

Press Release

## The Summer Show

Best new contemporary crafts by South West makers

14 July - 2 September 2018 at Devon Guild of Craftsmen, Bovey Tracey, Devon TQ13 9AF



*The Summer Show* at Devon Guild of Craftsmen is a long-running annual exhibition of new work by the Membership (250 working craftspeople). Pieces are selected only a week prior to opening by an expert panel of judges, so who's in the show can *only now be revealed!* What's finally chosen showcases the best of Southwest makers: a contemporary and eclectic mix of craftwork by established and newer Members, ranging from traditional to cutting edge.

***Selected only last week the chosen exhibitors are:***

David Allnatt, Sarah Bailey, Deborah Baker, Eleanor Bartleman, Beverly Beeland, Fran Benatt, Susan Brown, Bob Budd, Penny Carter, Merlyn Chesterman, Phil de Burret, Nigel Eveleigh, Jude Freeman, Amanda Glendenning, Veronica Gould, Ian Gregory, Helen Harrison, Gillie Hoyte Byrom, Laurel Keeley, James Kendrew, Peter Lanyon, Malcolm Law, Mei Lim, Stuart Low, Debby Mason, Wayne Meeten, Iris Milward, Sarah Morris, Sam Pickard, Jane Price, Louise Scammell, Luke Shepherd, Richard Shimell, Celia Smith, Anne Smyth, Helen Snell, Yuli Somme, Jenny Southam, Taja, Trudie Timlin Brown, Mike Tingle, Kate Toms, Deborah Treliving, Jan Truman, Phil Underwood, Sasha Wardell, Paul Warner, Jenny Wilkinson, Janet Wingate, Paula Youens

This is the 58<sup>th</sup> Summer Show – and while the ideas and content of the show are always forward-looking there's usually a healthy respect for heritage craft traditions too. Because this year has focused on important events in wider history: the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1 and partial suffrage for women exhibitors have been asked to reflect on the past century and look back upon their own past influences in the world of arts and craft – they tell us who's inspired them to be creative, or start out in a new direction (Lucie Rie, Barbara Hepworth). Kids will be asked to craft their own 'hero from history' to put on a mini pedestal in the gallery Hall of Fame.

Visitors can elect their favourite maker in *The People's Choice Award* – and the prizewinner will be announced at the end of the show. *Exhibition is free entry, open daily, 10am-5.30pm. ALL CRAFT WORK IS FOR SALE.*

**Events:** [Launch Party Friday 13 July 6-8pm](#)

Open to all - our free Launch Party features music by contemporary folk duo [Harbottle & Jonas](#) (pictured). Canapes and summery drinks are served and the exhibition is opened by Devon Guild President and sculptor [Peter Randall-Page](#), Royal Academician.

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**Images:** (from Top left) Jenny Southam, ceramic sculptures town/city/architecture collection; Eleanor Bartleman 'Presenting Miss Kite', hand modelled porcelain figurine; (right:) Taja, Flower Garland porcelain vase; Anne Smyth, 'Spring Fletches', Boxed float glass and etched enamel layers; Helen Snell 'Maiden Voyage, laser cut archival paper 1 of 6 x framed prints;

**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. The Guild runs an acclaimed educational outreach programme for schools and communities and has two galleries and a shop with constantly changing displays. There's a lively, friendly café with a rooftop terrace, overlooking the River Bovey. The Devon Guild is involved in two popular annual festivals that have helped put Bovey Tracey on the map: **The Contemporary Craft Festival** in June and **Nourish Festival** of food, music and craft every September. [www.crafts.org.uk](http://www.crafts.org.uk)



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