



September 2016

‘Let us put aside the narcissism of difference and celebrate the arts’

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the September edition of NDA Newsletter. I would like to thank Stuart Fiddes for his untiring work in bringing us the newsletter and his take on the art world.

As the new editor I would like to thank all those who have contributed to this edition. It is wonderful that you all care about your newsletter and NDA in particular. There is a thriving arts community in North Devon and I would like to include contributions from all artists, photographers, film-makers, body artists, sculptors, potters, ceramicists, glass artists, textile artists, music makers and all literary genres. In fact from all those who come under that vast umbrella of ‘the arts’. This month is, of course, a busy one due the Art Trek Open Studios event. I would like to mention you all but the newsletter just isn’t big enough. If you cannot get to a venue where the brochures are available then feel free to download a copy of the brochure at <http://ndarttrek.com/dn/art-trek-brochure-2016.pdf> - Please try to visit as many artists as possible as it is a great privilege to be allowed to visit them in their studios and at other venues where you will have the rare opportunity to buy artworks/cards direct from the artists.

NEXT NDA MEETING 14 Sept – 8pm Broomhill Art Hotel - speaker Debbie Lee

The paintings and drawings of Debbie Lee convey stories and, during the evening event, as well as giving us an overview of her career, she will demonstrate how we can use stories to help feel the energy of a place and to be creative – like folk tales, which give a fabulous sense of place and of the history woven around it. Debbie will be encouraging us to interact in creating our own story-tales using various prompts around us.

Special price NDA pre-talk buffet at 7pm. £6, 95 – prior booking essential on 01271 850262. Talk is FREE to NDA members; Non-members fee £5.00 per person.

THE NEW COMMITTEE – August 2016

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New member Mike Stocks

THE INTERVIEW

Each month I would like to interview an artist featuring a different discipline. This month I went to see **Hester Berry** when she was artist In Residence at 'The Cabin' in the Village of Bucks Mills.

The Cabin, Bucks Mills- Meet the artist in Residence – HESTER BERRY

The Cabin was 'last used by renowned artists Judith Ackland and Mary Stella Edwards, the Cabin is exactly as they left it over 40 years ago and remains a hidden gem in this pretty coastal village. Peek through the tiny windows at the wild ocean views and see the brushes, paints and other artefacts that the artists used to own.' (National Trust 2016)



On Sunday 14 September I went to the Cabin to meet with Hester Berry, the artist in residence. I was delighted to see that she was working in a local natural medium, Bideford Black. Hester had created two paintings, using 'Bideford Black' of Judith Ackland and Mary Stella Edwards which immediately invested the building and personal belongs of the artists with meaning and the feeling that perhaps they were keeping an eye on the artist working in their home.

Hester Berry (Smale) graduated in 2008 at Aberystwyth and Wimbledon in 2009. Since 2010 she has lived and worked in Brighton teaching Life drawing. Hester was born and raised in Chittlehampton and has returned since marrying and having a child to live in the place she loves most – North Devon.

I asked Hester why she had risen to the challenge of the Artist in Residence she replied that since returning to Devon she had wanted to ease herself back into the artistic heart of North Devon and re-discover the place of her birth seeing it through new eyes.



The paintings that Hester creates are strong and yet delicate at the same time. The dashes of colour look almost abstract from close to but when seen from a distance suddenly reveal the image. Marvellous!

Link: <http://www.hesterberry.co.uk>

As a previous Artist in Residence at The Cabin Linda Gordon has asked me to include her experience in the same role..

LINDA GORDON - As a land artist/art & ecologist whose work is focused on 'place', Linda saw the Cabin as a significant focal point for creative explorations of the immediate vicinity, as well as further afield. There was the beach, the cliffs, the village of Bucks Mills itself, the high densely-wooded coast path on either side of it – and, of course, the magnificent views across to Lundy and the ocean beyond. Inside the Cabin itself, she felt a curious mix of sensations: a warm, homely atmosphere mixed with the distinct feeling that she had wandered into someone else's story.



Sitting amongst the dusty domestic objects of last century, or gazing out to sea through the Cabin's small windows triggered many old memories and stories of her own. Other stories she imagined, of years gone by - of smugglers, wreckers, fishermen and lime kiln workers.

She spent the larger part of her time outdoors: walking, wandering, and investigating the wealth of art materials to be found in nature... learning about the coastal plant and animal life, gradually reading the landscape on ever-deeper levels... discovering new stories.

Linda made copious written notes, a lot of photographs, and some short-lived works of land art. In due course, once she had digested the impact of this unique residency, she plans to pull all her recordings together into a small publication. Meanwhile, please see her blog <http://throughstones.wordpress.com> for further information.

