel. Jann Wirtz and George Brown will present an evening of Haiku Poetry and Images.

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Regular NDA meetings are free to members and are at 8pm on the second Wednesday of each month. Meetings are held at the Broomhill Art Hotel, Muddiford. Non-members are also welcome at a fee of £4.00.

With a buffet supper beforehand at a special member rate of £5.50, (£7.50 for Xmas!) thanks to Broomhill Art Hotel - please pre-book buffets which start at 7pm - 01271 850262.



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Art Trek - First Call for Artists: - Art Trek Open Studios will be taking place over three weekends in June, as a major North Devon Festival event. Open to professional, established artists, as well as emerging artists wanting to take their career a stage further - even if you don't have your own studio, there are a few artists who are willing to share their space and various host venues are offering space to artists.

For further details and an application form, please contact the Art Trek organiser, Stella Levy in the first instance by email: stella@widgerystudios.com

Westward Ho! and Bideford Art Society trip: - A good day was had by all 33 of us on the annual Westward Ho! and Bideford Art Society trip to the RWA 158th Autumn Exhibition in Bristol on 24th Nov. The exhibition was excellent and what was most exciting was seeing the work of some of our local artists on display. I spotted works by Colin Albrook, Rachel Sumner, Jay Luttmann-Johnson and John Butler (ex curator of the Burton Gallery and an Academician). From a personal point of view seeing the work of our very own exhibitions organiser and my good friend Sarah Woolfenden on display with a juicy red dot next to it was best of all!

Alison Nicholson

Coming up at Tate Modern - Gabriel Orozco - 19th Jan to 25th April - Creative, playful and inventive, Gabriel Orozco creates art in the streets, his apartment or wherever he is inspired. Born in Mexico but working across the globe, Orozco is renowned for his endless experimentation with found objects, which he subtly and playfully alters. For more information please visit: www.tate.org.uk

Review - NDA November meeting - Albert Duplock: Albert gave an insight into the narratives and stories behind his work, richly illustrated with examples of his current practice. His world is often peopled by gatherings of characters and beasts, all in his distinctive style. A sign of the engagement of the audience was that Albert was asked questions all the way through the talk. There were a number of people in the audience who came especially to hear more about his work. Albert's influences included Matisse and Picasso, and the inspiration and ethos behind his artwork was very well explained. A really interesting artist, and another great **NDA** evening.

The Art of Nurture Competition: - The competition is offering the chance for students currently attending art colleges and graduates who have qualified within the last five years throughout the UK, to have their work displayed at prestigious galleries, used in national advertising, and to win cash prizes.

Working closely with leading practitioners to find new talent, the Art of Nurture competition is looking for the UK's most creative artists, to give them the opportunity to present their work to the business world and the wider arts community, as the winning work will form part of Lloyds TSB Commercial Finance's current commercial marketing campaigns.

For guidelines on submissions and how to enter please visit the Art of Nurture website: www.artofnurture.co.uk

University of Exeter - Associate Research Fellow: - Deadline - 6th December 2010, by noon. The College of Humanities at the University of Exeter wishes to recruit an associate research fellow to support the work of other academics researching The Role of Grassroots Arts Activities in Communities: a scoping study. It is a fixed term funded post is available from 10 Jan 2011 until 10 April 2011. The post will include a detailed survey of a wide range of policy and funding publications, academic journals, user newsletters, journals and other grey literatures in the areas of music, theatre, dance, visual arts, and crafts.

For further information please contact Jane Milling by email at: j.r.milling@ex.ac.uk or telephone **01392 724592**.

Outsider Art Group - Debut Production: - The mysterious Torrington based Arts collective, Faux Arts, is presenting a 'one day only' exhibition of fascinating and challenging photographs from three Devon photographers. With themes including Voo-doo, necrotised dolls and time travel, the work is sure to create a stir. The exhibitors are Richard Laister who has travelled widely in Voo-Doo practicing Africa and authored an illustrated book of his extraordinary travels, Mel Tills who shares her fascination with exhumed 'Dirty Dollies', and Timney 'd' fowler mills with 'Blurred' time and reason in evocative monochrome.

