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NEXT MEETING Wed, 12th August, 6pm – FIRST EVER, NDA SUMMER PARTY

The party is at Holwell (a few miles from Broomhill) and will be held at member Liz Willis' house in a beautiful rural setting on Wednesday 12th August, 6pm start, buffet at 7pm. The party will be indoors, if wet. A lovely catered buffet meal will be provided: bring your own alcohol and an instrument if you're musical! Tickets £10 per person (tickets include a map to the venue). **Tickets must be booked in advance, and at the latest by 4th August (we have to set numbers for the caterer)!**

Tickets available by sending a cheque payable to 'North Devon Arts' to: North Devon Arts, PO Box 291, Barnstaple EX32 2BN. Please state who the tickets are for & where they should be sent.

FUTURE NDA MEETINGS – Wed 9th September - Mangez l'art evening

A celebration of food and culture, in cooperation with: NDA, Wild curl and Broomhill's Salon Del Eccentrica. **Please note, unlike usual NDA meetings this event starts at 7pm, with buffet later during the evening.**

'Mangez l'art' will be packed full of delicious foody treats and performances of music and poetry. Riverford Farms' Guy Watson will be giving a talk on his new Riverford Farm Cook Book. Fred Dudbridge from Slow Food Devon will be advising us on how we can counteract fast food and fast life. A variety of local food producers will be displaying their produce, including a mouth-watering demonstration from Swiss Chocolatiers Melchior Chocolates based in South Molton! The food theme continues on the walls with an exhibition by food photographer Guy Harrop. To complete the evening, a special buffet (for those opting to eat) will be served by the award winning Broomhill restaurant 'Terra Madre'.

Free to all NDA members who aren't eating, £5 for NDA members including Mediterranean Tapas buffet (please state you are an NDA member when booking, and bring membership card along on the night, since normal event price is £7.50). Booking essential, 01271 850262.

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Membership Secretary & Web Master – vacant posts – contact our Chair if you are interested in either post.

REVIEW OF JULY MEETING – INSPIRATION EVENING & NDA AGM

Several artists spoke on the night of their work. Zoe Felix showed her raku ceramics with voluptuous nudes embedded in them. Margo Benson spoke about sourcing ethical jewels for her jewellery making, and Roger Webb showed his sketch books and also some of his commercial illustration work.

The AGM followed (minutes on the NDA website)– the treasurer's report was presented by Tony Benson for our joint-Treasurers Tony and Margo Benson. Expenses exceeded income for the first time this year. (contact treasurer@northdevonarts.co.uk for a copy of their financial report).

Stella followed on with her chair's report (on the NDA website at www.northdevonarts.co.uk/old_meetings.html). Stella's report noted her position on the steering group for the Ilfracombe Cultural Regeneration project, with its proposed international gallery space. NDA has also been in talks regarding use of a building in Barnstaple as a gallery.

NDA held an EGM in November and Arts Organisation membership is now offered. Membership stays buoyant at just under 200 households.

Outgoing committee members were thanked: Kate Rowley as Membership Secretary, Emily Garnham-Wright as Web Master, Penny Jackson on Special Projects. Continuing committee members were also thanked, including Linda Hajdukiewicz, Rosie Burns, Margo and Tony Benson, Dave Green and Alison Nicholson (and exhibition team!). This year we've had excellent and high profile speakers, such as Peter Randall Page, Chris Chapman and Tracy Chevalier. Our involvement continues with the Appledore Festival, North Devon Festival and North Devon Open Art Show.

The committee have taken the decision to raise the NDA annual fee to £20, with postal membership at £30. This membership fee has not changed over the last eight years and it was felt that at £20, still represents extremely good value. It will come into effect from January 2010 when renewals are due and from October for any new members joining. AGM Minutes are at:

www.northdevonarts.co.uk/old_meetings.html)

Thanks lastly to Rinus and Aniet at Broomhill and to the NDA members who make it such a lively organisation.

SQUARE PICTURE SHOW - DEBRIEF

Report from our Exhibitions Organiser on this show.

12 sales: Alison Nicholson, Ailsa Addicott, Kitty Furse (2), John Wright, Debra Darling (all 3!) Jay Luttmann-Johnson (2), Penelope Florance and Jan Lye.

