

Devon Guild of Craftsmen

Press Release



Re-Making the Past

6 artists inspired by prehistory

Saturday 21 March - Sunday 10 May 2015

Devon Guild of Craftsmen, Bovey Tracey, Devon, TQ13 9AF

This exhibition brings together a group of artists who share a common fascination with a bygone era. While their objects are newly-made, inspiration is based on ancient landscapes and materials from the Neolithic and Bronze Ages. The mainly sculptural work is created from natural fibres, metal, resin and ceramics with wall-based installations in enamels, glass and textiles.

Household items such as Helen Marton's oven gloves patterned with prints found in ancient Cornish clay (pictured left), connect domestic rituals from the past with the present day. Overall, featured artists: [Mary Butcher](#), [Susan Kinley](#), [Helen Marton](#), [Syann van Niftrik](#) and [Wright & Teague](#) (Gary Wright & Sheila Teague) - have produced an exciting variation of modern-day crafted objects. Each one is a 're-making' or un-earthing: of old boats and trade routes; Orkney's monuments; decorative pottery, or Middle-Eastern Amulets.

The Guild hopes 'Re-Making' will provide fantastic study for students of the past as well as everyday time-travellers – with exhibits which commute between cultures past and present and explore links between objects, archaeology and history. Related events going 'beyond the gallery' include a free family handling session with RAMM (Royal Albert Memorial Museum); kids' creative making days with artists; a symposium and field trip to Bronze age site, Bellever on Dartmoor.

Exhibition is free admission, Open daily 10am-5.30pm.

Co-curated by Susan Kinley, glass artist/ Devon Guild of Craftsmen Member and Saffron Wynne, Devon Guild Exhibitions Manager. <ENDS>

Image oven gloves by: Helen Marton

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NOTES: Riverside Mill, home of Devon Guild of Craftsmen, is a hub for contemporary crafts culture in South West England. Our galleries, shop and café in Bovey Tracey, Devon are free admission and we welcome visitors 7 days a week 10am-5.30pm throughout the year. We are an educational charity and foster creative endeavour at all ages and levels. [More info.](#)

EVENTS: Launch Friday 20 March 2015, 6-8pm. Opened by Julian Richards, archaeologist, broadcaster and writer. Wine, nibbles, formal speech. Book for dining: 01626 832223

Meet the Makers Saturday 21 March, 10.30am -12.30pm & 1.30 - 4.30pm

Exhibitors will be on hand to talk and answer questions about their work. Free. Main gallery.

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FREE FAMILY DROP-IN HANDLING DAYS Tuesday 31 March, 10.15am - 12.30pm & 1.30 - 4pm

Join Thomas Cadbury, Curator of Antiquities at RAMM here at the Guild for the opportunity to handle prehistoric objects and investigate real Roman and Elizabethan artefacts as well as creating your own antiquities inspired by the exhibition. Free. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Shadow Play with Maps and Lichens with Susan Kinley. Wednesday 1 April. Free. 10.15-11.45am & 12-1.30pm

Join two of the exhibitors to make your own exciting work to take home.

Make your own Wish Guardian with Helen Marton, Wednesday 1 April. Free. \ 2-3.30pm & 3.45-5.15pm. Book in person on the day. 01626 832 223

A DIFFERENT VIEWPOINT Saturday 18 April 2015, 10-5pm, £15/12 Bellever & Merrivale, Dartmoor National Park. A field trip taking in the Bronze Age landscape of Dartmoor with an archaeologist and the artists from the exhibition. Over 16 only, advance booking essential - 01626 832223



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