The exhibition will run from 2.00pm to 6.00pm on Sun 5th Dec at Shan Miller's Private Loft Studio, found at the bottom of Mill Street, Torrington, facing the river and the old milk factory. There will also be included an affordable art Christmas sale at the venue.



NDA 2011 Membership Fees Due Now: - Our subscription year runs January to December, so renew now to continue to receive **NDA** benefits (meetings, exhibitions, newsletter, website, etc!) in 2011. The 2011 membership fees remain: £20 membership for an entire household (or £30 for a postal member). I am sure you will agree that it's great value for money! Our membership year runs January-December. To renew your membership, make out your cheque, made payable to 'North Devon Arts', and send to: **North Devon Arts** PO Box 291, Barnstaple EX32 2BN. Further information: memberships@northdevonarts.co.uk. Please also state clearly who the membership is for!

1st Disability Film Festival Day: - Fri 3rd Dec at 2pm at Exeter Phoenix. The UK's leading disability arts and media organisation DASH, supported by ScreenWM, are proud to present the first UK Disability Film Festival on the International Day of Disabled People: December 3rd 2010.

The selection of short films we have chosen includes the first national screening of the UKFC funded Disability short film project Magic Hour, plus a selection of other shorts from around the world. All films are subtitled.

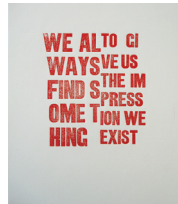
This event is free but places are limited. Tickets are available in advance from the Exeter Phoenix box office tel: **01392 667080**.

National Gallery - Ben Johnson: Modern Perspectives: From the 8th Dec to 23rd Jan Admission free - This autumn, to coincide with the Sainsbury Wing exhibition Venice: Canaletto and His Rivals, the National Gallery is inviting two contemporary artists to display work looking at the urban landscape. The second of these artists, Ben Johnson, is painting one of London's most iconic locations - Trafalgar Square. The painting will be unfinished when the display opens. Johnson will complete it in public, giving visitors an insight into the artist's working methods. Ben Johnson uses an intricate process to prepare each area of his cityscape paintings, employing line drawings and a vast palette of hand-mixed paint. He has been made an honorary fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects for his contribution to the public understanding of contemporary architecture. For more info visit: www.nationalgallery.org.uk

Al-Mutanabbi Street Broadsides Exhibition: - at UWE, Bristol on Thur 9th Dec, from 5 to 7pm. The Al-Mutanabbi Street Coalition project was created as an arts community response to the car bombing of Al-Mutanabbi Street, and has been organising readings and events since April 2007 and fundraising for Médecins Sans Frontières. As part of the European tour of the Al-Mutanabbi Street Broadsides, we will be showing a selection of the 130 letterpress printed broadsides (including the work of **NDA** member Carl Middleton) created for the project, at Bower Ashton Library at UWE Bristol, from 8th Dec to 30th Jan.

A special event - Thursday 9th December at UWE Bristol in the library and downstairs foyer from 5pm - 7pm, with drinks and nibbles - will include readings, and an auction of broadsides for Médecins Sans Frontières. Please join us! The auction will take place at 6 pm.

Bower Ashton Library, UWE, Bristol, Faculty of Creative Arts, Humanities and Education Kennel Lodge Road, Bristol, BS3 2JT, UK. tel: **0117 32 84915** or email: Sarah.Bodman@uwe.ac.uk



Job opportunity - Exhibitions Officer at the Devon Guild of Craftsmen: -

The Devon Guild of Craftsmen is an educational charity and membership organisation for professional craftspeople from the South West of England. Our base in Bovey Tracey is the largest contemporary craft centre in the South West, refurbished in 2004 with a purpose built gallery. We are committed to presenting a platform for innovative and high quality contemporary craft from the South West, the rest of the UK and beyond, backed up with high quality levels of critical contextualisation, marketing and interpretation. They are currently looking to recruit an Exhibitions Officer to develop and implement a high quality exhibition programme, both in the short and long term. This is a fixed term position to cover maternity leave, initially for nine months, from February 2011.

