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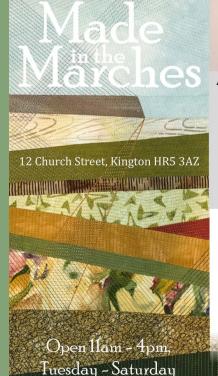
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Artisan gallery showing work from local Artists and Makers, inspired by the beauty and essence of The Marches

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

Magic & Merriment

Winter Exhibition: until Saturday 7th January 2023 All things bright and beautiful for the festive season: Unique gifts, creative kits, artisan decorations & cards



Made in the Marches will Hibernate from Sunday 8th January

www.Made in the Marches.com

f you're on the lookout for locally made, unique and unusual gifts, plan a trip to Made in the Marches Gallery.

Send love with artists' cards, and brighten your home with gorgeous decorations including fused glass by Jude Piper, pine cones created from recycled drinks cans by Liz Beagley, and colourful fabric garlands, angels and 'spicy robins' by Helen Smith to name but a few. Treat the kids with delightful stocking fillers from enamel cups with Alice Savery's nature-inspired designs, to artist-designed 'make it yourself' kits and art materials to encourage the

family to get creative.

For that very special gift, discover a range of designer-made jewellery from local artists Rosmund Black, Zoe Wright, Pat Simon and Jenny Shutler, and accessories including Freya Gamble-Mapes' bioprinted scarves and garments, Gill & Dee's Alpaca knitwear, Tessa Gavin's designer upcycled woolens, and naturally dyed chunky slippers and mitts made by Caroline Beaumont. Magic and Merriment awaits at 12 Church Street, Kington!

www.MadeintheMarches.com



here is something magical about
Crickhowell at Christmas with the town
embracing the festivity with glittering
lights and decorations while retaining is
particular charm which makes it such a popular
destination for a day out. No visit to the town

would be complete without a visit to the oriel CRiC gallery with its inspiring Christmas exhibition featuring a wide range of paintings, sculptures, ceramics, glass, prints and jewellery. It is a treasure trove in which you are sure to find that special gift for family and friends or to lift your spirit with something special for your home, but it is also a beautiful and welcoming space to enjoy the creativity and beauty of the work exhibited.

The gallery is brought alive by colour, design and artistry in many forms. Glass blower and sculptor Karlin Rushbrooke's decorative glass adds glowing and beautiful colour while his glass and steel sculptures depict the challenges of being human. Sculpture is very much valued at the oriel cric gallery with David England's Ancaster stone pieces 'Another Journey' and 'Rivermaid' adding wonderment to the exhibition. His

evocative work sits very comfortably with the new collection of sculptural ceramics by Valerie James who similarly touches on the mystery of the journey through life exploring the themes of archetypes, dreams, Mythology, Symbolism and Nature.

Every exhibition is a celebration of the skill and creativity of the exhibiting artists and Christmas is no exception. Valuing jewellery, ceramics and textiles all made by hand in the season of gift giving, can only bring joy to both the giver and the recipient. From original paintings to the tiniest of decorations, there is sure to be something to suit every taste and pocket.

The staff and volunteers looking forward to warmly welcoming visitors to this

seasonal exhibition which continues for the twelve days of Christmas. Crickhowell Resource & Information Centre, Beaufort Street, Crickhowell, NP8 1BN www.orielcric.wales

> Image: Martın Truefitt-Baker | Hares in Meadow, Cranesbill









Giles Gallery

Art Students Exhibition
3rd December - 31st January

iles Art Gallery of Pontyclun
Giles Gallery Art Students exhibition
Dec 3rd to Jan 31st.

A selection of work of over 60 artists studying at Giles Gallery under the tuition of Beth Giles.

Work includes a range of mediums from oil to acrylic, watercolour to pen and wash and a vast range of subjects from landscape to portrait, botanical to natural history.







Find your ideal original artwork or unique gift at affordable prices.

The gallery will be closed from Dec 25 and reopen on Tuesday 10th of January.

Wishing you a merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

Giles Gallery of Pontyclun Tues - Friday 10-5pm Saturday 10 - 4pm



Art Students Exhibition



3rd December - 31st January

Tel: 07879035921 Email: beth@gilesgallery.com www.gilesgallery.com



Jill Jones Fine Art

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Limited Edn. Giclée Prints (Shown: 'Cherry Call') £95

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Art Classes • **Booked to Order**

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!

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. All courses are booked to order.

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.

Gift your loved one a Day's Art course for Christmas!

