

Devon Guild of Craftsmen



Contemporary craft exhibitions and events

January to June 2020

FREE ADMISSION

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MISSION: CRAFT. We are a leading contemporary crafts venue and educational charity set in a beautiful riverside setting with two galleries, a friendly café and a large craft shop. Admission is FREE.

Community craft activities, image by Devon Guild.



Our mission is to champion the place and importance of craft and making; we give people of all ages and backgrounds the chance to learn hands-on craft skills. All of our Jubilee Gallery exhibitions have free activities which are especially popular with families, and our long-established scheme Freehand places professional artists and makers directly in schools and communities.

In 2019 we welcomed 120,000 visitors through our doors and over 11,000 visitors observed craft demonstrations, met artists and makers and took part in making activities within our galleries. Our outreach activities have continued to flourish with over 100 making days in schools last year, as well as further activities tackling issues such as wellbeing and social isolation. All workshops are run by professional makers, ranging from willow sculpture and ceramics to digital photography for both young and old.

We are committed to the importance of craft for the benefit of all, and the generosity of our supporters helps us to achieve this aim. As a charity, without this generous support our impact would be so much less. You can support contemporary crafts by becoming a Friend for just £30, or £40 for joint friends membership.

Keep up to date with our latest news, exhibitions and events on our website www.crafts.org.uk or via social media.



*Front cover image John Roberts puppet, from *Art, Craft and Imagination*



Nick Hand and his bicycle press. Image by Jonathan Cherry.

Journeyman

18 JANUARY - 8 MARCH 2020
JUBILEE GALLERY

OPENING PARTY

Sunday 19 January 2pm

WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

Sunday 2 February

Sunday 8 March

Both: 10.30am-3.30pm

Traditional letterpress printing workshop with Nick Hand & Ellen Bills. Adults, £50.

Journeyman is a celebration of British craft and slow travel. The exhibition, curated by Nick Hand and The Letterpress Collective, brings together a collection of photography, film, letterpress prints, and the words of makers who dedicate their life to a particular craft or passion. All gathered by one man on an epic 6,500 mile bicycle journey from Land's End to John O' Groats, and around the coast of Britain and Ireland with a printing press on the back of his bike.

Nick trained as typographer and now works as a designer, photographer and letterpress printer. He is Director at The Department of Small Works. At The Letterpress Collective, Nick works with printer Ellen Bills to keep the art of letterpress printing alive by running workshops, collaborating with artists and writers as well as printing their own work.

MUST SEE! As part of the new Maker Space ... Acrylic Skateboard Company

The Acrylic Skateboard Company is a creative enterprise led by 14 - 18 year old students at South Dartmoor Community College. We aim to create and sell unique skateboard merchandise with an ambitious wider vision of enriching young peoples lives within our local community.

Neogeographies

25 JANUARY - 1 MARCH
RIVERSIDE GALLERY
OPENING EVENT:
Saturday 25 January 2pm - 5pm

Captain James Cook's official artists recorded some of the first encounters between Europeans and indigenous people with varying degrees of objectivity. On closer inspection, these seductive drawings, paintings and prints often reveal a darker, more troubling subtext.

Helen Snell reinterprets and reframes the Cook narrative to challenge notions of home, nationality, identity and freedom of movement. The exhibition includes costumes, props and interior furnishings, produced through laser cutting and water jet cutting. These works have in turn been used to create a series of staged photographs.

Image by Helen Snell



Image by Raj Patel

OPENING PARTY:

Friday 20 March 4pm
Opened by Sir Harry Studholme
(Chair of the Forestry Commission)

WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

There will be a series of workshops and events throughout this exhibition, including Tree Talks, opportunities to meet the makers and family workshops. See our event listings page for further details.

