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A venue for Marches Makers Festival Sat 30th April - Mon 2nd May 2022

www.Made in the Marches.com

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Tuition, materials, refreshments and a two-course lunch are all included.

Giles Gallery Ruth Darling Exhibition 2nd - 23rd April

 $R^{\rm uth \, Darling\, grew\, up}$ in the mountains of South Wales before moving forty years ago to the coast and settling in Penarth.

Her paintings, which include semi abstract art, are inspired by our majestic mountains and beautiful coastline.





Her love of our glorious Brecon Beacons with their ever changing autumn colours can often be found in her paintings.



Giles Gallery Old Methodist Chapel, Cowbridge Rd, Pontyclun CF72 9EG

Tues to Friday 10-5. Sat 10-4.

Tel: 07879035921 Email: beth@gilesgallery.com



Ruth Darling Exhibition



2nd - 23rd April 2022 Tues to Friday 10 - 5pm | Saturday 10 - 4pm

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BEACONS & SURROUNDS: CRAFTS FESTIVAL & OPEN STUDIOS 2022

his is an amazing opportunity for all crafters, artists, makers and creatives to showcase their work, their workshops, and their ideas!

This year it is also **FREE** due to generous funding from the BBNPA Sustainable Development Fund ... do you have a space you could share with a creative who needs one? Or can you open your own studio? Run a class? Display in a shop window? Run a comedy night, or perform with your choir or dance group?

Perhaps you can run a crafts or arts workshop ?



If you need a space or can offer a space, please use this form to register, please click the form link below by the 5th April, or email:

emma@thebigskill.com

https://form.jotform.com/220272609713351

Beacons & Surrounds Crafts Festival - YOUR Festival!

18th - 26th June 2022

How to get involved:

- Join in with community workshops
- Run your own workshops we love new ideas! Craft, food, yoga, or music...
- Register for the Open Studios arts or crafts you can open your own, or share with those offering space

2022 is FREE to register for all venues

How to register your interest: emma@thebigskill.com



How to book a workshop place: www.thebigskill.com









Heide's Pottery by Heide Meredith

∠ ∠ ■ am a self-taught sculptor with no formal

training just a love for bringing the countryside around me to life. I have always had a creative flair, and over the years have dabbled with pottery. I have attended the occasional basic course and watched many a YouTube video, but never veering far from the basic shape of a hare!

In 2015, I lost my soulmate – my mum and the following year, my children moved on to the next chapter in their lives – university. For a while, I lost my love of creativity and my spark for a challenge.

It is only when lockdown came along, my children returned from university, my husband moved into our 'home office' and my little unit was back together again that my studio, PotOwl (Owls being Mum's favourite), came to life. We converted our garage, added a window, and bought a kiln; once again my artistic prowess was reignited and my love for clay reborn. Through the uncertainty of lockdown, the views across the Welsh mountains from my studio situated on the Shropshire/Welsh/Cheshire border became a relaxing sanctuary.

Writing this, I have tried to reflect on what exactly inspires me, put simply, it's the nature that surrounds me, from the hares I spot boxing on my early morning walks, to the foxes I catch sight of at night. I am captivated by the ability to push the clay to its limits where I try to reproduce the movement and fluidity of these sights. The uniqueness of the environment is represented by my pieces some whimsical and others closely resembling their natural form, but no two ever the same.

A distinct part of my journey has been Instagram. Through this, several galleries contacted me to exhibit my work, specifically Canvas and Clay in Ellesmere, where I am delighted to be their Resident Ceramic Artist in their new larger gallery.

My lockdown pastime has evolved into my passion, with my latest milestone being my own exhibition at The Qube, Oswestry, running from 4 April to 2 May.

As for the future, I want to keep learning, sculpting, and making people smile, I would love you to follow my adventures on Heides_pottery.

—eide's Pottery *by Heide Meredith*



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Inspired gallery is an arts and crafts gallery set in the beautiful Monmouthshire countryside in Usk. The gallery supports many local artists and makers as well as incorporating the studio space of Lynne Littler Sculpture.

With regular exhibits and new displays and artists over many mediums and styles including ceramics, jewellery, paintings, feltwork and woodwork, we are sure you will find inspiration.

A visit to the gallery offers inspirational and unique gifts, an opportunity to see artists and makers at work or be inspired to take a course with wire artist Lynne.