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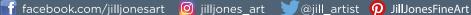














STORYTELLING COMES TO THE FORE IN LIFE: FULL COLOUR OPEN SHOW

"You're never going to kill storytelling, because it's built into the human plan. We come with it."

- Margaret Atwood

Life: Full Colour founder Sara McKee discusses

some of the tales shared by Welsh artists via their artwork featured in the gallery's 2022 open show.

e've always known that storytelling is the best way to capture people's imagination, build memories and forge bonds. It's no surprise that when we asked Welsh artists to create artwork that was "yn llawn emosiwn" they delivered some of the strongest stories we could imagine.

BAGGY BABY BY MANDY LANE

'Baggy Baby' by Mandy Lane captures the moments immediately after a child is born and before his skin pinks up. It's delicate, yet totally human to the extent it makes me want to tickle his toes. It encourages slow, close examination. It invites us to reflect on the miracle of new birth and the hope for the child's future. Visceral emotion in three dimensions. I'm desperate not to wake him up and I want to put a cover over him as we leave the gallery at night.

TRIGGER BY NICOLA ROGERS

'Trigger' by Nicola Rogers is the complete antithesis. It SHOUTS

from the canvas with colour, texture and script. Nicola is a passionate supporter of Wrexham AFC and committed to the cause of Yes Cymru and this passion oozes from every artwork she produces. I've positioned her painting on the castle wall, juxtaposed alongside our couch with a Frieda Kahlo-style cushion to emphasise cultural connection across the centuries.

Nicola tells today's story, while Frieda's life was cut short and she's became a feminist and LGBTQ+ icon after death. If only the stone walls could speak!

WINTER BONES, GRAIG BY CERI LEEDER

'Winter Bones, Graig' by Ceri Leeder tells its story through the medium of egg tempera taking us

right back to Renaissance painting practice first recorded by Cennino Cennini in his handbook "Il Libro Dell'Arte" published in 15th Century Italy. Cennini was a working artist of the day and his book reveals secrets and techniques of the masters in drawing, oil painting, frescoes, panel painting and much more. Here, we learn about the method of painting with egg on wood, brought into the 21st Century in Ceri Leeder's stunning panel. This particularly appeals to me as it follows in the footsteps of my hero, the master Giotto di Bondone.

There is so much more to take in at this year's show. I invite you to take time, sit, look and enjoy the stories of the art on our walls.



Sara McKee, Founder and Curator, Life: Full Colour



OPENING TIMES

The Life: Full Colour 2022 Open Show runs until 24 December 2022. The gallery is open every Wednesday to Saturday, 11am to 6pm Information: www.lifefullcolour.com









SHOW 2022



11 NOVEMBER - 24 DECEMBER 2022



23-25 Hole in the Wall Street, Caernarfon Open Wednesday to Saturday, 11am to 6pm www.lifefullcolour.com

Natural History Watercolour Artist **Tracey-Anne Sitch**



Christmas Events

Tracey-Anne will be attending two
Christmas events with
Made in Monmouthshire:

Abergavenny Garden Centre www.abergavennygardencentre.com

Thursday 1st December 3pm-8pm

Abergavenny Christmas street market St. John's Square (NE7 5EB) Saturday 10th December 9am-5pm

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See Tracey-Anne's work at: The Court Cupboard Gallery, Abergavenny, & Oriel Cric Gallery, Crickhowell www.courtcupboardgallery.co.uk | www.visitcrickhowell.wales www.madeinmonmouthshire.co.uk

Christmas Opening at Pauls Metal Crafting Gallery

Brynithel, Kingstone, HR2 9HJ

(opposite Kingstone High School) Look-out for the h.Art Signs We will be open Saturday & Sunday 26th-27th November & December 3rd-4th from 10.00 till 4pm Artists are:-

Paul Thomas re-purposed metal sculptures for the home and garden

Barbara Shaw Art In Textiles wonderful pictures created from scrap fabric. She will have framed original artwork, prints, cards, bags, coasters, cups and plates all with her fabulous designs.

Linda Thomas nature photographer with framed and mounted photographs, Enamel mugs, coasters and a Limited Edition Calendar.







PRE-CHRISTMAS SALE



To 17th Dec Christmas Delights Seasonal offerings







Wed to Fri, 10am to 3pm, Sat, 10am to 1pm

Meet the Artists 3rd/4th Dec 10am to 3pm

Unit 1, Rockfield Road, Hereford, HR1 2UA telephone · 01432 263 937

email · applestoregallery@btinternet.com web · https://www.applestoregallery.com

The Shed by the Stream / Jeni Pain





In a shed by a stream in my little bit of Wales I create cheerful and quirky pieces of art, using ceramic, driftwood, beach finds, scavenged wire, vintage treasures and re-purposed fabric. I love the magic of clay and combining my little creations with other materials, each piece unique and with its own story to tell. 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.



www.theshedbythestream.co.uk

Facebook: @theshedbythestream | Instagram: @theshedbythestream Email: theshedbythestream@gmail.com



Dawn Elliott-Jones Textile Artist

My love of sewing started in my teens when I had the opportunity to use my mother's sewing machine. I often chopped and altered my clothes to create something unique and later made clothes for my children.