TREE TALKS

Wednesday 15 April 6pm - 8pm
Earth Education: How can we offer a deeper nature connection for pupils in schools? A Talk by Chris Holland & Ken Munro (Teacher at The Grove Primary School)

Wednesday 22 April 6pm - 8pm
Earth Day: What is the future of the Forest in Devon? A Talk by Alex Tempest (Woodland Presents) and Jez Ralph (Timber Strategies)

Wednesday 6 May 6pm - 8pm
Crafting with Wood: How to make a livelihood. A talk with Lou Rainbow (Craft Revolution) and Ambrose Vevers

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7 MARCH - 26 APRIL
RIVERSIDE GALLERY

Devon Guild's newest Members feature in our collection of many different craft disciplines including printmaking, ceramics and jewellery.

Meet the makers, and find out more about their work. There's a programme of demonstrations and workshops. Please head to crafts.org.uk/events or our social media for further information.

Old Skills New Ways

21 MARCH - 10 MAY JUBILEE GALLERY

Old Skills New Ways is a platform to show the skills learnt, and the pieces made, by young people in workshops exploring traditional and contemporary craft practices.

This exhibition marks the end of 13 months of workshops for children and young people. Workshops took place in woods where students learnt about the role of woodcraft in sustainable woodland management, how to use tools, and how to make beautiful contemporary objects to sell.

Curated by Devon Guild and a selection panel of students, teachers and makers, *Old Skills New Ways* showcases the best of the participant's work alongside pieces by the four professional makers who worked with the students: Linda Lemieux, Sean Hellman, Astrid Arnold and Sharif Adams.



Lomas Furniture, image by Rodney Lomas

Please see our website www.crafts.org/events for full details of our exhibitions, events and workshops. Booking is essential for most workshops. Please click on the links to book your places.*

Saturday 18 January – Sunday 8 March
EXHIBITION: Journeyman
Jubilee Gallery, FREE

Saturday 25 January – Sunday 1 March
EXHIBITION: Neogeographies
Riverside Gallery, FREE

Tuesday 28 January 10.30am – 4.30pm
WORKSHOP: Make a dog in a day
A needle felting workshop with Kate Toms, suitable for beginners, Adults £50.

Sunday 2 February 10.30am – 3.30pm
WORKSHOP: Traditional letterpress printing
Led by Nick Hand & Ellen Bills, adults £50
[CLICK HERE](#) to book

Tuesday 18 February 10.30am – 4.30pm
WORKSHOP: Spoon making
Led by Alex Carpenter, Adults £60
[CLICK HERE](#) to book

Saturday 7 March – Wednesday 29 April
EXHIBITION: Sarah B, Handmade Textiles
Member Showcase, FREE

Saturday 7 March – 26 April
EXHIBITION: new@devonguild
Riverside Gallery, FREE

Sunday 8 March 10.30am – 3.30pm
WORKSHOP: Traditional letterpress printing
Led by Nick Hand & Ellen Bills, adults, £50
[CLICK HERE](#) to book

Saturday 21 March – Sunday 10 May
EXHIBITION: Old Skills New Ways
Jubilee Gallery, FREE

Sunday 5 April
10am – 12.30pm or 1pm – 3.30pm
FAMILY WORKSHOP: Old Skills New Ways
Sean Hellman, £30 for two people (2.5hr session)
[CLICK HERE](#) to book

Saturday 11 April – 10am – 4pm
MEET THE MAKER: Linda Limieux, FREE

Wednesday 15 April 6pm – 8pm
TREE TALKS: Earth Education
£6, [CLICK HERE](#) to book

Sunday 19 April
10am – 12.30pm or 1pm – 3.30pm
FAMILY WORKSHOP: Old Skills new ways
Felix Kary, £30 for two people (2.5hr session)
[CLICK HERE](#) to book

Wednesday 22 April 6pm – 8pm
TREE TALKS: Earth Day, £6
[CLICK HERE](#) to book.

Saturday 25 April 10am – 4pm
MEET THE MAKER: Sean Hellman, FREE

Saturday 2 May – Wednesday 24 June
EXHIBITION: Jess Davies Printmaker
Member Showcase, FREE

Saturday 2 May 10am – 4pm
MEET THE MAKER: Felix Kary, FREE

Saturday 2 May – Sunday 28 June
EXHIBITION: Colour, Naturally
Riverside Gallery, FREE

Sunday 3 May
10am – 12.30pm or 1pm – 3.30pm
FAMILY WORKSHOP: Old skills new ways
Felix Kary, £30 for two people (2.5hr session)
[CLICK HERE](#) to book.