Lynne holds regular wire workshops either half or full days please check our website for full information and dates.

The Craft Renaissance site also offers an on site café and farmshop and other makers' workshops.

Inspired Gallery @ Craft Renaissance Kemeys Commander Usk NP15 1 JU

Contact : Lynne@inspiredgallery.co.uk 07756659802

Opening hours: Wednesdays – Fridays 9am-3pm, weekends 10am-4pm

Follow us on social media:

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Utopia Designs | Facebook: @utopiadesigns1 - Utopia Designs create a unique range of jewellery, accessories and eco-friendly reusables. Everything is handmade in Hereford using vintage, reclaimed and natural materials.

Rustic Reclaimed | Facebook: @Rustic-Reclaimed - We use reclaimed wood and salvaged materials to make home decor, clocks, chopping boards and candles.

NS Wood Turnings | Facebook: @NS.WoodTurnings - There's beauty everywhere in nature, by turning the wood from trees no longer living, I try to reveal the beauty hidden inside.

Prettyfull - Things | Facebook: @Prettyfullthingsuk - Handcrafted hair bows, ribbons and memorial gifts.

AJ The Confectionist | Facebook: @AJsconfectionery - Creating the smoothest, creamiest fudge and the most luxurious, indulgent brownies.

Naomiraebydesign | Facebook: @naomiraebydesign - Jewellery designer/maker. Working in recycled sterling silver, reclaimed copper and enamel. My creations are bright, bold and slightly unconventional!

Sew The Story Goes | Facebook: @Sew-the-Story-Goes - Cross stitch necklaces, boxes and hangings made with love by me.

The Pottery | Facebook: @thpottery - Discover a piece of perfectly unique artisanal pottery for your home, hand thrown by local potter Toni Hedley.

Dragonstone Wales | Facebook: @Dragonstonewales - Handmade stone plaques and ornaments for the garden or around your home.

Lavender Needle Crafts | Facebook: @lavenderneedlecrafts - Upcyling fabric to create unique gifts and accessories for the home.

Luna Crafts | Facebook: @lunacrafts17 - Burry port based handmade Macramé wall hangings made with local drift wood, pyrography pieces and other handmade gifts.

Cwtch Soaps | Facebook: @**CwtchSoaps** - Handmade soap and handcreams, flower candles and home pressed apple juice all of which is helped along by our botanical bees.

Craft Happy | Facebook: @crafthappyuk - Creating beautiful artwork from sea glass and driftwood collected from beaches across the UK.

Twisted Crystals | Facebook: @heatherstwistedcrystals - Jewellery created from cystals and gems, using weaves, twists and wraps that produce unique hand crafted pieces.

EatsAndTreats | Facebook: @EatsAndTreatsHD - We specialise in afternoon teas & graze boxes to take away, and can cater for larger functions.







Wishcraft Handmade | Facebook: @WishcraftHandmadeCrafts - We create a collection of enchanting decor and delightful scents, perfect for your home or as gifts.

Kookey Kookey | Facebook: @KookeyKrystals - Handmade Genuine Gemstone Jewellery and Speciality Pearls

Janet Chaplin Artist | Facebook: @janetchaplinartist - I use the beautiful coastlines and magnificent mountains from the wonderful place that we live to create my artwork.

Jenny Nelmes | Facebook: @Jennifer Nelmes - Sewn, patchwork, embroidered, appliqué and quilted items - ready made and bespoke in aid of The BT Nelmes English School in Assam.

Willow Resin & Craft | Facebook: @WillowResinCrafts - Resin Gifts and Artwork accompanied with Fabric Creations ranging from beautiful animals to crotchet pumpkins.

Jane Beebe Glass | Facebook: @janebeebeglass - I have worked with all aspects of glass for many years and am still exploring its gorgeous qualities. I am constantly developing quirky light catchers, nightlights, mirrors and mobiles using glass and wire. All are made with a sense of fun to lift the spirits.

Felting by Inga | FeltingbyIngaSipcenoka - Sheep wool footwear, hats & more made using a wet felted technique.

Joon Silver | Facebook: @joonsilverspoon - I'm Jo and I handmake Sterling silver jewellery, my aim is to make unique pieces to be worn everyday and enjoyed, all at affordable prices.





