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Jenny Alsop Art







Inspired by nature & wildlife, the incredible watercolour artist, Jennifer Alsop brings a wonderful sense of joy to all that she paints. Winning many accolades throughout the years, she has recently won a 'Highly Commended Award' from the International Watercolour Masters for one of her portraits!

lennifer's work can be purchased direct via email or at her Artfinder page.



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Naomi has worked as a sculptor for over 20 years using the medium of clay to create her sculptures which are then cast into plaster, bronze resin or bronze. Her passionate approach to her work combined with her technical skills produces gentle, but subtly powerful sculptures which express the essence of the subject.

Naomi has a range of wildlife and figurative limited editions bronzes on her website and is open to commissions.





The Shed by The Stream Jeni Pain

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In a shed by a stream in my little bit of Wales I create cheerful and quirky pieces of art, using ceramic, driftwood, beach treasure, scavenged wire and re-purposed fabric.

I love the magic of clay with its endless possibilities and have been playing with it for 30 years. When not in the Shed, you may find me at the beach, collecting treasure and trash in equal amounts!

My work can be found in several Galleries in Wales, at shows and exhibitions as well as on my website. I am always happy to discuss commissions.



Helen Higgins

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Helen creates a range of stylized figurines, featuring hares, donkeys, cats, dogs and humans, etc. Sometimes they wear a disguise or a costume, a mask, a hat, theatrical make up ect. The artist explores the way that we humans often try to hide our true selves or vulnerabilities behind a mask or facade, pretending or taking on other characteristics, with the intention of increasing confidence or self esteem through appearance.

Helen uses a range of hand building techniques and each piece is unique and individual. Sometimes they are wall hanging and others freestanding. She makes from a small studio at her home in South Wales and has recently enjoyed producing special commissions of pet portraits.









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My work combines my love of stone in all its forms with my love of lettering.

I find inspiration from the ancient churchyards, the pebbles worn smooth by the River Wye and the rugged stone of the local quarries. With this stone I carve birdbaths, standing stones and benches and from Welsh slate, smaller pieces such as lettered cubes, bookends and paperweights.

The work I find most satisfying of all however, is the carving of memorials and headstones. I have been a member of the co operative of designer makers, The Hay Makers for over 20 years.



Instagram: @rachealblakeway Facebook: @riffraff42 Etsy:/uk/shopRachaelBlakewayArt

I am a recycling/upcycling artist based in Rhayader who creates an eclectic range of 3D pictures and decorations using everyday throwaway materials, from pie tins to plastic sushi fish sauce bottles!! Themes include birds, vases of flowers, classic cars, seaside and objects from around the home. The characters in my scenes are from everyday observations of people I see -with a bit of imagination and humour. I like to think my work has a nostalgic feel that the viewer can relate to whether it be an old thermos flask or a 70s pattern on a vase.

More details can be found on my social media pages.







Woody Woodspirit

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I am a teacher, wood-worker and carver who works in predominantly green/ unseasoned locally sourced wood and reclaimed wood. I am continually striving to improve my skills and techniques to create beautiful and functional items.

I rarely start with a detailed design, allowing the wood to take me in the direction it wishes, ensuring the natural beauty of the wood is a key feature.

I take commissions which is one of the most enjoyable parts of my art; working with clients to create bespoke pieces, both large and small, that are personal and unique.





Garry Jones Ceramics

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Taking on a life of their own, Garry Jones' ceramics are bursting with personality and bring a smile to all that see them. From star gazing hares to startled hens, dogs catching a ball to sheep peeping through a fence, each and every piece is jam packed with humour and executed to the highest quality. Also colloborating with his fellow artist, his mixed media work is known under 'Darby & Jones'.

To purchase work direct or to discuss a commission, get in touch with Garry via email or social media or see him at many events throughout the year. Clay courses with Garry will be commencing again from October.





Gray Glass

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Clare and James now have a quirky container studio and outlet at The Boneyard, Canton, Cardiff. It's all busy, busy with commissions and a range of workshops where you are able to create your own stunning glass using their unique methods.

Their love of colour and texture is contagious as they take inspiration from the beautiful South Wales valleys and coastline.

Contact for bespoke commissions where you are able to be part of the design process. Also, contact to book a workshop for yourself or as a gift.



