

Press Release

tall stories

Saturday 13 March – Sunday 25 April

The Devon Guild of Craftsmen, Bovey Tracey, Devon

The Devon Guild's new exhibition is full of humour, colour, fun and movement. It features unusual and contemporary automata (pieces which move or have mechanical motion) and models that tell a story - with humour or intrigue.

The work on show is made by leading craftspeople from round the UK, such as Sam Bryan who creates unique 'fairy' figures from found objects inspired by Victorian gadgetry. Robert Race is a long-standing name in the world of automata whose work in reclaimed wood has been exhibited as far afield as Japan. Also featured is Andy Hazell who is a sculptor of large public art works often made from tin plate metal. His creations are inspired by space travel, folk art and myths.

With quiz trail, activities and storytelling events during half term week, this exhibition promises fun for visiting families. Guild Curator, Saffron says: 'Tall Stories' is about the playfulness of craftmaking. Though these artists have used different mechanics and materials - they've all created narratives around scenes, animals and figures that will draw in the imagination of young and old minds alike.'

Exhibitors: Edwina Bridgeman, Samantha Bryan, Sue Evans, John Grayson, Andy Hazell, Emily Hubbard, Rachel Larkins, Tony Mann, Cathy Miles, Cleo Mussi, Amanda Popham, Robert Race, Wanda Sowry, Lawrence & Angela St Leger, Melanie Tomlinson and Jan Zalud. (Top image: Samantha Bryan)

Associated events

Tuesday 6 April 10.30 – 11.30am: Storytelling with Wilf Merttens

'Storytelling is magic. It is a cross between hypnotism and the cinema' says Wilf. And he should know because he's not just any storyteller, he's National Young Storyteller of the Year, 2009!

FREE but booking essential. Suitable for children 4 -12 years (and their parents) Jubilee Gallery



Wednesday 14 April 4.30 – 5.15pm
Burglar Bill Puppet Show presented by
Armchair Puppets

Using glove and shadow puppets, this gentle version of Burglar Bill will delight all the family. Stripy clothes and burglar masks may be worn!

Suitable for children aged 3 -10 years.
Children £4, Adults £1 *The Terrace*



PRESS: CD of images and further artist details available. Contact: Simon Williams (Marketing Officer) simon.williams@crafts.org.uk for further material or images of the exhibitors' work, contact Saffron Wynne (Exhibitions Officer) saffron.wynne@crafts.org.uk for more information about the exhibition.

The Devon Guild of Craftsmen is the largest contemporary craft centre in the South West and a membership organisation for craftspeople from the region. Housed in a converted Mill on the edge of Dartmoor, the gallery exhibits work by designers and makers of national and international standing. Unique designer-crafts by members ranging from ceramics to furniture is sold and displayed in the Craft Shop. The Guild is also an educational charity which aims to educate and inspire new makers and designers through its regular programme of activities in schools and the community.

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