Deadline for applications: Thur 16th Dec at 5.30pm. For further details visit: www.crafts.org.uk e-mail rachel.mackie@crafts.org.uk or call **01626 832223**.



North Devon Arts on FaceBook: - You can now find out more about the activities of **NDA** via the FaceBook group. The page will include the mid month newsletter items (which will no longer be sent out by email). It will be regularly updated with information and events, and we hope that you will leave comments, make suggestions and find other artists. You are all are invited to add posts to the page and we hope this will encourage more interactive communication within the **NDA** group.

For more information visit: www.facebook.com and search for: **North Devon Arts**.

Survey help required: - Business & Arts Centre proposal at Woodhayes Farm. To help determine whether there is a need for a new Arts Centre and business space to be located at Woodhayes Farm, located three minutes from the A30 and Honiton. Your considered answers to our survey will be tremendously helpful. For your efforts they are offering a number of prizes, which will be awarded to the best, completed questionnaires. The survey should only take five mins.

The survey can be found at : <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RW7F6VT> To learn a little more about the proposed Business & Arts Centre please visit: www.woodhayes.co.uk

Spacex Exeter: - 11th to 18th Dec Cold Comfort provides the perfect alternative to the bustle of the high street, as Spacex becomes a hive of creative production with a week of immersive installations and exciting events.

Visitors are invited to dress up and pose for a seasonal portrait against a picturesque mountain backdrop or create new work to celebrate the wonder of snow and contribute to an installation of all things white. Relax in the cosy zone with hot chocolate and winter crafts. Collect specially commissioned cards to guide you through the Cold Comfort programme.

From a late night film screening of the Hammer Horror, The Abominable Snowman to a daytime art swap, there is something for everyone, whatever age or interest.

Spacex 45 Preston Street, Exeter EX1 1DF For more info and opening times visit: www.spacex.co.uk or tel: **01392 431786**.

Twelve Tips to Improve Your Art Practice from NDA:

1. Improve or refresh your work by taking a class or day school in a new medium, look for courses at Petroc, The Burton, The Plough and Adult Education.
2. Improve your drawing skills – come to life drawing in Weare Giffard Village Hall, a relaxed and supportive group of artists meet on the first Monday in the month to draw for 6 hours! If you would like tuition or to book a place then contact Rosie Burns who runs the group at rosie_burns@yahoo.com.
3. Get your favourite piece framed professionally, use your 10% discount from local framers with your **NDA** card. Look around for the sort of frames that look good. See how it enhances your work.
4. Get your webpage up and running on the **NDA** site, a lot of people view our site now, keep your page relevant and up to date. Contact Helen to find out how at webmaster@northdevonarts.co.uk
5. Join the Devon Artist Network for £10 for life! Have a web page that will be looked at by a much wider audience, get a newsletter and the chance to exhibit with the network www.devonartistnetwork.co.uk
6. Exhibit in our two shows – not only at a good venue but the chance to show with a wide range of other artists in our supportive and non-selective shows, our aim is to help you exhibit.
7. Take a risk and enter a new event for you – whether it's in Exeter, Bristol or London. Keep an eye on our newsletter for events.
8. Join a co-operative shop, the **Art Coop** in Bear Street, Barnstaple and 14 The Gallery in Torrington usually seek new members, members can sell their work at no commission but will need to do at least one day a fortnight in the shop (but it's a great way to meet customers). Contact Sue Martin on sue@welcombeglassart.co.uk
9. Set up your own website, I use klikpic which cost £35 to set up and £12 for the domain name. If I can do it (bit by bit) so can you! www.klikpic.com - or even try free web exposure through www.flickr.com
10. Go to see a major show for inspiration - a day out in Bristol or London can provide inspiration for months to come.
11. Get a friend or customer to tell you what they like about your Art – this helps to define what's different about what you do, and can help with those difficult 'Artist's statements'.
12. Make your own list of aims for 2011.