12 Church Street, Kington HR5 3AZ

Artisan gallery showing work from local Artists and Makers, inspired by the beauty and essence of The Marches

Paintings, Prints, Ceramics, Glass, Jewellery, Textiles, Stone, Metal, Wood, Willow, Mixed Media, Gifts, Cards, Art Materials











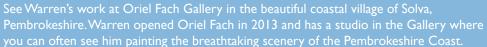
1. Art 4th—12th September: Venue 87 & THE BIG DRAW FESTIVAL : events throughout October

www.MadeintheMarches.com Open: 11am - 4pm, Wednesday - Saturday

Warren Heaton Art







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The Mad Hatters are a group of crafty folk who meet in the Butter Market in Hay on Wye on a regular basis for their Artisan Craft Market. With over 50 Hatters so far, we have a different selection of stalls at every market. If you are looking for one of our Hatters you can find them on our website: www.madhattterscraftparty.co.uk

MEET THE HATTERS:

- 1. Janet Chaplin Artist: My work is a reflection of the colours and textures of the coast and hills of my adopted home.
- 2. Rustic Reclaimed : Home decor items, including mirrors, clocks, and chopping boards, made from reclaimed wood and other salvaged materials.
- 3. Cwtch Soaps. Using 100% natural ingredients and our Brecon-grown herbs and botanicals, we make soap that is good for you and for nature.
- 4. Kookey Krystals: I create handmade genuine gemstone jewellery. Suitable for both everyday wear and special occasions.
- 5. AJ The Confectionist: Creating the smoothest, creamiest fudge and the most luxurious and indulgent brownies.
- 6. Willow Resin & Crafts. Handmade gifts made from resin and fabric. Various colours and designs, ideal as a gift for a loved one or even your own home.
- 7. Jane Beebe Glass: 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.
- 8. Wishcraft Handmade: I'm meg and I make a variety of frames and other decorations, and many of my creations incorporate recycled materials.





New Crafty Collective!



- 9. N S Wood Turnings :There's beauty everywhere in nature. By turning the wood from trees no longer alive, I try to reveal the beauty hidden inside.
- 10. Felting by Inga: Sheep wool footwear, hats and more made in wet felted technique.
- 11. Twisted Crystals: Twisted Crystals is a combination of crystals, gems and wire, twisted and weaved to create unique designs in pendants, bracelets, rings and more. Which crystal is the one for you?
- 12. Sarah Abdy: I create stainable contemporary and traditional designed Willow baskets and house hold items.
- 13. Utopia Designs: Utopia Designs is a Hereford-based business who create a unique range of gifts, jewellery and eco friendly reusables, made from vintage, upcycled and natural materials.
- 14. Riddle & Ravens specialises in bookish mischief inspired by literature, luxury items designed with the avid reader in mind.
- 15. Bee-spoke Quilts produces unique handmade quilts in a range of sizes.
- 16. Blissful Creations: Unique slate gifts including the art of Decoupage. With a variety of different patterns and styles to suit any room decor







he Bleddfa Centre is near Knighton, and is usually open
Thursdays – Sundays, I I am – 4pm. You can visit the gallery, craft shop and café, with its pretty garden, and of course keep up to date with any events that may be taking place in Hall Barn.

Hall Barn can also be hired for your classes, meetings, parties and workshops, so if you would like to find out more, please email: hello@bleddfacentre.org

During September, Oriel Bleddfa are delighted to be hosting 12 fantastic Artists during h.Art (Herefordshire Art Trail), running from **September 4th to 12th**, NB We will be open ON EACH OF THOSE DATES including the café for tea and cakes, and we continuing the exhibition from 16th – 26th too, Thursdays - Sundays.



The 12 exhibiting artists and makers with work ranging from, sculpture, willow work, metalwork, painting, and ceramic to textiles: Abigail Coombs, Francesca Kay, Chris Heneghan, Jaqueline Seymour, Winnie Heneghan, Karin Mear, Linzi Morgan, Mary Stephens, Colin Davies, Ceri Leigh, Paul Thomas, Heather Dickens.

Sept 30th - 31st October: Beca Beeby; sculpture, jewellery and ceramics, influenced by her bees and their creations, Oriel Bleddfa.



Our monthly 'Conversations With' series continues each Thursday at 6pm – in September you will be able to chat with Daniel Morden, including information about the Devil's Violin performance at Bleddfa, on 13th November! This series is a result of a collaboration between The Bleddfa Centre and The Hours Bookshop & Café, and you can join in on Zoom and ask your own questions too! To register for your free place (donations welcome), please email:

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luestone Gallery first came into being when I needed a break from making pottery for 20 years. I wasn't really qualified for anything and the thought of a "proper job" was terrifying. But I had been around the country selling my ceramics to lots of galleries, and I thought I could tell the difference between a good and a not so good one. It wasn't just the work they displayed, it was atmosphere, friendliness, lack of pretension. So with much trepidation, Bluestone opened up in Devizes in the year 2000.