Enormous thanks to the exhibitions team. Sarah Woolfenden was a huge help, Creydi John Nevill got the show on about 15 websites. Mike Woolacott and



George Brown were wonderful in organising, painting and putting battens up and Hanging. New member Pauline Pearce came early to the Hanging and helped all day. Linda Hajdukiewicz also helped at Hanging.

We only had 1 3D entry: we aim to refine rules on 3D for 2010 to encourage more (for example presented on a square base? - any suggestions to Alison please!). We will also aim to keep a full record of visitor numbers for 2010. We allowed people to sell their own prints and cards this year - did any of you who did take prints and cards to sell find this useful, did you sell? A lot of people confused the orange splat with the red dot and thought we'd sold everything before we opened. So we won't use the logo next year. Any ideas are welcome to make the show even better next year - please send your suggestions to Alison. Email: exhibitions@northdevonarts.co.uk

Alison Nicholson

FOR SALE - ARTIST'S EASEL

Artist's easel, new and still in the box - £20 ONO. Contact Mrs Coleshill, Torrington: 01805 623298.

SARAH GALLIFENT DECKCHAIR DESIGN

Further to the deckchair competition we announced in the NDA newsletter a few months ago, the work of one of our members has been selected to appear!



Congratulations to Sarah Gallifent, whose image of sea foam was one of 13 different designs that were chosen. The designs from both school children and Devon-based artists are varied. The deckchairs are now available to hire along Princess Gardens in Torquay over the summer.

Sarah says: "My image, which was one of 13 different designs that were chosen, is a photograph of natural 'sea foam' washed up on the beach at Westward Ho!

These colourful bubbles are not detergent or oil pollution, but the product of microscopic

phytoplankton and agitation of the surf. It is exciting to see my work displayed in this fun and unusual way - the deckchairs create an alfresco exhibition of functional art."

NEWS FROM THE ART COOP, 39 BEAR ST, BARNSTAPLE

Our first successful "Artist of the Month" event took place on Saturday 4 July with what was supposed to be a book signing by Ken Hildrew. However, Ken wasn't well so it became a double whammy in that Tony Williams gallantly dropped everything to come to our rescue with a demonstration of his work.

The two artists then shared the space dedicated to our "Artist of the Month" fortnight. We have subsequently sold a picture of Ken's and several copies of his book "Exmoor". We intend to have 1 or 2 pieces by both artists on permanent display. Tony's can also be seen on the front cover of this year's catalogue for the Westward Ho! and Bideford Art Society's Summer Exhibition (see page 5 of this newsletter for further information on this show!).

Our August "Artist of the Month" is Jo Pryor whose paintings of curvy women are becoming more and more sought after. She will be in the gallery from 1pm on Thursday 13 August to talk about her work. For our future events the provisional bookings so far are: Ian Hudson - September; Gill Burbidge - October; Robin Wiggins - November. Further info: The Art Coop at Gallery 39, 39 Bear Street, Barnstaple EX32 7BZ. Tel: 01271 346415.

PAULINE PEARCE EXHIBITION

NDA member Pauline Pearce has a summer exhibition at The Heritage Centre, Dulverton from 16th-22nd August. All NDA members are welcome to the private view on Sunday 16th 2pm-4pm.

WELCOMBE OPEN STUDIOS 09

Weekend 1: 7th, 8th & 9th August; weekend 2: 28th, 29th, 30th & 31st August.

The much anticipated Welcombe Open Studios 09 is here at last with new artists this year and 2 mixed exhibitions. Now in it's 4th year, the event gives you the chance to visit the studios of artists, designers and makers in the beautiful village of Welcombe on the North Devon coast - to see where & how their work is created and to buy or commission work from them. Disciplines include photography, art, textiles, furniture & accessories, pottery, mosaics, poetry, baskets and more. For all details please visit the website - www.welcombearts.wordpress.com

JAZZ - GWYNETH HERBERT, Wednesday 5th August, 8pm

Herbert has been marked as one of Britain's brightest young talents by the music and media world.

