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

Three of a Kind

May & June

Omne trium perfectum:
Good things come in threes!

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



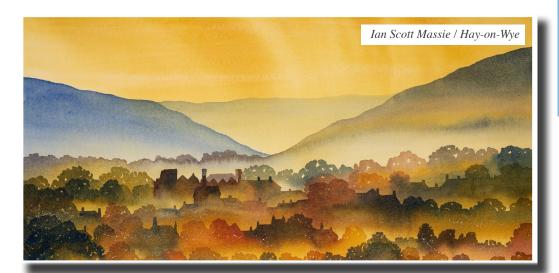
www.Made in the Marches.com



COWBRIDGE OPEN ART COMPETITION 2022
Call for Artists, Printmakers, and Creators of Applied Art/3D/Craft

Artists, over £2000 in Prize money for three categories – 2D Art, Prints & Applied Art (3D and Craft), a Visitors Choice award of £100 and for the winners, an option of a shared 2023 exhibition at the Old Hall Gallery, Cowbridge, Vale of Glamorgan.

CLOSING DATE JULY 4
For further details see: www.cowbridgeopenart.co.uk
or contact cowbridgopenart@gmail.com



ith the summer finally waking up, and the Festival back after a long gap, Hay is buzzing again. So we are pleased to have some lovely work focused on the local and wider Welsh countryside. It is fascinating to see the varied ways different artists express and interpret landscapes.

Suzanne Nicholl's work is inspired by the wild landscapes of her native Pembrokeshire. Her painting is balanced between the abstract and the real. Energy and power are balanced with mystery and suggestion, creating paintings that are both mesmeric and hugely rewarding.

Ian Scott Massie is a watercolour master. He has painted us a small series based around Hay, Llanthony Priory and Capel y Ffin. His paintings shimmer with colour and light, they have an air of peace, tranquility and contemplation.

Mark Warner lives on the Shropshire border and exhibits widely as well as teaching in France Italy and the UK. Strong composition and colour are the hallmarks of his oil painting. The vigour in his brushstrokes conveys the heat in the air, the flow of the river or the rush of the wind.

Lee Wright is a well established Crickhowell based artist and printmaker and we were delighted when he offered us some of his prints. The clean lines and subtle colours of his linocuts means he captures local scenes in a style completely his own.



Mark Warner / River Bank at Hay-on-Wye



Lee Wright / Hay Bluff

Bluestone Gallery

FINE CONTEMPORARY ART & CRAFT



Suzanne Nicholl / Hazy Days in Summer Hills

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"Floriography – The Language of Flowers" art exhibition comes to Caernarfon

his summer indulge in an unruly riot of colour and joy with "Floriography – The Language of Flowers", the latest exhibition by British artist Sharon Harvey.

"Floriography – The Language of Flowers" features 24 botanical paintings that include either acrylic, oil and resin on canvas or board, or a mixture of these mediums. The collection was inspired by the flowers Sharon received after an accident last year left her unable to walk or stand for three months.

Sharon explains: "My friends sent me amazing flowers throughout my illness. It was lovely to receive a bouquet of flowers as it meant somebody was thinking of me. I enjoyed the beauty of the flower but also the act of giving. That's how the botanical collection started. The flowers received, along with my garden, became my inspiration."

Flowers were the perfect vehicle to convey what Sharon was feeling at the time, with strong themes of joy, optimism, and hope.

"The paintings in this collection capture many moods and personal memories but I hope the viewer experiences the same fizzy feeling of pure joy that you get when you receive an unexpected bouquet from someone who cares about you," she added.

This is the first botanicals collection at Life: Full Colour, and Sharon's first solo show at the gallery.

Life: Full Colour founder and curator, Sara McKee, said: "From early Italian panel painting, through to the Golden Age of flower paintings of the 17th century Dutch Republic, to Damien Hirst's most recent exhibition of 'Cherry Blossoms', flowers have held a fascination for us. Flowers have sacred significance across religious iconography. In simple terms, they reflect the passing of life towards death. In Sharon's personal interpretation she has captured the joy and freedom you feel when exploring a wild meadow and the pure delight of receiving a bouquet. These paintings will truly uplift you and feel the warmth of the coming summer."



"Floriography – The Language of Flowers" by Sharon Harvey opens at Life: Full Colour on Friday 3rd June and closes 2nd July 2022. The gallery is located at 23-25 Hole in the Wall Street, Caernarfon, and is open every Wednesday to Saturday, 11 am to 6pm.



aomi 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.



Naomi Bunker Artist



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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.

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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.

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.

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

Karma Shack Glass Studio, Wales | Facebook: @karmashack - An eclectic mix of unique, colourful, artisan glass art lovingly designed and created in the Welsh Countryside.