We focused on supporting British makers and artists and had ups and downs but loved (almost) every minute of it. We tried to have a wide range of art and craft with a range of prices. We made the gallery friendly and unintimidating, and it worked. And then another twenty years went by! My wife Ellie and I felt it was time for a change, for one more adventure before the kids put us in a home... So loving this area, and especially the slightly mad and magical town of Hay, we made the leap, mid lockdown, moving home and gallery.



We could not be more happy. We have had a warm welcome and the response to the gallery by locals and holiday makers has been fantastic. Currently we are open 7 days a week, but that may change in the winter.

We brought many of the same craftspeople with us that we had before, but we are very much on the lookout for new and local artists and makers. If anyone is interested just drop us an email – info@bluestonegallery.com. We already have ceramics made locally and Alex Brown's superb oil paintings from his Raglan studio.

Throughout September we will be showing Natalie Stuteley's dynamic horse paintings. We will have work from Helen Arthur who I know has featured in Art Share Love recently, and linocut prints by Devon artist Richard Shimell. We haven't had time yet to organise a formal series of exhibitions but there will be lots more work for the autumn.







If you can't visit us we have had a new website made. A small selection of our artists work is available here to purchase online and we have an ArtPlacer tool too, which allows you to see a painting in situ in your own room. But if you can visit, where our whole selection spans over two floors, we would genuinely love to see you.

Bluestone Gallery

FINE CONTEMPORARY ART & CRAFT



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eptember sees the oriel CRiC gallery celebrating fifteen years of showcasing a diverse programme of exhibitions in Crickhowell.

Suzette Pratten who manages the gallery said, "It is a moment to look back with gratitude on the growth that the gallery has experienced in the past fifteen years and to thank and pay tribute to the incredible team of CRiC staff, volunteers and supportive artists without whom the doors to the gallery and the Centre as a whole would not remain open. Despite the challenges of recent times we continue to look forward to celebrating future success with an ambitious vision grounded in the excellent quality of work shown in the gallery. This rural corner of Wales inspires many and the delight of visitors to find such a gem is in itself rewarding."



Watercolour painting by John Harris

Paintings, Prints, Ceramics, Jewellery and Sculpture from established and new oriel CRiC gallery artists will form the core of the autumn exhibition which will run from mid-September till 7 November.

Since the post-lockdown reopening each exhibition has included work by previous Crickhowell Open Art participants. Patricia Kenny was the winner of the Visitors' Choice Prize in the 2019 exhibition with her oil painting of Capel y Fin. She will be showing three of her very accomplished oil paintings in the gallery this autumn.



Oil Painting by Patricia Kenny

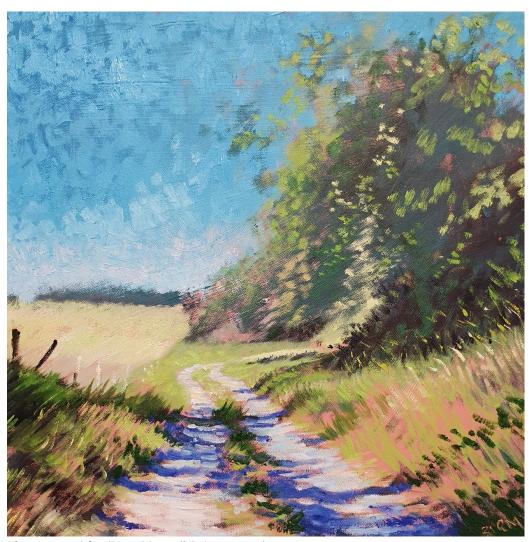
Suzette added, "We are very pleased that we are able to offer powerful sculptures in wood by Harry Isles for sale. Harry has exhibited his engaging work extensively and exhibiting them at this celebratory time in the gallery is very fitting."

Current opening hours for CRiC are Monday to Saturday 9.30 to 4.30, but please check autumn and winter opening hours before travelling.

Crickhowell Resource & Information Centre, Beaufort Street, Crickhowell, NP8 IBN www.orielcric.wales

Natural History Watercolour Artist Tracey-Anne Sitch

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...or meet me at the Abergavenny Food Festival with Made in Monmouthshire (www.abergavennyfoodfestival.com)

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ack on our pages once again is one of our favourite Welsh Makers, the fabulous Ewemoo. With a range in every colour imaginable, these magical and totally unique foot stools are a must for any home or office space. From the original sheep foot stools to pigs and cows, there's a Ewemoo for everyone. And if bold bright colours aren't for you, there are wonderful natural and pastel tones available too.