Wednesday 6 May 6pm – 8pm
TREE TALKS: Crafting with Wood
£6, [CLICK HERE](#) to book.

Sunday 10 May
10am – 12.30pm or 1pm – 3.30pm
FAMILY WORKSHOP: Old Skills new ways
Felix Kary, £30 for two people (2.5hr session)
[CLICK HERE](#) to book.

Saturday 23 May – Sunday 5 July
EXHIBITION: Art, Craft and Imagination
Jubilee Gallery, FREE

Saturday 23 May 4pm – 6pm
EVENT: Art, Craft and Imagination Opening performance.
A peep into the life of Justin Case, a puppet that lives in a suitcase, FREE

Monday 25 May 10.30am – 3.30pm
WORKSHOP: Woodland Puppet Making
Led by Mandi Allen. Suitable for children 7+ and a parent, £50 a pair, [CLICK HERE](#) to book.

Tuesday 26 May 11am/12pm/2.30pm
EVENT: Punch and Judy
A traditional show featuring the politically incorrect rogue that is Punch, £3, [CLICK HERE](#) to book.

Wednesday 27 May 11am/12pm
EVENT: Flying with Strings
Performed by Sarah Vigers and Louis Bingham, £3
[CLICK HERE](#) to book.

Thursday 28 May 10.30am – 3.30pm
WORKSHOP: Carve and paint a simple rod marionette
Led by Sarah Vigers, suitable for 16+, £60
[CLICK HERE](#) to book.

Friday 29 May 10.30am – 1pm
EVENT: A-Z Shadow Puppet Making Workshops
Led by Clockwork Moth, small charge for materials. [CLICK HERE](#) to book.

Sunday 31 May 10.30am – 4.30pm
WORKSHOP: Drawn In with Jess Davies.
A professional development workshop for artists, makers and students, £55/£30 (NUS)
[CLICK HERE](#) to book.

Sunday 7 June 10.30am – 4.30pm
WORKSHOP: Carve a puppet head
Led by John Roberts using traditional techniques and sharp tools, suitable for over 18s, £75
[CLICK HERE](#) to book.

Saturday 13 June 10.30am – 4.30pm
WORKSHOP: Make your own silk scarf using natural dyes
Led by Jane Deane. At Ullacombe Farm, £85
[CLICK HERE](#) to book.

Sunday 14 June 11am – 12pm
TALK: Puppets: What are they and how are they made and used?
By John Roberts, FREE
[CLICK HERE](#) to book.

**small online booking fee applicable*

Member Showcase

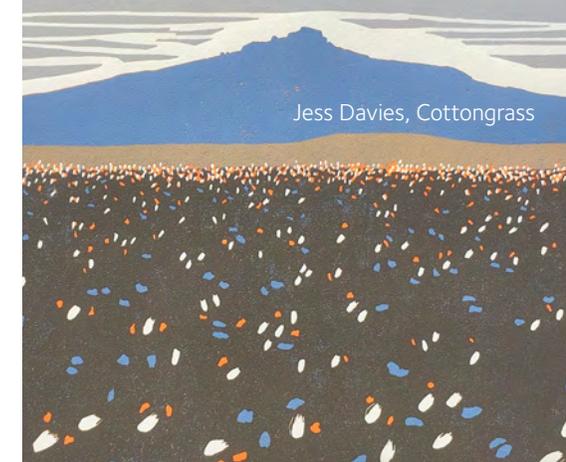
Our Member Showcase gallery is a beautiful, light space overlooking the river. Here, Guild Members present their newest work and exploratory projects.