"Intelligent and technically awesome singer" - The Guardian. "A voice that's a knowing mix of honey, steel and gravel. Her voice vibrating over the lyrics in a way that makes your toes curl" - The Observer. Website: www.gwynethherbert.com

This is a special Southwest performance for 2009, tickets are £7.50 per person for Jazz or £12.50 including a Mediterranean Tapas buffet and cheese board. Doors open at 7.30pm, concert begins at 8.00pm. Interval with food buffet 9pm. Booking is essential. For further information or to book tickets call Broomhill on 01271 850262 or visit www.broomhillart.co.uk

ARTISTS INSPIRED BY WOOD STILL SOUGHT

The Little Gallery on the farm is currently looking for artists and makers who work with or are inspired by wood, forests and trees for their forthcoming Wood Exhibition to be held in September (opens September 2nd).

In particular, they are keen to hear from artists who create willow sculptures who may also be interested in holding workshops or giving a demonstrations during the exhibition. Please contact Sarah Boait on 01409 281122 (closed Mondays and Tuesdays) or e-mail sarah@littlegalleryonthefarm.co.uk. Please apply asap, since space is limited and not later than 20th August.

BOUTIQUE NIGHT IN BARNSTAPLE

A Boutique Night will be hosted at Lilico's in Barnstaple on Wednesday September 30th where local designers/makers can showcase and sell their work to the public.

The event, which will run from 5pm to 9pm, aims to highlight the availability of quality, contemporary, handmade crafts made here in North Devon. The organisers are still on the look out for local artisans who hand make accessories (hats, bags, purses, fascinators, brooches etc), lingerie, clothes and skin care. There will be no entry fee to the public and wine and tapas will be available for purchase. The event will be heavily promoted. For more information email tracey.benton@talktalk.net

HANDMADE CHRISTMAS FAIR BRAUNTON

Later this year Braunton will be hosting a 'Handmade Christmas' Fair at the Parish Hall on November 7th from 9.30am-1pm.

The aim is to provide local makers with a platform to sell their work direct to the public and to promote handmade products over the homogenous Highstreet this Christmas. Tables will be available for good quality, contemporary, products handmade here in North Devon by local designer makers; ceramics, textiles, glass, jewellery, art. There will be a maximum of 20 tables so, to ensure a good mix of stalls, there will be an application process. There will also be a corner café serving hot drinks and cakes and a crafting area with simple projects to make. The event will be heavily promoted. To register your interest please email tracey.benton@talktalk.net. Applications for tables will close end of August 09.

CYPRUS WELL - LITERATURE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

It is an agency to enable and nurture literature development activity in South West England: Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Gloucestershire, Somerset, Wiltshire, unitary authorities of Bath and North East Somerset, Bournemouth, Bristol, Isles of Scilly, North Somerset, Plymouth, Poole, South Gloucestershire, Swindon and Torbay.

Cyprus Well is named after the late Charles Causley's house at 2 Cyprus Well, Launceston, Cornwall. Cyprus Well will lead, fundraise for, create and administer a new literature network for South West England: Literature Network South West. It will: fundraise for and deliver a programme of literature activity awards for all non-profit organisations and individuals to create new literature development opportunities - Grass Roots Literature; support writing and reader development opportunities in South West England. Cyprus Well is for everyone interested in developing literature or taking part in literature activity in the South West of England. For further information: www.cypruswell.org

COMMUNITY ARTIST SOUGHT FOR FAMILY ART PROJECT

Devon Artist Network is seeking an experienced community artist to run 3 days of workshops at Morwellham Quay near Tavistock as part of their 2009 Family Art Project on August 30th and September 5th/6th.

The fee is £700 plus £100 for materials. Full details including the artist brief can be found at www.devonartistnetwork.co.uk/project2009

For further information or an informal chat please contact Kate Wilson at info@devonartistnetwork.co.uk Deadline for applications: August 5th 2009.

POTTERS WHEEL WANTED

Potters Wheel still wanted by Tim Smith – 01769-550963.

