

## Devon Open Studios

Exhibition Showcasing Six Guild Members at  
Devon's Premier Craft Centre

7 -29 September 2019

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

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**The Devon Guild is to be transformed into a venue for Devon Open Studios 2019, showcasing craftwork by six makers who are also Guild Members.**

In an exhibition which spans the Open Studios period, the Riverside Gallery will host free events alongside the makers' work. Visitors can meet the artists, watch them demonstrating their craft – using different materials, techniques and tools – and have a go themselves!

Each maker will take their turn - the full programme of free Meet the Maker, demo and Taster sessions is on our website [www.crafts.org.uk/events](http://www.crafts.org.uk/events). No booking is required and entry to the Guild is free. (Open daily 10am-5.30pm.) The artists featured are listed below:

### Jane Deane, spinning and dyeing

Jane been 'playing' with some form of textile construction for as long as she can remember! She starts with the basic raw material of a textile, the fibres, often dyeing them before spinning, mostly using natural dyes. Silk and wool are particular favourites.



### Hugh Dunford Wood, wallpaper and printmaking

Hugh Dunford Wood worked as an artist since his art school days in the 1970s. He has painted landscapes and portraits, designed textiles and wallpapers and now makes editioned prints some using small separate linocuts. These have become known as Collinos. They are worked around a themed series, not telling a story, but creating a mood more like poems than illustrations.



## **Kate Toms, felted creatures**

Kate has always made things, becoming a full-time maker in 2002. She concentrates on one-off pieces, almost all based around memories of childhood. Stories, toys and gentle animations are the roots of Kate's imaginings.



## **Luna North, printmaking**

Inspired primarily by the wild landscape of Exmoor, Luna creates a poetic and lyrical vision through relief printmaking. Her a multi-block method uses both lino and Japanese Relief Vinyl. Luna depicts the weather patterns, flora and fauna, honing the choice of colour to suggest the particular moment in the landscape.



## **Sarah Vigers, jewellery**

Inspired by wildlife and folklore, Sarah hand carves in wood with palm chisels and a whittling knife. There's a high level of detail in every piece of her bespoke costume jewellery, each item reflecting her love of nature in the British Isles and beyond. The carvings are stained with a water based dye and sealed with Danish oil, enhancing the wood and giving her work its distinctive lustre.



## **Caroline Hall, decorated textiles**

Whilst working in Lesotho and Botswana Caroline discovered dramatic printed cloths from East Africa called "khangas". Caroline concentrates on Devoré (a printing technique) which allows for interesting dying possibilities because of the mixture of silk and viscose. The inspiration for many of Caroline's patterns comes from African sources but she is interested in all decoration and in drawing plants and her surroundings.



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The full details of other studios open is available on-line at [www.devonartistnetwork.co.uk](http://www.devonartistnetwork.co.uk) or the event guide is available free at the Riverside Mill, the home of the Devon Guild, Devon libraries and Tourist Information Centres.

**Additional information:**

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

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