Sarah B - Handmade Textiles
7 March to 29 April

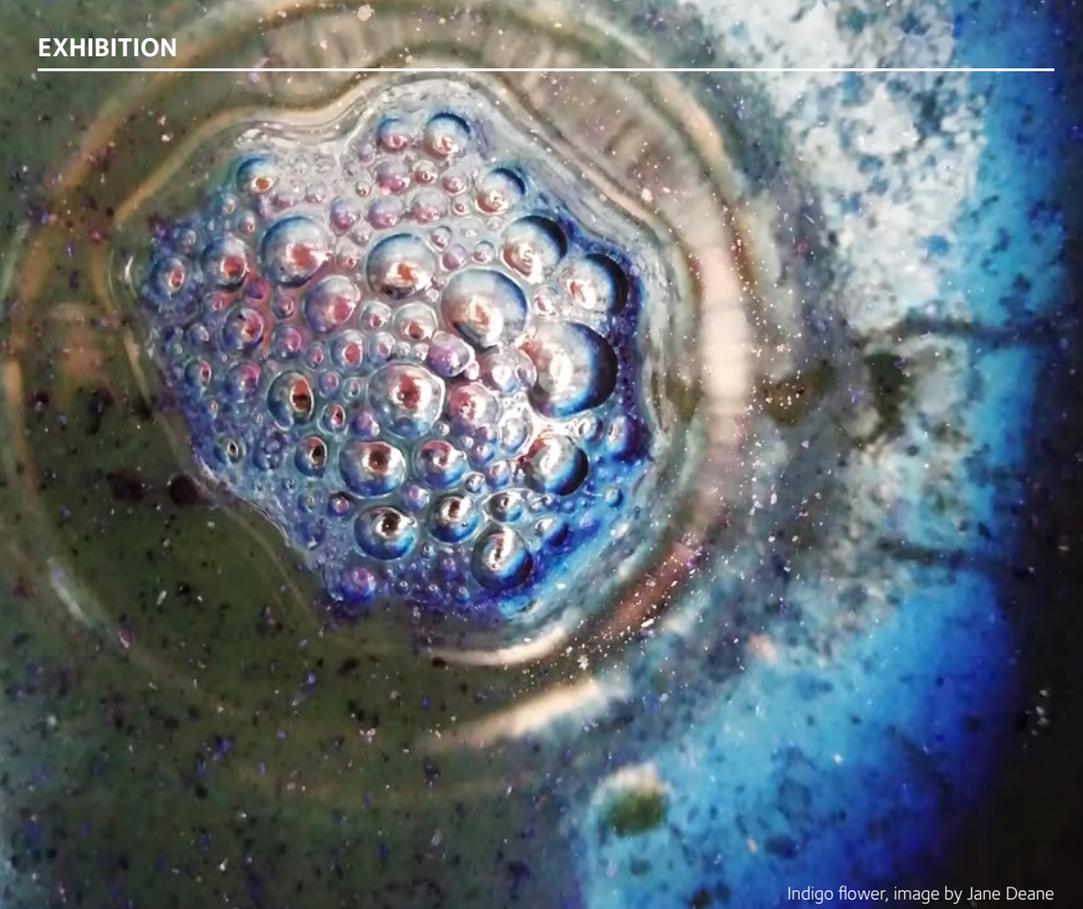
Jess Davies - Printmaking
2 May to 24 June

Event: Meet the Maker with Jess Davies

There will be opportunities to meet the maker throughout these dates. Please head to www.crafts.org.uk/events and our social media for further information.



Jess Davies, Cottongrass



Indigo flower, image by Jane Deane

Colour, Naturally by Jane Deane

2 MAY - 28 JUNE RIVERSIDE GALLERY

WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

Saturday 13 June
10.30am - 4.30pm
Make your own silk scarf using natural dyes with dyeing expert Jane Deane.

Held at Ullacombe Farm, £85

Visit our website
www.crafts.org.uk/events for full details of our exhibitions, workshops and events.

We all love colour! From the beginning of time people have used colour to enhance the world around them. *Colour, Naturally* looks at the natural sources of colour used throughout the ages, and exclusively until the invention of the first commercially successful synthetic dye in 1856.