HILARY PAYNTER - The Age of Enlightenment - continues until 2pm 15 Sept



Hilary Paynter currently showing her Wood Engravings at the White Moose Gallery, Barnstaple, and (5 Aug to 15 Sept) is constantly assessing life and looking for new subjects for her work. She has a great sense of humour which is reflected in her prints. Her latest exhibition is about the image of older age. This exhibition will give you a poke in the ribs!! Be prepared to be amazed at the fineness of the work and yet when printed up very large the details are so sharp and her skill in making these tiny wood engravings is formidable, Hilary's studio in Bideford will be open on three weekends from the 10th to 25th

September for the Art Trek event (www.contactndarttrek.com). See the brochure for further details (<http://ndarttrek.com/hilary-paynter-2016>)

ART TREK 2016 (<http://ndarttrek.com/dn/art-trek-brochure-2016.pdf>)

WHAT'S ON

Barnstaple Carnival – 17 Sept. Town centre 6.30 pm

Barnstaple Fair – 14 – 17 Sept

Appledore Book Festival – 23 Sept – 2 Oct

Wildlife Photographic Exhibition – 29 Sept – 2 Oct – The Barn, Bovey Tracey. African & British images.

Efflorescence by Jude Freema – until 2 Oct. Royal Albert Memorial Museum (RAMM), Exeter.

The Great Big Rhino Trail – until 9 Oct – Royal Albert Memorial Museum (RAMM), Exeter.

Botanical Illustrations in India – until 11 Sept. Royal Albert Memorial Museum (RAMM), Exeter.

Devon Open Studios - Manaton Makers Exhibition - 10 Sept to 25 Sept.

Devon Open Studios – 10 September to 25 September, Exeter

Gesture and Colour Exhibition – 10 Sept to 25 Sept, Goren Festival, Woodhayes Gallery, Honiton.

Paolozzi: General Dynamic Fun Exhibition – 10 Sept to 8 Oct - Thelma Hulbert Gallery, Elmfield House, Honiton.

Kurt Jackson: Revisiting Turner – 10 Sept to 4 Dec, Royal Albert Memorial Museum (RAMM), Exeter.

Michael Shaw: Sculpting The Museum – 17 Sept to 13 Nov, Royal Albert Memorial Museum (RAMM), Exeter.

‘Unquiet Life’ – the works of Richard Meyer and Eilean Eland – 10 Sept – 25 Sept

The Plough Arts Centre, Torrington - An exhibition of paintings and ceramics which responds to natural forms. The artists' respond to and celebrate traditional visions of nature within a twenty first century context. *Workshops Sat 24 Sept Sat 1 Oct,*

From Moor to Shore - An Evening with **Gillian Jones**

Come to a delicious buffet supper and listen to Gill talks about her arts background and what makes her tick. She will also reference arts history and women's place in it and how this relates to her exhibition. **(5 Sept – 10 Oct)** *A Q & A session will end the evening.*

Date: 18 Sept - 6pm. Talk and Buffet £15. To book tickets ring 01271 324242 or book online at www.northdevontheatres.org.uk.

For further information: <http://ndarttrek.com/north-devon-theatres-2016>

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Dave Green and Monika Grand

Monika Grand and Dave Green will be showing together for the first time in this year's Art Trek. They are exhibiting at Saint Annes Chapel in Barnstaple on Saturdays, Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays of the fortnight of Art Trek, with a special open evening on Tuesday 13th of September. *For dates and times see footnote for link to the Art Trek brochure.*

Marianne Edwards and Mary Chugg

Marianne Edwards opens her studio for NDart Trek with her guest artist and friend Mary Chugg. *For dates and times see footnote for link to the Art Trek brochure.*

Ruth Bateman

Come and enjoy meeting Ruth and seeing her working in her studio, where a captivating view is a source of ongoing inspiration for all her artistic talents. Ruth not only paints large and expressive landscapes and florals, but is perhaps more widely known for her unique and beautifully crafted wire sculptures, as well as her statement piece jewellery. Date: 10 – 25 Sept - *For dates and times see footnote for link to the Art Trek brochure.*

Alex Moore

Art Trek 10 Sept to 25 Sept - , 10.30 to 4.30 - Broomhill Art Hotel, Muddiford, nr Barnstaple. Semi Abstract seascapes. *For dates and times see footnote for link to the Art Trek brochure.*

ALUMINATE – 5 Sept to 17 Sept – Works by the Alumni (past students of Petroc) at the Goodwin Gallery, Petroc Brannums Campus (near Sainsburys). – 10 – 4 pm. **Coffee and Cake on Sat 10 Sept 10 – 3 pm** (closed Sundays)

NATIONAL SCULPTURE PRIZE – Broomhill Arts Hotel. Visit the exhibits in the lower sculpture park (by the car park) and cast your vote on your favourite piece of sculpture Become an art critic and positively influence the career of an emerging UK artist. The deadline for voting is the end of September and the winners will be selected in October. For further information visit the venue to see the NSP catalogue or visit the website, www.broomhillart.co.uk.

