

The Summer Show

22 July – 10 September 2017

Our annual exhibition of the work of Devon Guild of Craftsmen Members showcases the very best of South West contemporary craft. Selected by a panel of Members, and one independent panellist, this exhibition is, as always, an opportunity for the membership to produce new and exciting work.

The Selection Election Committee (SEC) will be awarding their Award for Excellence again, with the winner receiving a £200 voucher to spend on the work of another Member at the Guild. They will also be invited to submit a work to the 2018 exhibition outside the selection process. This will allow a photographic documentation of the making process to be created, to inform visitors to *The Summer Show* and be made available for advance publicity.

As voted for by Members at the 2015 AGM, the summer exhibition will be titled *The Summer Show* from here after.

SUBMISSION CRITERIA

The selection panel will favour work that is consciously different from that found in the shop, making the exhibition a showcase for the best new work of the Membership.

- Work must be executed to a very high standard.
- Makers must concentrate on quality not quantity.
- Work must not have been exhibited or seen under the Guild banner before.
- Work must be NO MORE than 2 years old and the date recorded on the stock sheet.
- Work must be entirely under the control of the maker
- Stock sheets must include the information of either:
“made by [elected maker]” or
“in the workshop of [maker]” with assistants credited by name
- Additional presentation materials must be of the same high standard and considered in the same way as you would your actual work e.g. frames (not recycled), mounts, stands, mechanisms etc.

Please note – Members can submit in any craft media and/or collaborate with other Members, provided that all the above criteria are met.

IMPORTANT DATES

Delivery of work: 10, 11, 12 July

NO LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

Submissions must be delivered with a completed stock sheet which states:

- Date the work was made
- “made by [elected maker]” or “in the workshop of [maker]” with assistants credited by name

Those who have submitted will receive the results of the selection via email on the evening of the selection day, **therefore it is important that you check your emails on 14 July.**

Selection day: 13 July

Collection of unselected work: 14, 15, 16 July
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Collection of work after exhibition: 11, 12, 13 September

EXHIBITOR STATEMENTS FOR EDUCATIONAL OUTPUT

Every exhibition at the Guild must have an educational aspect to be in accordance with our Arts Council funding. With no theme-focused title, we have to come up with a relevant subject.

We would like to enlighten our visitors on the daily life of craftspeople. This information would be displayed as a statement and an image of each maker in their studio, possibly carrying out one of their daily processes.

If you would like to contribute, please send the following to Phil de Burlet (phil.deburlet@crafts.org.uk) by 5pm on 12 June:

- A statement answering the question, “What do makers do all day?” in Arial 16pt, first person and no more than 350 words
- Up to 3 images of yourself in your studio: 300 dpi, A4 size

You will be sent an acknowledgement of receipt of your statement and images. If you do not receive one, please try sending it again.

MAKE 2017

Contemporary Crafts for Christmas

18 November 2017 – 7 January 2018

MAKE is our annual Christmas selling exhibition celebrating the diversity of contemporary craft and offering individually handmade designer crafts for Christmas. This is an opportunity for you to create fresh and exciting work, oriented towards the Christmas gift buying market.

MEMBER SUBMISSION DETAILS

If you are interested in submitting work for the exhibition please send by email (preferred) or by post:

- 6 digital images of current work
- Retail prices
- Short statement about the proposed work - to include as many details as you can, e.g. quantity, scale, materials, etc.

This exhibition is open to any UK based designer-craftsman and as such is very competitive – on average we have 150 applications of which we can only choose about 50, **therefore submissions not in the required format will not be eligible.**

Standard procedure is for us to acknowledge your email submission. If you do not receive one, please try again.

Please send your submission to:

Sharyn Baker, Exhibitions Officer sharyn.baker@crafts.org.uk

IMPORTANT DATES

Deadline for submissions: 2 July

Delivery of selected jewellers' work: 23 October

Delivery of all other selected work: 6, 7, 8 November

Collection of work after exhibition: 8, 9, 10 January 2018

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MEMBERS SHOWCASE 2018

The Member Showcase is a small solo exhibition opportunity for Devon Guild Members. Many Members have used the opportunity of a showcase slot to trial new work or experiment with new directions. This is also an opportunity to increase sales as well as a great marketing tool. Members are required to set up and take down their exhibition (this takes no more than a day on either side normally); the Guild can provide administrative and technical guidance.

If you would like to register an interest for 2018 please contact Sharyn Baker, sharyn.baker@crafts.org.uk