

Press Information

MAKE 2018

CONTEMPORARY CRAFTS FOR CHRISTMAS

EXHIBITION: 17 November - 6 January
Devon Guild of Craftsmen, Bovey Tracey, Devon
TQ13 9AF

The festive season brings a new exhibition to the

Devon Guild: **MAKE 2018**. This delightfully alluring annual show is filled to the brim with Christmas crafts by the best UK designer-makers. For visitors it's a great opportunity to find an individual gift for someone special - or even a treat for yourself! Also buying a handmade item for a present not only guarantees originality – it supports individual UK talent at this popular Devon gallery. The Guild is at the heart of the South West creative community and because of this, is an important part of the thriving town of Bovey Tracey, on Dartmoor's edge.



The craftwork on show in MAKE 2018 will feature a variety of materials such as textiles, mixed media, paper, glass, ceramics, automata, printmaking, jewellery and metal – and comes in a wide range of prices. For instance **Rachel Brown** (above) is an award-winning designer who draws on her enamel brooches with a graphite pencil. She's eliminated colour altogether and uses white enamel effectively with graphite greys – each piece of her very wearable jewellery is unique. **Frances Noon's** (left) mixed-media animal scenes are snipped and sawn out of sheet metal, then hand textured using a rolling mill or hammer. She punches out shapes then files them to define contours, before soldering

together. She also uses oxidization to darken the textures and allow the details to stand out. Her narrative sculptures often tell us a humorous story or cautionary observation.



(Above left: Liz Cooksey, mixed media wall art. Right: Emma Williams ceramic table bowls.)

The Guild's large craft shop also offers everything you need for celebrating Christmas with a selection of cards, wrapping, decorations and gifts, as well as a variety of crafts by Devon Guild Members.

Exhibition is open 7 days a week 10am-5.30pm. Free entry.

Associated events:

E Launch Party

Friday 16 November, 6 - 8pm. Free entry. All welcome.
Book for evening meals £17.50: 01626 831959

E Christmas Celebration Day

Saturday 1 December (10am-4pm) with free festivities, promotions, mulled wine and food tastings.

E Free craft demo

15 December (10am - 12.30pm & 1.30 - 4pm) **Jenny Amon** is here on Saturday to demonstrate the coiling technique used to create her ceramic candle sticks in the **MAKE** exhibition.

PRESS: We have a large selection of excellent images of work by exhibitors so please contact Simon Williams (Marketing Manager) simon.williams@crafts.org.uk or Anna Trussler (Marketing Officer) anna.trussler@crafts.org.uk and we can forward or dropbox to you. Alternatively, go to: Press page <https://www.crafts.org.uk/Contact/Press.aspx> or contact curator and Exhibitions Officer Sharyn Baker: Sharyn.baker@crafts.org.uk

About Devon Guild of Craftsmen: Based in Bovey Tracey the Devon Guild is the most popular contemporary crafts venue and charity in the South West (130,000 visitors annually) and is the hub of local and creative communities. With a reputation and influence that extends nationally, the exhibitions and events are fun, open to all, inclusive and inspiring. They run an acclaimed educational outreach programme to schools and communities and house two galleries and a shop with an exciting range of constantly changing displays. There's a lively, friendly café with a rooftop terrace, alongside the River Bovey. www.crafts.org.uk

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Bottom left: David Chilton, Butterfly Bust)

