

# Devon Guild of Craftsmen

Press Release

## Get Fresh

design exhibition launches  
new South West talent

**17 January - 8 March 2015**

Devon Guild of Craftsmen, Bovey Tracey, Devon,  
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Every two years, Devon Guild of Craftsmen fills their spacious gallery with objects designed to give a 'refreshing' take on what's new in craft and design. Their biennial exhibition *Get Fresh* is a launchpad for the newest creative talent from the region – and sixteen makers have been chosen to show their vibrant, experimental work.



Traditional notions of craftmaking are challenged with plenty of new approaches. Jenny Ayrton (work pictured) captures miniature wonderlands in molten glass. She creates stage-sets upon which viewers may imagine their own stories - created by the volatile flow of liquid glass at 1000°C, into an impression in a tray of sand. Altering aspects of the past is a clear theme: Chloe O' Brian's sculptural jewellery is made from reworked metal and vintage postcards. Elizabeth Loveday's refashioned fabric pieces and Hamish Kemp Evans' ceramics also use older, found materials, combined with experimental new methods. There is also a return to the drawing board: Sarah Brown (glass), Beatrix Baker (wood) and Helen Muir (papercut) all use meticulous drawings to produce their intricately beautiful objects.

Many are graduates just finished training at Bristol or Plymouth Colleges of Art and Bath Spa, Falmouth or Plymouth Universities. Others are self-taught makers who started their creative business in the last 5 years. Tess Wakeling's lighting designs have already been sold at the new [Hauser and Wirth](#), Somerset. Ambrose Vevers was given a work placement with [Carpenter Oak, Devon](#) and Chloe interned in the studio of Guild Member and professional jewellery maker, [Yume Martin](#).

The Guild knows that real world mentoring is crucial for new makers, as it already sells and promotes work by its 250 Members. Its *Get Freshers* can go on to become Associate Guild Members, supported with career development, peer reviews and education programmes. The exhibition can be a significant step towards building a successful creative career, which [John Greyson](#)\* (*Get Fresh* selection panel), says can enrich the South West by 'the continued attraction of the region for graduates to set up their fledgling business'. <ENDS>

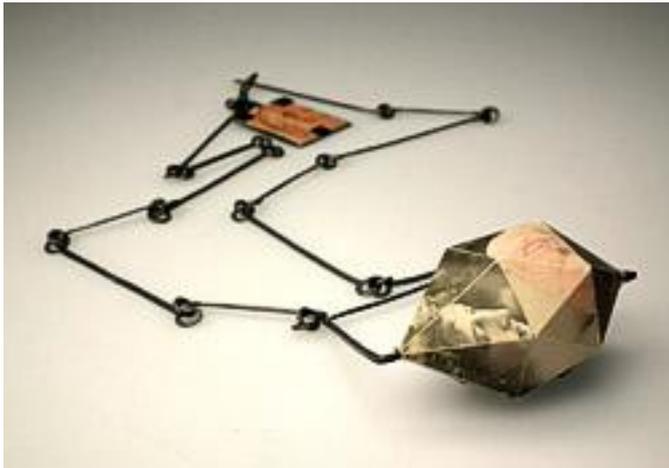
Exhibition is free admission, Open daily 10am-5.30pm. #GetFresh15

**Exhibitors:** [Jenny Ayrton](#), [Beatrix Baker](#), [Sarah Brown](#), Chris Dunsby, Hamish Kemp Evans, [Melanie Kew](#), Elizabeth Loveday, [Frank Luckham](#), [Alex McCarthy](#), [Helen Muir](#), [Chloe O'Brien](#), [Angie Parker](#), [Mary Pearson](#), Teresa Surman, [Ambrose Vevers](#) and [Tessa Wakeling](#). *Selected by John Grayson\**, *Contemporary Craft Lecturer at Hereford College of Arts, Researcher at Birmingham City University and contemporary metal smith.*

**Events:** **Launch** Friday 16 January 2015, 6-8pm. Wine, nibbles, formal speech. Book for dining: 01626 832223  
**Papercutting Workshop** with [Helen Snell](#). Saturday 7 February, 10am - 4pm. Explore paper sculpture techniques, net design, cutting, folding and joining; create your own paper sculpture. £50 (£45) Advance booking on 01626 832223. Phoenix Hall, Bovey Tracey, Devon.

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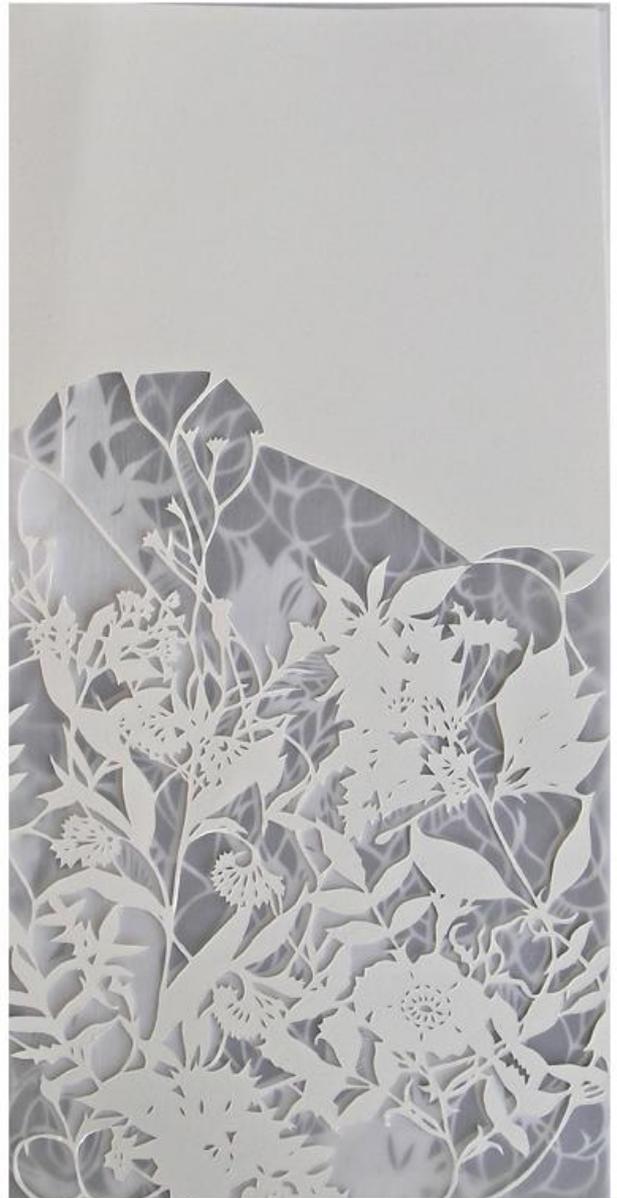


**Free Drop-in Workshop *Shadow Puppets*** with [Clockwork Moth](#), Thursday 19 February 1-4pm. Celebrate Chinese New Year with a shadow-puppet workshop for all ages, featuring the animals of the Chinese Zodiac. Learn to make silhouette puppets and try them out against our shadow-screen.

**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.](#)

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Images: Jenny Ayrton fused glass sculpture; Chloe O'Brian vintage sculpted jewellery; Elizabeth Loveday altered fabrics; Helen Muir papercut



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