WHITE MOOSE POP-UP

New POP-UP exhibition at the White Moose

Launch date 16 Sept. 6.30 pm – 24 Sept 5 pm

POP@WhiteMoose is a curated , pop-up exhibitions and events programme organised by Lucy Sangers, the new White Moose gallery assistant. The launch, timed to coincide with NDart Trek Open Studios event, features the first solo show of stunning oil paintings by ex-fashion designer, tattooist, musician, painter and sculptor, **Mike Stocks**. This exciting, multi- talented artist, in the true 'Renaissance Man' mould, will showcase his paintings in POP White Moose, for one week only!

More details on: www.whitemoose.co.uk events page and on <http://ndarttrek.com/white-moose-gallery-s016/>

ART TREK 2016 (<http://ndarttrek.com/dn/art-trek-brochure-2016.pdf>)

Tea and Togs Art and Craft Cafe @The Periwinkle, 45 Fore Street, Ilfracombe.
www.theperiwinkle.co.uk, 01271 855945

Guest Artist: Jo Pryor based in North Devon Jo is a contemporary artist who paints bold and colourful abstract figures blended with intricate pattern.

Alison, textile artist and owner of the café/shop will be demonstrating various textile techniques from 2-3 most days between 10 and 25 Sept when visitors will be encouraged to 'have a go'. *For dates and times see footnote for link to the Art Trek brochure.*

SOMERSET OPEN STUDIOS



Invitation!

Somerset Open Studios Launch Party
 Wednesday 14 September
 6 - 9 PM
 Woodlands Castle, Taunton

Please join us for drinks and canapés to celebrate the grand launch of Somerset Open Studios 2016. Meet the artists, meet the organisers, pick up your free guide and enjoy yourself in the beautiful grounds of Woodlands Castle.

COMPETITIONS

Devon's Natural Beauty with your own short film. All the information you need about this competition can be found on the NDMI website : www.northdevonmovingimage.org.uk or by telephoning Amanda on 01271 860610. The website includes film making tips and NDMI will be blogging with inspiration ideas throughout the competition. *There will also be a one day film making workshop for those aged 16 and over.*

Closing date 30 Nov 2016. Great prizes and the winning film will be shown at a red carpet event in January 2017.

THE LAST WORD

As your new editor I hope you have embraced the new format. Contributions welcome for the next edition, short but sweet. Deadline third week of the month. Please understand that all pieces may not be included as space is limited.

COURSES

Creative Consultations with Young People - 10 Nov 2016. 10 am – 4.15 Tobacco Factory, Bristol

A one-day course to provide you with hands on, practical tips and techniques for effective youth arts consultation. With increasing pressure from national and local government, funders and young people themselves, it's time to arm yourself with the best knowledge for undertaking meaningful and engaging consultation programmes with your young people.

<http://www.artswork.org.uk/programmes/artspan-training/profiles/sally-clements/>

The Cost: This course costs £130 per person, including lunch, refreshments and a certificate of attendance for each delegate. Limited bursary places are available. Book your place online at at www.artswork.org.uk/event/114 or contact rachelhall@artswork.org.uk / 02380 332491 for further information.

OPPORTUNITIES

Arts & Culture Project Manager - The University of Exeter. This is a one year contract. Our mission is to contribute to a city where a rich cultural life enriches the experience of everyone living, working in & visiting Exeter.

Winston Churchill Memorial Trust UK

There's just one month to go until applications close for travel in 2017. We fund UK citizens to travel and research innovative overseas practices in their field. If you'd like to take advantage of the opportunity of a lifetime, apply by 20th September

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If you would prefer to fill out a paper application form, please request one by contacting our office on 020 7799 1660. www.wcmt.org.uk

Exhibitions Organiser – North Devon Arts - The role would involve managing arrangements for the upcoming 'Deck The Halls' with NDA exhibition at the Landmark Theatre, and the two exhibitions NDA stages at the Broomhill Arts Hotel each year. A list of instructions for the person taking on the role will be available. If interested, please contact exhibitions@northdevonarts.co.uk

Publicity Officer – North Devon Arts and Minutes Secretary – North Devon Arts

Please contact a member of the Committee if you are interested in any of these posts (details of officers on page one of this newsletter)

ART TREK – NORTH DEVON OPEN STUDIOS 2016 – 10 TO 25 September

EXHIBITORS

Gaenor Barker	36	Mary Myers	04
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Edward Crumpton	30	Mitch Pilkington	32
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Tanya Gaffney-Greetham	20	Razale Scott Oliver	10
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Monika Grand	21	Michael Storrs	08
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VENUE MAP FOR ART TREK VENUES



*Lesley Ann Cornish – new venue – ‘Garlands’, 8C Allhalland Street, Bideford, EX39 3JD.

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