As environmental concerns have caused us to look again at the potential we have beneath our feet and in our gardens, this exhibition will show a range of objects that are all coloured using an amazing array of natural sources: plants, minerals and insects. Discover how natural dyes can be vibrant and colourfast, as well as environmentally friendly.



John Roberts puppet

Art, Craft and Imagination

23 MAY - 5 JULY JUBILEE GALLERY

OPENING PARTY:

Saturday 23 May 5pm - 8pm

WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

There will be a series of events and workshops throughout the duration of this exhibition, including puppet shows, talks from the makers and puppet making workshops.

See our event listings page for full details or visit www.crafts.org.uk

A Peep into the World of Puppets.

An exhibition of 60 puppets from Devon, the UK and the world, showing the richness of this ancient craft that is used as entertainment, in religious rites, as a child's toy and as high art.

There will be small, large, old, modern, silly and serious puppets, including some familiar ones like Punch and Judy and Muffin the Mule. These will be displayed alongside little-seen puppets including an old marionette from the Victorian heyday of the English puppet theatre, a very large leather shadow figure from India, and little clay figurines. You'll be able to handle some of the puppets.

The Terrace café

For Head Chef Mark and his team in the Terrace café the preparation of great tasting food is a craft in itself.

'We produce delicious breakfasts, lunches, snacks and cakes that look and taste amazing.

Our daily menu and specials are freshly made from locally sourced seasonal ingredients, with vegetarian, vegan, gluten and dairy free options available wherever possible.

Everyone is welcome at the Guild. We offer children's portions and a play area for little ones and there's a lift to the first floor for those who need some help with access. Dogs are welcome in the courtyard and in the summer our upstairs terrace is a great place to enjoy a drink in the sunshine.'



Shop @ the Guild

Whether you are browsing for yourself or buying a special gift, our friendly and knowledgeable staff will help you, sharing the stories behind the beautiful hand-crafted work by both our emerging and iconic Members from across the South West.

We can also advise you about commissioning work; a great way of buying bespoke craft which provides a unique opportunity to take a look behind the workshop doors, finding out more about the care, time and skill that goes into making each piece.

Members' work is complemented by a changing programme of Guest Makers, alongside a carefully selected range of craft supplies, craft kits, books, greeting cards and locally sourced gifts.

When you buy from our shop, you are helping to protect the future of making and share the joys and benefits of craft and creativity.



Education is at the heart of the Devon Guild – calling all schools, colleges, community groups and universities!

Learning and participation are at our core. Through our workshops, outreach and education programmes, people of all ages can have a go at making. We deliver high quality masterclasses, residencies and projects to schools, colleges and universities to extend the national curriculum and give inspiring experiences.

We offer the opportunity to all visitors under 25 to work towards an Arts Discover Award – a nationally recognised qualification – while in our galleries.

We are happy to provide talks to coincide with exhibitions in the galleries as well as artist residencies in your venue. As a charity, we are able to discuss part-funding. Please contact us to discuss your requirements by emailing education@crafts.org.uk

'It was a super session. It allowed me to experiment and not judge anything I produced. I liked experiencing the process; thank you'

'I got inspiration and a new sense of my creative self...'

'Fabulous session; just right level of challenge, freed up my anxious approach'

Participants on our 'A Way In' sessions, 2019



VISITING THE GUILD

Open 7 days a week 10am - 5.30pm
ADMISSION IS FREE

We encourage you to use public transport to visit us. Regular bus services from Exeter and Newton Abbot stop right outside. The nearest train station is Newton Abbot - 6 miles away. For cyclists and walkers, we're located right on The Dartmoor Way, which offers 95 miles of beautiful cycling and walking in Dartmoor National Park.

By car Bovey Tracey is 15 miles south west of Exeter, only 2 miles off the A38 towards Plymouth. Take the A382 signed Bovey Tracey and follow the brown tourist signs. There are two pay and display car parks very close by.

Our building is easily accessible throughout with a level entrance, wide aisles, an accessible toilet and a lift to our first floor cafe. Assistance dogs are welcome throughout the building.



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