I was able to indulge my passion and started formal training to develop my skills in my mid-thirties. After studying Art and Design at college, I was hooked and in 1999 I attended university and now have a BA honour's degree in Graphic Design.

Despite studying Graphic Design, it was fabric, paper, stitch and layers that took my interest. I love the way fabric frays and how torn paper reveals its fibres; allowing materials to relax into a less confined form.

See Dawn's work at:

The Makers Gallery, Crickhowell Oil & Oak shop, Hay-on-Wye Gallery 57, Newport

Commissions accepted.

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Elaine Jones Art

hristmas is a time when we think of our lost loved ones. 'When robins appear, loved ones are near', alludes to the belief that the robin is a messenger. When robins are seen, some people take comfort that loved ones are at peace, and many believe that their lost loved ones are visiting them. Robins are a harbinger of joy and good cheer throughout the festive season too. With this is mind, I have been creating robin inspired art and crafts, some watercolours, acrylics on wood slices and decoupaged slate and wood slices. All perfect gift ideas.

Based up in the hills just outside Llandovery, I am constantly inspired by my beautiful surroundings. A self taught multi-discipline artist and crafter, using mainly acrylics, oils and watercolours. Also air dry clay for oak crafts, jewellry making, needlefelting, decoupage and image transfer, pyrography and pressed flower art.

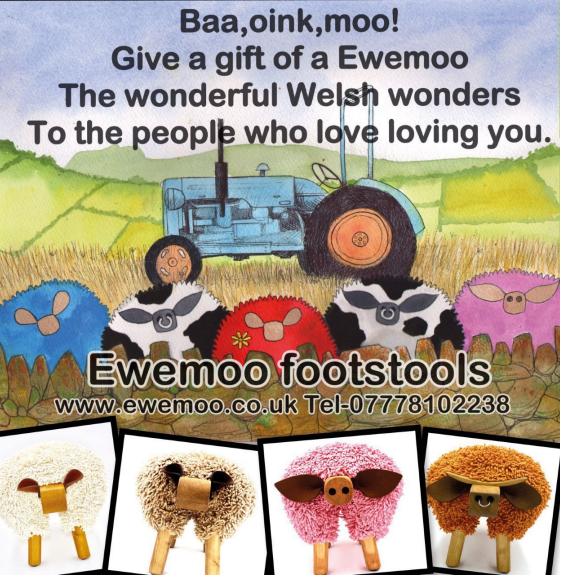
Over many years I have used a variety of painting techniques to transform neglected pieces of furniture and homewares. Not only has this given me an income, it has given me the confidence to use these skills as an artist.

Taking much inspiration from nature, my work has been described as enticing, uplifting and emotive, with a recent exhibition at Barry Hospital in collaboration with Arts for Health & Wellbeing. Also a Tywi Valley Open Studios artist.

My work is available to purchase straight from the studio, via Facebook, Instagram and various local creative outlets. I also have a website via Big Cartel:

www.elainejonesart.bigcartel.com

https://linktr.ee/elainejonesart Email - elainejonesart@gmail.com Phone – 07973687076



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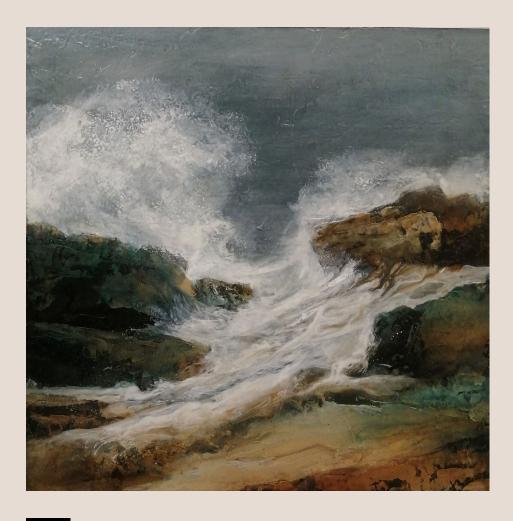
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PROVIDERS

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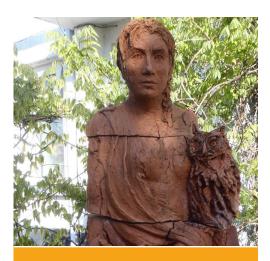
On top of this you will receive £40 a day reimbursement.

