

The Summer Show

Celebrate summer with the best new work from selected Members of Devon Guild of Craftsmen

Devon Guild of Craftsmen, Riverside Mill,
Bovey Tracey, Devon TQ13 9AF
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www.crafts.org.uk



***The Summer Show* is the longest running Devon Guild exhibition, launched in 1955 to celebrate the skills and original work from long-standing Guild Members through to the newest faces.**

For over 60 years the Devon Guild has held a summer exhibition showcasing the outstanding talent of their Membership. The exhibition is selected by the Guild's Members' Selection Committee, a representative from the exhibitions team and an independent craft professional, just a week prior to opening to the public. More than 250 Guild Members have the opportunity to submit their work, which ranges from traditional to cutting edge crafts. This eclectic exhibition covers a vast range of mediums, including ceramics, textiles and print.

This celebratory exhibition is a key event in the Guild's exhibition calendar. Members use the opportunity either to present a truly iconic piece of their work or to create something new and experimental. This year the Devon Guild are also exploring the relationship between makers and their tools. A selection of awards will be presented to makers, and visitors are encouraged to vote for their favourite maker in *The People's Choice Award*. The winner of this award is announced at the end of the show.

The Guild's Exhibitions Officer Sharyn Baker has been organising *The Summer Show* for the past 4 years. She writes:

"It's such a privilege to organise this show as it is so close to the hearts of our Members. This is their exhibition; an opportunity to push themselves further, perhaps develop their practice in a new direction or even work in a completely different medium. This is very exciting for me and the Selection Committee as we just never know what we are going to find on the selection day."

Following an intense day of thoughtful, fair and thorough critique, Sharyn then has the challenge of designing the layout and presenting the exhibits in just one week, ready for the grand opening party.

"Luckily I benefit from being given such an amazing range of high quality craft works due to the considered selection of the Committee, and the result is a truly inspirational exhibition I hope the Members are proud of."

Additional information:

More event info: www.crafts.org.uk/exhibitions *Exhibition open daily 10am – 5.30pm, free entry.*

There will be a programme of creative workshops throughout the summer.

Image credit: Jenny Southam (President's Prize winner *The Summer Show* 2018)

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