SPACEX FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Our place, your space: four weeks of art activities led by four local artists for all ages - 28 July - 22 August 2009

Join us for fun, experimental workshops and events led by local south west artists. Everyone is welcome to join in as we have activities programmed for all ages. 'Take Over Tuesdays' with artist Kathy Norris offers fun-filled activities for younger children every Tuesday during the programme. All ages are welcome to join artist Maddy Pethick's 'Crafty Social', a 'twilight, lo-fi stitch-in' to create a contemporary friendship quilt with others. Design and build models of dream spaces in a 'Design-a-thon' with artist Helen Pritchard. Artist Jenny Mellings invites children to create an ever changing installation in 'Outside In' and 'Crazy World' workshops which run throughout the whole programme. Other highlights include 'Art Adventure Yoga', 'Poetic Posters' workshop and 'Friday DIY Happenings'. The work produced during the four weeks will be on display at the gallery.

Some 'Our Place, Your Space' sessions need to be booked in advance, early booking is advisable as places are limited for workshops. Email Nia Thorpe at education@spacex.org.uk to book a place or call 01392 431 786. Please note the gallery will only be open to the public during workshops and events.

Call for submissions - Screening Night - Thursday 3 September, 7pm

A call to all south west artist-filmmakers! SpaceX is holding an open film screening night offering the opportunity to present your film alongside other artist-filmmakers to a public audience. If you would like to have your short film screened at SpaceX as part of this event please submit a copy of the film to a member of gallery staff or send in by post by Friday 21 August. Film excerpts should be no longer than 10 minutes. For more details please contact the gallery on 01392 431 786 or email mail@spacex.org.uk

The evening will provide an opportunity for discussion and networking. Refreshments will be available. This event is free and is open to all, booking is essential.

This event has been programmed as part of Summer Screen, 22 August - 5 September an international artists film programme with a series of short films from the EAST video programme including works by Angela Bartram, Andrea Büttner, Olaf Brzeski, Kate Corder, Patricia Esquivias, David Jacques, Elizabeth McAlpine, Ursula Mayer and Laure Prouvost.

SPACEX 45 Preston Street, Exeter EX1 1DF, phone: 01392 431786 Open Tues - Sat, 10am - 5pm, admission free spacex.org.uk

INFORMAL 'DRAWING CLUB' SEEKS MEMBERS

Roger Webb would like to set up a once-a-month drawing group.

The aim is for the group to go to a different location each month and sketch/observe from nature. If you are interested, please contact Roger: Tel, 01271 343236 or marywebb754@btinternet.com

DAVE GREEN EXHIBITION AT TAVISTOCK WHARF, 29TH AUGUST - 26TH SEPTEMBER 2009

A major new show of NDA member Dave's work opens at the end of August.



Sun Print by Dave Green

For further information: 01237 477789 / 07530 508681 or email: dave@greengallery.co.uk

There will be a major showing of Dave's work from the past 15 years both upstairs and down at Tavistock Wharf in September 2009. The show will trace the development of his constructed images from experimental work with traditional photographic paper and chemicals in daylight, through 35mm Triptychs and including recent digital work on large canvases.

FREE ARTS & BUSINESS SESSION AT THE BURTON

Arts & Business will be hosting Surgery Advice sessions in September for local artists and arts organisations.

These are one-to-one "getting to know you" diagnostic sessions, and provide an opportunity for individual artists and arts organisations to gain an understanding of A&B's work, and how we may work in partnership.

2nd September - in the meeting room at The Burton Art Gallery and Museum, Bideford (EX39 2QQ)

The session will be a 45 minute one-to-one and is completely free of charge. Sessions will start at 10.30 and finish at 3.30. To book a session please call Elaine Arnold - Regional Manager Arts & Business - on 07814 391129, or e mail Elaine.arnold@artsandbusiness.org.uk. Department of Cultural Policy, City University, London Fiona Gourley, Development Manager, Theatre Royal Bath. In conversation with: Philip Spedding, Individual Giving and International Manager, Arts & Business. Free to members, non-members £50 (plus VAT). These classes are subsidised £150 per place by Arts Council England to non-members. For bookings, please email June Gadd: june.gadd@artsandbusiness.org.uk

SPAEDA - MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER SOUGHT

Maternity cover from Oct 2009 - Sept 2010, based Langport, Somerset. 15 - 21 hrs per week, £14-16k pro-rata. Appointment subject to CRB check and references. Deadline for application: 31st August, interview Sept 4th.

