

Devon Guild of Craftsmen

Press Release

MAKE 2015

Handmade for Christmas

Guild's new exhibition of contemporary crafts

14 November 2014 – Sunday 3 January 2016

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

For visitors to the Devon Guild's new exhibition it's an excellent opportunity to buy an individual piece of craft this Christmas. MAKE 2015 showcases over 50 of the UK's best contemporary designer-makers, who work in a fascinating variety of different crafts - and there's a range of prices to suit everyone.

Shoppers will find truly inspirational gift choices which focus on an individually hand-made means of production. Richie Alli is a Plymouth College of Art graduate. For him working with molten glass is 'like syrup on a spoon'. His 'Cacti' range of vessels are coloured then carved with diamond wheels. Vicky Lindo produces functional and decorative ceramics from the Bideford Pigeon Club studio with the hallmark cat inspired by slipware pottery produced in North Devon in the 18th & 19th centuries. With plenty more MAKE-ers on show exhibiting papercuts, jewellery, tableware, framed prints, and perfect for him: leather belts & travel pouches (Bonner), sleek wooden boxes (Kevin Hutson), woollen scarves (Elmina Fors), the pieces on show offer many qualities that mass-manufactured high street products won't have. The Guild hopes that its West Country visitors will uncover a wealth of uniquely hand-crafted objects right on their doorstep – encouraging them to give presents that will be prized and loved in years to come. *All work is for sale. Open daily 10am-5pm. Free entry. <Ends>*

EVENTS: [PV/Launch & Dining](#) Friday 13 November, 6-8pm. Wine, nibbles. Book for evening buffet: 01626 832223

[Christmas Celebration](#) Saturday 5 December 10am - 5pm

Join us for a day of Christmas festivities with music, craft drop-ins, free mulled wine and food/drink tastings. Select from a huge range of Christmas decorations, cards and handmade gifts in our Craft Shop and main gallery along with DIY kids' activities.

[Hey Clay! Workshop](#) Saturday 5 December 10am - 4pm

Drop-in porcelain modelling workshop with Taja. *Part of the BBCs Get Creative Campaign.* Free, drop-in, no need to book.

The Guild is only closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day & from 3pm Christmas Eve.



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NOTES:

PRESS: We have a large selection of excellent images of exhibitors' work. Visit our Website Press page for selected image file downloads or contact us for a Dropbox link: **Simon Williams** (Marketing Manager) simon.williams@crafts.org.uk or Anna Trussler (Marketing Officer) anna.trussler@crafts.org.uk 01626 832223.

Images: (from top) Richie Alli-glass; Jo Newman-ceramic dishes; Vicki Lindo-pair of scraffitio earthenware cats

Exhibitors: Richie Alli, Vicki Atkinson, Wendy Barker / Soda & Lime, Alice Barnes, Caroline Barnes, Jacob Bodilly, Jeremy and Carla Bonner, Laurence Brand, Linda Bristow, Ellis Mhairi Cameron, Liz Cooksey, Rosie Deegan/ Elouise Makes, Alison Dupernex, Corrinne Eira Evans, Elmina Fors, Yvonne Gilhooly, Emma Goward, Michelle Greenwood-Brown, Kate Hasted, Sally Haysom, Kevin Hutson, Elizabeth Jardine, Hayley Kennell, Jane Kenney, Emily Kidson, Jenny Laidlaw, Vicky Lindo, Frank Luckham, Susan Macleod, Rhian Malin, Sharleen Marius, Julia McKenzie, Kathryn Mitchell, Kay Morgan, Mandy Nash, Jo Newman, Sarah Packington, Ima Pico, Sue Pryke, Caroline Rees, Ella Robinson, Richard Shimell, Julia Smith, Laura Spring, Fiona Thompson, Jessica Thorn, Trudie Timlin Brown, Mike Tingle, Kate Toms, Su Trindle/ My Bear Hands, Katie Wallis, Emma West, John Wheeldon, Jane Withers/ Janie Knitted Textiles

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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