For Further Information contact: trevor@thebigskill.com www.thebigskill.com





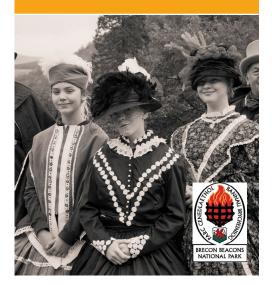




BEACONS OPEN STUDIOS

17th - 25th June 2023

Crafts & Arts
Trail



he recently opened
Gallery 57 Ltd sits in the
heart of the city centre
of Newport.

Established earlier this year by former newspaper editor Nicole Garnon, the gallery and shop showcases works by artists, ceramicists, jewellers and woodturners from south east Wales and further afield.

The aim is to become a platform for contemporary Welsh art and Wales-based artists.

In the future, Nicole aims to offer an exhibition space for solo and group shows on the upper floor of the building.

Currently, Gallery 57 Ltd stocks original art and sculpture, textile art, prints, cards, ceramics, jewellery and works created out of wood.

Gallery 57 can be found in Upper Dock Street, Newport, in a unit refurbished in recent

months as part of a nearby hotel development.

There has been a really positive response from artists and from the public in Newport since the gallery opened in November.

The shop is currently open six days a week from Tuesday to Sunday, and visitors are assured of a warm welcome.

Open from 9am to 5pm, Tuesday-Saturday, and from 10am-4pm on Sundays. Summer and public holiday opening times may vary.

Find us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

Any artists who would like to display their work in Gallery 57 Ltd are asked to email Nicole at:

gallery57Ltd2022@outlook.com



gallery

Gallery / Oriel 57, Unit 9, Chartist Tower, Upper Dock Street, Newport, NP20 1DX

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Naomi Bunker Sculpture

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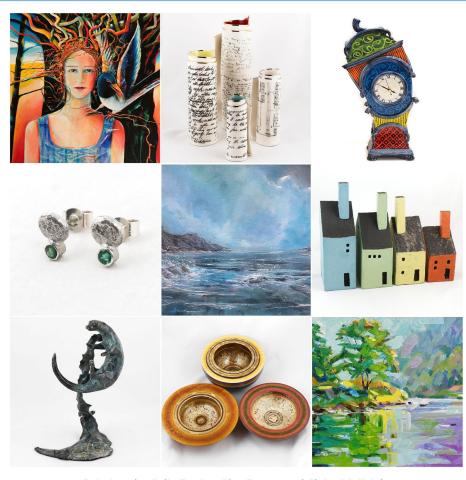
Naomi is a sculptor who lives and works in her farmhouse studio, which is in a secluded beauty spot in South Wales. She has lived in Wales since her childhood and feels a deep connection to the place and finds the rugged landscape inspiring.

The subject matters that she enjoys working with are figurative and wildlife pieces; they seem to be her forte. Naomi has found that the medium most suitable for her work is modelling in clay and casting into bronze. Her work has its own realistic style and is quite detailed, with serene subject matters.

Facebook: @naomibunkerartist | Tel: 01792 842069

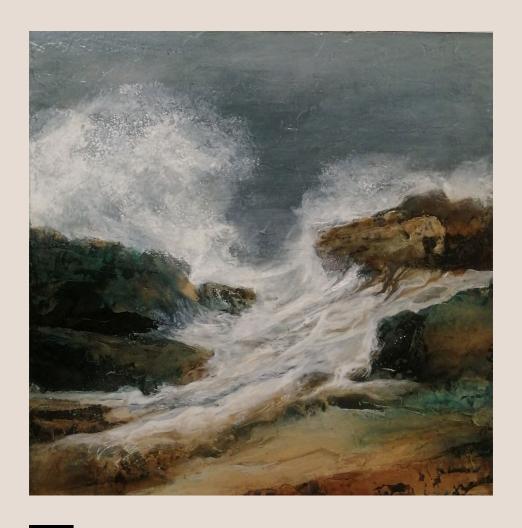
Bluestone Gallery

FINE CONTEMPORARY ART & CRAFT



Paintings by Colin Davies, Alex Brown and Claire McKnight Wooden bowls by Dennis Hales | Bronze otter by Shane Whitehead Ceramic clock by Ross Emerson | Houses by Sandro Provini Scroll vases by Diane Griffin | Studs by Lydia Niiziblian.

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