To apply download application pack at www.vistajobs.org.uk For more information see www.spaeda.org.uk SPAEDA is a partner of the South West Arts Education Partnership www.artseducationsw.org.uk

HOME GROWN AFFORDABLE ART SHOW

The Art Works Galleries, Newcastle upon Tyne present The HOME GROWN Affordable Art Show, a unique exhibition opportunity for artists to showcase their work in a month-long show.

Exhibit 5 pieces of work for £50 - any style, any medium, any size and we take no commission from your sales. The next show launches on 6th August, and runs until 31st August 2009. E-mail info@theartworksgalleries.com for your application form and details of subsequent shows.

The Art Works Galleries, Stepney Bank, Ouseburn, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 2NP Email: info@theartworksgalleries.com Website: www.theartworksgalleries.com Tel: 0191 261 9922.

SPINNERS, BASKET WEAVERS, WILLOW ARTIST(S) URGENTLY REQUIRED TO TAKE PART IN THREE DAY COUNTRY FAIR

The North Devon Hospice is organising the Devon Country Fayre and English National Sheepdog Trials Aug 21-23 2009 at beautiful Castle Hill, Filleigh.

Please see www.northdevonhospice.org.uk/sheepdog for ongoing event info and www.castlehilldevon.co.uk for venue information. Most of the attractions will be under marquees. There will be sheepdog trials, food fayre with leading local food producers, a full craft marquee, arena attractions, the beautiful gardens will be open as part of the entrance fee, interactive rural skills workshops, vintage tractor show and car rally.

This wonderful event will be a celebration of North Devon and will draw a target North Devon audience of 30,000+ local visitors and tourists over 3 days, + triallists and other exhibitors, and will be heavily promoted locally, regionally and nationally. Please contact Stella if you think you might like to take part: chair@northdevonarts.co.uk

AIR OFFERS ARTISTS INSURANCE

AIR (Artists' Interaction and Representation) is a membership scheme exclusively for visual artists.

There are numerous benefits, including the e-bulletin (including national open competition news), online forums and artists' insurance. Artists subscribing to a-n magazine + AIR get £5m AIR public and products liability insurance (UK-based artists only). Go to www.a-n.co.uk/AIR for further details.

NDA MEMBER BENEFITS

There are a number of retailers who offer NDA members discounts (mainly local art shops and galleries) – look on the NDA website for details. There are also NDA special rates on websites – see a list of member benefits at: www.northdevonarts.co.uk/join.html

BUSINESS WORKSHOPS - SUMMER OF CREATIVITY

We have a series of business workshops running throughout the summer to help individuals develop their businesses to become more competitive and commercially viable. These workshops will show you how fundamental business skills can be employed within both the creative sector and non creative sectors.

- Marketing is Dead - Improve the Customer Experience - 29/07/09 - *£65 per head
- Selling Skills Workshop - 30/07/09 - *£65 per head
- Online Marketing for Business Development - 31/07/09 - *£65 per head

For full details on all of the events and to book your place, please visit our website:

www.creativebusinessservices.co.uk *10% discount for Alumni Members.

NDA CHAIR ASKED TO JUDGE AT NORTH DEVON SHOW, WEDNESDAY 5TH AUGUST

This came as quite a surprise one morning when I opened up my emails. Via the NDA website, I had been contacted to be the Crafts Judge at the show.

How could I refuse, it confirms that NDA is held in high regard in many quarters and, in taking on this role it can only raise the group's profile yet again.

Those of you who may be exhibiting at this year's show - please don't shower me with cash, cheques or gifts! I am only looking for friendly charm and high quality, well displayed stalls that make me and all the visitors on the day, feel relaxed and welcome.

Good luck to all exhibitors.

Stella Levy

WESTWARD HO! & BIDEFORD ARTS SOCIETY 87TH OPEN ANNUAL EXHIBITION CONTINUES UNTIL 23RD AUGUST

Now in it's 87th year, the annual exhibition of the Westward Ho! & Bideford Art Society brings together work by some of the regions finest professional and amateur artists.

Over 250 pieces of work are on display including much work by NDA members. Included in the exhibition are the 'Student Awards', a display of prize-winning artwork by five final year students selected from North Devon College.

Open Monday-Friday 10-5, Saturday 10-4, Sunday 11-4. Admission is free.

Burton Art Gallery, Kingsley Road, Bideford EX39 2QQ

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Email: burtonartgallery@torridge.gov.uk

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