Sarah Woolfenden



NDA Life Drawing: - December 6th Untutored life Drawing - Weare Giffard village hall, 10am to 4pm, Mon 6th Dec - £15 including tea and coffee. Please contact Rosie Burns by email: rosie_burns@yahoo.com for more information and to reserve a place. Tutored life drawing available at extra charge. Life drawing takes place every month.

Female Model Seeks Artists: - Nude/clothed artist's model seeks work with independent artists and small private groups. 38 years of age, 5' 2" in height with a petite and curvy physique. Experience with one male artist in standing and sitting poses for three hours with breaks of conversation and laughter! For more details contact by tel: **07961 531379**.

Themes - Art, Photography & Framing Workshop: - Based in Throwleigh a few miles from Okehampton on the North Moor. Themes can cater for all individual and group activities and we welcome enquiries regarding the use of our facilities and services. For more information visit: www.themes-art.co.uk

The Art Coop: - at Gallery 39 will be holding a Christmas Event on Sat 11th Dec with mulled wine and mince pies. The artisans have been busy making unusual and affordable stocking fillers up to £20. Please pop in if you can.

One to one sessions with local artist: - Steve Pleydell-Pearce, In association with Trimstone Manor Country Hotel. To find out more about individual tuition contact: Trimstone Manor Country Hotel and Restaurant, near Woolacombe, tel: **01271 862841** email: info@trimstone.co.uk or visit the website at: www.trimstone.co.uk

14 The Gallery welcomes new members: - The Torrington Art and Crafts Co-operative - Jilly Collins with her wonderful hats and adornments, Jill Maynard's photography and The ceramic fish of Fiona Bates have taken up residence. For more information visit: www.14thegallery.co.uk



The work of Milliner Jilly Collins



Exhibition news - New Year New Work: - Entries are coming in for our annual show at Broomhill in January. The show will be in two, four week periods to give everyone maximum exposure. Entries to me please by 30th Dec at the latest, handing in for the first show will be on Fri 14th Jan 2011.

We would really welcome your 3D work as we have twelve Perspex boxes to display in as well as our glass cabinet, and new this year a silver clothes rail to display scarves and textiles well. Entry forms and conditions are at the end of the November Newsletter and in the exhibition section of the **NDA** website. The exhibition is open to any members of **NDA**.

Show 1 Hand in Friday 14th Jan 4 to 5pm
Hanging Saturday 15th Jan. 10am - we finish
Show opens and Meet the Artists launch 2.30pm - Sun 16th Jan

Show 2 Collection of work from 1st show Friday 11th Feb 3 to 5pm
Hand in for 2nd show 11th Feb. 3 to 5pm the same as above
Hanging Sat 12th Feb. 10am - we finish
Meet the Artists and show starts properly 2.30pm - Sun 13th Feb.
Final collection of work - Friday 11th March 4 to 5pm

North Devon Hospital Show: - Many thanks to those of you who collected your pictures from our Wednesday meeting. We only achieved one sale, Jay Luttmann-Johnson's lino print "Gorse burning at Spekes Mill" but we were well represented by over 35 members work and the show will have advertised the **NDA** for us.

Sarah Woolfenden: exhibitions@northdevonarts.com

The first Ilfracombe Arts Festival, an Explosion of Arts: will be held on 23rd to 26th June 2011. Anyone interested in showcasing their art/music/poetry or any other art, please contact: fionabates@bigfoot.com

Contemporary art for Christmas: - Exhibition runs from 13th Dec till 7th Jan. Exhibition of work from: Sue Purcell, Lloyd Gill, Anita Ford, Lou Reade, Sharon Phelps, Jayne Smith, Chris King, Camille Marquand, Robert Lang, Artists will be selected by the gallery staff for their understanding of contemporary aspects in art, such as language, identity, Sociology, Science, metaphysics, Psychology and landscape.

