

Devon Guild of Craftsmen

Press Release

The Summer Show

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**The best new work from Devon Guild of Craftsmen Members
Saturday 16 July - Sunday 4 September 2016**

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

The Devon Guild of Craftsmen is proud to present the Summer Show, 2016. This unique exhibition, now in its 61st year, celebrates the cream of contemporary craft practice by its Membership.

The Show presents an eclectic mix of hand-made craftwork from a range of talented South West creatives, spanning established to emerging makers.

A particular highlight of course will be The President's Prize, chosen and awarded by sculptor Peter Randall-Page RA (Guild President) and a People's Choice award voted for by exhibition visitors.

The exhibition is created with diversity at its forefront; where features such as Helen Snell's gorgeous up-to-the-minute laser-cut paper sculpture (right) rubs shoulders with a magical iron garden gate by James Kendrew. There is silver kitchenware (Charlotte Duckworth), cherrywood bedroom furniture (David Savage, right) and precious jewellery (Lucy Gibson) to name but a few of the variety on show.

As in previous years, all works are for sale, giving you the opportunity to own original work by leading craftspeople of today - and tomorrow.

There is also a DIY gallery activity where gallery visitors can form a mini 'maker' out of clay and display their figurine in a hive of tiny studios. There will also be a programme of free craft demonstrations throughout the Summer Show.

Visit www.crafts.org.uk for further information.

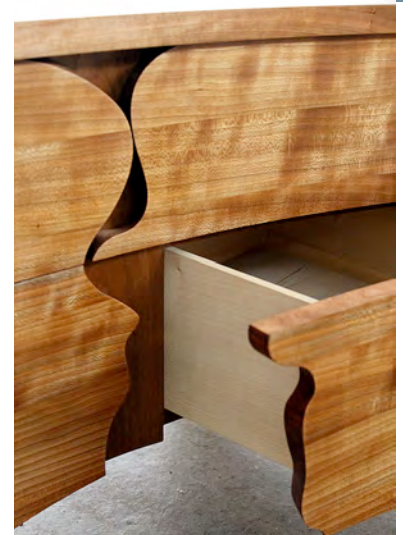
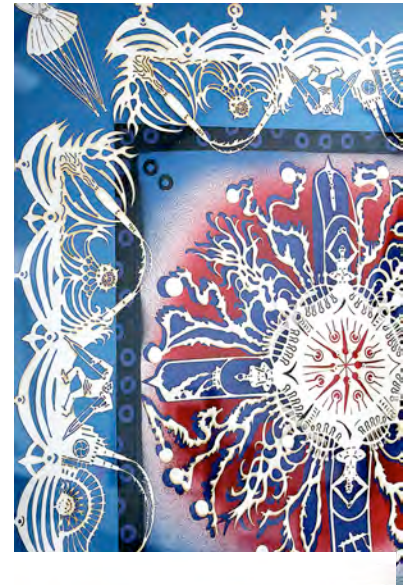
Exhibition is free entry & open daily, from 10am - 5.30pm.

Launch party takes place on Friday 15 July, 6-8pm.

Join the conversation! We're on Twitter: [@devonguild](https://twitter.com/devonguild) Instagram: [@devonguildcrafts](https://www.instagram.com/devonguildcrafts)
FaceBook: [/DevonGuildofCraftsmen/](https://www.facebook.com/DevonGuildofCraftsmen/) & YouTube: [/DevonGuildCrafts](https://www.youtube.com/DevonGuildCrafts)

FEATURED EXHIBITORS:

Jennifer Amon, Blandine Anderson, Paul Anderson, Julie Ayton, Eleanor Bartleman, Fabrizia Bazzo, Beverly Beeland, Caroline Biggins, Sue Brown, Ann Bruford, Bruce Chivers, Liz Clay, Adam Cornish, Sue Deakin, Charlotte Duckworth, Nigel Eveleigh, Jill Fanshawe Kato, Jude Freeman, Lucy Gibson, Terry Gilding, Caroline Hall, Jill Holland, Gillie Hoyte Bryom, Laurel Keeley, James Kendrew, Wai Yuk Kennedy, Susan Kinley, Malcolm Law, Mei Lim, Guy Martin, Debby Mason, Sarah



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Morris, Zsuzsi Morrison, Janine Partington, Sam Pickard, Veronica Polyblank, Ann Powell, Jane Price, Dave Regester, Anita Reynolds, Rosie Sanders, David Savage, Terry Sawle, Louise Scammell, Will Shakespeare, Helen Snell, Jeny Southam, Lin Sproule, Trudie Timlin Brown, Mike Tingle, Susan Towers, Deborah Treliving, Alison Tutcher, Syann Van Niftrik, Steven Whitford, Isabella Whitworth, Taja.

PRESS:

We have a selection of excellent hi-res images of work by exhibitors so please contact Simon Williams (Marketing Officer) simon.williams@crafts.org.uk or Anna Trussler (Marketing Assistant) anna.trussler@crafts.org.uk and we can forward these to you.

BACKGROUND:

Based in Bovey Tracey, the Devon Guild is the most popular contemporary crafts venue and charity in the South West (100,000+ visitors annually) and is the hub of local and creative communities. With a reputation and influence that extends nationally, the exhibitions and events are fun, free, open to all, inclusive and inspiring. We run an acclaimed educational outreach programme to schools and communities. We welcome visitors 7 days a week 10am-5.30pm throughout the year. We are an educational charity and seek to inspire creativity at all ages and levels with touring exhibits and involvement with 2 popular annual festivals in Bovey Tracey: The Contemporary Craft Festival (June) and Nourish Festival (September) combining food, music and craft.



Images: Laser cut paper sculpture by Helen Snell; American cherrywood bedside table, designed by David Savage, made in his workshop by Darren Milman and Matt Duckworth; iron gate by James Kendrew; enamelled rings by Lucy Gibson; hand-built slab formed ceramic pot (detail) by Laurel Keeley.



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