Each foot stool is hand crafted in Wales, with care and attention to detail and lots of love. Whether you're gifting yourself (and who could blame you!) or buying one as a gift, it's sure to bring a smile to the face of

everyone who sees it.

Order direct or visit them at the Cardiff Christmas market,
IIth Nov to I2th Dec or at the Brecon craft market every third Sat of the month.

For any questions or queries, get in touch with Ewemoo direct via telephone or email and to keep up with their latest events and ever expanding range, follow them on social media pages Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.











h.Art is back, don't miss it this year Sat 4 - Sun 12 September

Herefordshire Art Week, h.Art takes place over nine days each year from the second Saturday in September. Still going strong after nineteen years, and with last year behind us all, h.Art is just the sort of uplifting and joyful event we all need.

You'll find a huge variety of art, design and craft, from traditional to contemporary and everything in between. Painting, sculpture, ceramics, textiles, woodwork, printmaking, basketmaking, lighting, glass, photography, metalwork, jewellery, stone carving, conceptual work, the list just goes on.

Friendly, inspiring people to meet, loads to see, experience and buy, in a myriad of interesting places. Many artists only open up their studios, sheds and workplaces once a year. They invite you in to find out what's behind their artwork, how it was conceived and created. It's a great opportunity to get to know an artist, talk about a commission and get something very special and bespoke for yourself or someone you love.

If you prefer to see more of a variety of work in one place, visit a pop-up group exhibition or one of our fantastic galleries.

If you want to feel even more emersed, check out the special events, such as talks, demonstrations, workshops and entertainment within the wonderful venues.

All the information can be found on the h.Art website under ALL VENUES. Search by artist, venue name, location or artform. Each venue has a link with google maps to make it easy for you to find. There's lots more images and in-depth information on the Artists and Gallery Profile pages. All there for you to start exploring and planning at home now. Go to www.h-art.org.uk

Or if you prefer paper, pick up a h.Art guide from the leaflet stands in larger supermarkets and main tourist locations in Herefordshire, out from late July. If you're out of county, you can request to have a guide posted to you via the website on the contact page.

Happy h.Arting.





4-12 September

Discover oodles of creative talent in artist studios, pop up exhibitions and galleries.



Contact us via the website to request your FREE guide www.h-art.org.uk



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Artists in Studios and Gallery
18th August to 18th September

Studio artists, Marion Campbell, Jill Crowther, Kate Dawson, Michelle Gordon, Anna Knight, David Laws, Sarah Rich-Harrision and Chris Williams are our featured artists for this exhibition. You can visit their studios and see their work in the gallery.

Normal Opening wednesday to friday

10.00am - 3:00pm

saturday 10.00am - 1:00pm

other times by arrangement

Open every day, 10am to 5pm during h.Art Week, 4th to 12th September.















Are you passionate about art? Are you organised? Do you enjoy working with artists & arranging events? Do you have a few hours each week to support The Royal Watercolour Society of Wales?

This is a voluntary position that comes with a yearly honorarium and if the successful candidate is a watercolour artist, then free membership to the society will also be included while they are in role."

We would love to hear from you if you can make a difference to the society

Please contact Robert Macdonald -President- abersefin@gmail.com and David lames-Treasurer- heddjames@hotmail.com for more information.



Life: Full Colour invites artists' submissions for Caernarfon open show

re you an artist based in Wales looking for an opportunity to show your work? Caernarfon art gallery Life: Full Colour is inviting artists to be part of its 2021 open show, Hiraeth.

The gallery is looking for artists from all genres including painting, sculpture, photography, installation, digital media, video, and more. Work can take any form but it must convey Hiraeth, the feeling of homesickness, nostalgia and longing that is uniquely Welsh.

There is no entry fee and selected artists will be part of the exhibition which will open on 6th November and run until Christmas eve 2021. Up to 55 pieces of work will be selected and all will be available for sale.

Sara McKee, Founder and Owner, Life: Full Colour, said: "We want to give a platform to artists living in Wales, the opportunity to share their work and to find an audience. Nurturing talented people who aren't always given a chance is our way of giving back to the local arts community who have embraced us. We welcome artists

from all backgrounds, and art in all its forms."

Selected artworks will be displayed at the Life:Full Colour Gallery located at 23-25 Hole in the Wall Street, Caernarfon.

The Open Show is open to Wales based artists and work must be submitted by Friday, 1st October 2021. The artworks will be judged by gallery owner Sara McKee, and Life: Full Colour featured artists.

For information on how to apply, visit: https://www.lifefullcolour.com/gallery/open-show/



FINAL CALL FOR ARTISTS SUBMISSIONS!



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