The Lloyd Gill Gallery, Lee House, 13 Beaconsfield Road Weston - Super - Mare Somerset BS23 1YE For more information and a full list of opening times tel: **01934 623449**



Wren Music seeks Youth Forum Support Worker:

The position is on a casual basis (twelve days per year) and initially for one year. The principal function of this position is to service and support the Wren Youth Forum. The Wren Youth Forum is the link between the individuals that make up Wren Music groups and the Senior Management and the Board of Wren Music. The successful applicant will also need to demonstrate some musical leadership experience.

For full job description please contact Marilyn Tucker, Wren Music: marilyn@wrenmusic.co.uk or tel: **01837 53754**. Applications to be received by Fri 3rd Dec.

Queen's Theatre, Gallery: - **Roger Ford** celebrates maritime and the interesting and diverse coastline of North Devon. Many of the works incorporate the art of 'Sgraffito', a technique where a top layer of colour is scratched to reveal a colour beneath. Nov - 8 Dec.

Landmark Theatre, Rendezvous Café: - **Nancy Nova** -

The Force A collection of energetic multi media abstract works concerned with Universal Forces. Nova throws herself into each piece eschewing preconceived ideas; adding and peeling layers in a very physical execution, recalling the place from which we came. 15th Nov - 2nd Jan.

The Art Coop at Gallery 39: - We will be having a Christmas Event in the gallery with mulled wine and mince pies from 11am to 3pm on Sat Dec 11th and we would love to invite you along to meet us and enjoy the atmosphere.

Also we will be holding another 'EARLY SPRING SALE' during the early months of next year offering a 10% discount off all work. The gallery will be absorbing this 10% discount and so it will not affect our normal commission rate charged on any sales of Sale or Return work. Finally, if any 2D or 3D are interested in being part of our team as a full member we would be grateful for contact details. Regards from all the gallery co-operative team members.

39 Bear Street, Barnstaple EX32 7BZ
tel: **01271 346415** - www.artcoopatg39.co.uk



West Devon Arts: - For information about the West Devon Arts please visit:

www.westdevon.gov.uk/doc.asp?doc=9023&cat=3013 and look at their December newsletter offering an arts update. For more information about West Devon Arts tel: **01822 813699** Julia Vella, Arts Officer. West Devon Borough Council Kilworthy Park Tavistock PL19 0BZ.

New Spring courses at Double Elephant Print workshop: - in Exeter.

The friendly print studio at Exeter Phoenix. - Courses include: Screen printing, photo etching, drypoint, Monoprint and much much more. For more info visit: www.doubleelephant.org.uk

The Big Art Affair...The UK's Largest Artists' Art Fair: - Now calling for Submissions for Professional and Emerging Artists, Painters, Sculptors, Photographers, Installation Artists, Ceramicists, Print-Makers & Illustrators The Big Art Affair Dates 19th to 22nd May 2011 Closing date for Artists submissions is Fri 17th Dec at 5pm Venue - Dulwich Hamlet Stadium, Dog-Kennel Hill, London SE22 8DB

For full details on how to submit please email info@thebigartaffair.com to request a submission pack.

Swimbridge Garden Project: - stone carver/s required, This is a small community garden in the centre of the village, next to the church. Designs for the space have been drawn up and their Lottery funding bid is being considered at present. They are looking for some suggestions for artists/ stone carvers to add interest to one or more granite rollers they have been offered. If you are interested, or you know of any stone carvers, please get in touch with Stella Levy by email: stella@widgeystudios.com

Tim Saunders in Claytons: - **NDA** member, Tim has a current exhibition of his paintings in Claytons Restaurant, Cross St, Barnstaple trying to catch the Christmas trade. Please show support to a fellow member and go along.



Happy Christmas and a prosperous new year from the **NDA** committee.

