

Press Release

The Summer Show

New craft work by
Devon Guild Members
22 Jul - 10 Sept 2017



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

Most exhibitions at the Devon Guild of Craftsmen are planned months, if not years in advance, but not the Guild's summer exhibition. Although it is the Guild's longest running exhibition, having started 62 years ago in 1955, it is the one exhibition that really is a mystery right up to the week before the opening. It was started by a group of local craftsmen who each summer exhibited their work across the region, now having a permanent home its overall premise is still rooted in its beginnings. It is an exhibition for Members (working craftspeople) chosen by Members, with more than 250 local makers submitting work to a panel of fellow creatives.

With the selection process happening a week before the exhibition opening, the whole exhibition has a spontaneous up to the minute feel. This is also portrayed through the work chosen, all of which has to have been created within the last two years and not have been exhibited before. This list of exhibitors will be revealed on 15th July to press and public.

This unique exhibition celebrates the cream of contemporary craft and no matter what work is selected the whole exhibition will, as in previous years, present an eclectic display of work from established and notable names, from previous exhibitor furniture maker David Savage to the Guild's newest Members showcasing cutting edge design.

This year we have also delved a little deeper into the lives of the Guild Members. If you have ever wondered what a typical day in the life of a printmaker, jewellery designer, sculpture, furniture designer or ceramist consists of we may have just the answer. Snapshots of Members' daily routines and rituals will be displayed alongside their exhibits.

We also encourage everyone who comes to the exhibition to vote for his or her favourite maker in *The People's Choice Award* of which the winner will be announced at the end of the show.

Although as yet we do not know who is exhibiting, what is guaranteed is that the final show will highlight an outstanding array of amazing craft from across the region.

Related events: Friday 21 July: 6-8pm **launch party & dining**, free entry to shop & gallery. Opened by Guild President and sculptor Peter Randall-Page

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Images: (top) Zsuzsi Morrison, detail jewellery design (below) Devon Guild Members Will Shakspeare (glass blower) & Sam Pickard (textile designer) at daily work in their studios

Devon Guild of Craftsmen: Based in Bovey Tracey the Devon Guild is the most popular contemporary crafts venue and charity in the South West (120,000+ 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. They run an acclaimed educational outreach programme to schools and communities and house two galleries and a shop with an exciting range of constantly changing displays. There's a lively, friendly café with a rooftop terrace, alongside the River Bovey. The Devon Guild is involved in two popular annual festivals that have helped put Bovey Tracey on the map: **The Contemporary Craft Festival** in June and **Nourish Festival** of food, music and craft every September.. www.crafts.org.uk

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