2022 Craft*folK Events

After what has been a very challenging few years for all of us, we are pleased to be able to publish the following dates for this year. Further details, including a list of exhibitors taking part at each event, will also be published on our websites closer to the start of the respective events at <u>www.craftfolk.com</u> or <u>www.cardiffchristmasmarket.com</u> If you would like more details on how to apply to take part in our events please email jane@craftfolk.com

> **Easter Art & Craft Market in Cardiff Bay** 15 to 18 April Trading hours: 10am to 5.30pm

May Day Art & Craft Market in Cardiff Bay

30 April to 2 May Trading hours: 10am to 5.30pm

Meet the Makers in Cardiff City Centre

7 to 21 May Trading hours: Monday to Saturday 10am to 5.30pm Sunday 10am to 4pm

Spring Bank Holiday Art & Craft Market in Cardiff Bay

3 to 5 June Trading hours: 10am to 5.30pm



Barry Island Festival of Food, including our Art & Craft Market 25 and 26 June

Trading hours to be confirmed

Cardiff Food & Drink Festival, including our Art & Craft Market

1 to 3 July Trading hours to be confirmed

Art & Craft Market in Cardiff Bay

22 to 24 July Trading hours: 10am to 5.30pm

Cardiff Summer Festival in Cardiff City Centre

6 to 20 August Trading hours: Monday to Saturday 10am to 5.30pm Sunday 10am to 4.30pm

August Bank Holiday Art & Craft Market in Cardiff Bay 26 to 30 August Trading hours; 10am to 5.30pm

Cardiff Christmas Market in Cardiff City Centre

St John Street, Working Street, Trinity Street, & the Hayes 10 November to 23 December Trading hours: Monday to Saturday 10am to 6pm Sunday 10am to 5.30pm





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Blue Magpie Contemporary Craft Fair 30th April & 1st May 2022 10.00am – 5.00pm

The first Blue Magpie Contemporary Craft Fair of 2022 will be taking place on 30th April and 1st May. With a garden party vibe, makers exhibiting in both the house and garden, live music and tempting refreshments, it promises to be an exciting weekend of inspiration and entertainment.

There will be a changing line up of makers over the two days – with 36 makers each day and 54 in total over the weekend. With designer makers who work in ceramics, jewellery, textiles, glass and wood, as well as artists and illustrators exhibiting at the Fair, there will be plenty to choose from and be inspired by.

Although there are no longer any mandatory COVID restrictions, the one-way system in the house will be kept, as well as an eye kept on numbers in each part of the house and garden. The much-loved 'Cake Away' will be in full swing, with the option to either enjoy homemade refreshments at Elmslie House, or take them away to savour at home.

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The Blue Magpie Contemporary Craft Fairs are always very popular, with people coming back time and time again to discover more treasures from new and favourite makers. The number and diversity of the designer makers who attend; the friendly atmosphere, with the chance for visitors to meet the makers, and the cake (and other tasty treats) from the Cake Away are part of what makes Blue Magpie fairs firm favourites with both makers and visitors alike! As recent visitors have said, "It's brilliant! So many wondrous things of a hugely high quality." "A lovely experience – spoilt for choice with so many beautiful things."

Admission to the fair will be £3 on the door (by cash or card), which includes a wrist band allowing entry for both days and entry into the Makers' Raffle, with prizes from designer makers who'll be attending the Fair.

Don't forget to check our website (www.bluemagpie. co.uk) for details of the Fair and makers, as well as following us on Instagram (@bluemagpiecraft) and Facebook (@bluemagpie.co.uk).

The Mad Hatters Artisan Craft Market Hay On Wye

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Bluestone Gallery

FINE CONTEMPORARY ART & CRAFT



Bluestone Gallery is delighted to have work by Shropshire based artist Gretchen Ind, and Jane Keay who lives near Presteigne. Gretchen works in acrylic while Jane uses watercolours and inks. Both in their very different styles capture the character, the atmosphere and the feel of our local landscapes.

5 Castle Street, Hay on Wye, HR3 5DF 01497 820916 WWW.bluestonegallery.com

crickhowell Open Art Competition 2022

Applications close 6 April 2022 Exhibition dates:

1 June - 16 July 2022 -

Overall winner: £500 Category prizes for: Young Artist, Watercolour, Oriel Textiles, Digital Art CRIC gallery

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To April 23rd

FH members' & friends' current work



Chris Williams with Amanda Attfield

April 27th to June 4th

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