Thanks Ever So | Facebook: @thankseverso - Handmade homewares and gifts; personalised bunting and made-to-order makes.

Fantastic Candles and Senses Candle Design | www.beeswax-candles.co.uk We are a multi award winning pure beeswax candle maker based near Aberystwyth.

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.

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.

Seaside Vintage | Facebook: @seaside vintage - seasonal variety of typical farmhouse table food both sweet and savory, quiches, tarts, pies, cakes, scones, all fresh ingredients, pastries made with butter, welsh cakes made with fresh fruit and butter. Also heavy duty denim task aprons with useful deep front pockets and denim tote bags.





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The Butter Market. Hav -on-Wve

Facebook - The Mad Hatters Craft Market Online

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⚠ Website - www.madhatterscraftparty.co.uk/



MAY Sat 27th Mon 30th JUNE Fri 3rd Sat 25th JULY
Sat 2nd Sat 23rd
Wed 13th Wed 27th
Wed 20th Sat 30th

SEPTEMBER
Sat 10th
Sat 24th

OCTOBER
Sat 1st
Sat 22nd
Sat 29th

NOVEMBER Sat 5th Sat 26th AUGUST Wed 3rd Sat 6th Wed 10th Sun 14th Wed 17th Sun 21st Wed 24th Sat 27th Wed 31st







HELEN HIGGINS CERAMICS

Helen creates a range of quirky animals, featuring hares, donkeys, cats, dogs and ponies. Sometimes they wear a disguise or 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.

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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The Lamp and The Veil

July 2nd – July 30th 2022 Queen Street Gallery | Neath

A new exhibition of paintings by Kate Bell and ceramic sculptures by Valerie James, in response to a trilogy of poems by the Welsh Metaphysical poet, Vernon Watkins. Each poem explores through vivid and lyrical language Watkin's preoccupation with light and darkness, with the sea's energy, with spirituality and myth.



Kate Bell is a Swansea based painter. Her often large, colourful and compelling paintings explore the artist's major preoccupations with music, poetry and landscape. A close relationship with the Gower coast and the poet has provoked this on-going series of work. Valerie James is an artist working in Pembrokeshire, mainly in stoneware and porcelain. In her recent work she has produced works with a flavour of the sea and the wild south west coast of Wales full of myths and legends which inspired the poet.

www.katebellart.com | Instagram: @katebellart www.valeriejames.co.uk | Instagram: @bluebeartbird

Chapel Cottage Studio Open Studio & Brochure Launch

Open Studio & Brochure Launch
Thursday 2nd – Sunday 5th June 2022 - 10am - 4pm



Email: info@chapelcottagestudio.co.uk

www.chapelcottagestudio.co.uk



Giles Gallery SALE - ALL PROFITS TO THE UKRAINE RELIEF



member of Giles Gallery workshops and avid impressionist artist,
Philip Brunt, has generously offered all available paintings with us currently for sale with proceeds to the Ukraine appeal. We have also waved our commission, as the least we can do towards this worthwhile cause, to help achieve as much success as possible.





Details on request, contact the gallery on 07879035921 or email beth@gilesgallery.com www.gilesgallery.com



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Jill Jones Fine Art

ORIGINALS AND PRINTS FROM WEST WALES

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'Blooming' Jill Jones' Solo Exhibition at Life: Full Colour Gallery, Caernarfon 8 July - 6 August 2022







'Wildflower Lace'

'Melyn Hapus' (Happy Yellow)

'Faerie Ring'

A treat for your interiors; Jill Jones latest collection is a lively, bloominspired celebration of colour from impressionist pieces to abstract works.

All originals featured in this exhibition can be purchased direct from Life: Full Colour Gallery on:

email: hello@lifefullcolour.com

tel: 01286 678211

or visit: 23-25 Hole in the Wall Street. Caernarfon LL55 1RF

Open: Wednesday to Saturday, 11am to 6pm.

Works range from small sized to large statement pieces.



Enjoy a morning or a full day's art course at the Havens Art School at West Coast Studio, Talbenny, with Pembrokeshire artist and tutor, Jill Jones.

Open to beginners or accomplished artists alike, Jill's 'Art your Way' course encompasses just that; tuition is given to suit your own specialities, be it intermediate, advanced or even if you've never held a brush before!



One of our Students, Vicky.

All materials are provided, tea and coffee is served on the half day, or for the full day you'll enjoy refreshments plus a light lunch with homemade Welsh produce.

Together we will create your own acrylics adventure!

To book, call the studio on **01437 781386** or email **art@jilljones.co.uk**

Courses available Mon-Thurs and Saturdays, all year round.

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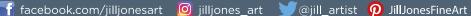














Sue Maud

Remembering a much loved artist 8th June to 9th July

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