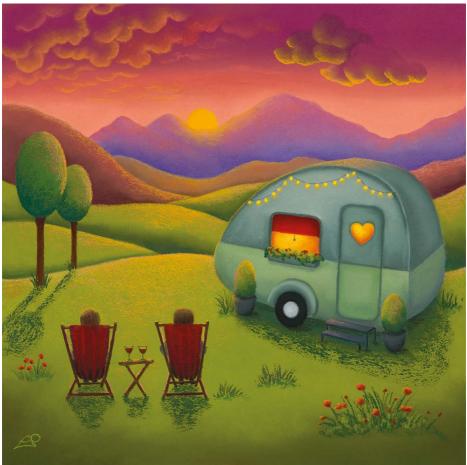




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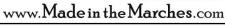
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I am fascinated by the fluidity of hot glass and the control required to work with it. I particularly enjoy allowing the material to dictate the form of the pieces in a natural way. My work has been developed through experimenting with layering different colours both solid and frit, to see how it affects the final form.

I am inspired by the way Mother Nature reclaims many aspects of human life - both architectural and other forms of everyday life. I am currently working on some new ideas inspired by the natural events of the past year.



Jill Jones Fine Art

ORIGINALS AND PRINTS FROM WEST WALES



"From Whitesands" (For the future): A piece created on New Year's Day 2021, following the year of COVID and heralding a brighter future on the horizon.



"Nightfall Far Dreaming" (Fresh West).



"Blue Lagoon."

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- Soul-inspired seascapes.
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JANTIEN POWELL

Jantien Powell is hugely inspired by the wonderful Welsh landscape and this is showcased in her exhibition of artworks all of which have been painted within a one mile radious of her home, Chapel Cottage Studio, just outside the village of Llanddewi Rhydderch. Including a wide variety of subjects from spectacular views to local characters, "Within A Mile" is also available as a hardback book, which can be purchased direct from Chapel Cottage Studio & the Oriel Cric Gallery in Crickhowell, once lockdown restrictions have been lifted.

ANDY CRAGG

An artist working with colour, texture and abstract landscape : paintings are influenced by the lines and slices of landscape in its abstract, conjuring recollections and moods of places past, present and invented.





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COPPERTOP CRAFTS

Born, raised and now living in Llangyndeyrn, Carmarthenshire.... my paintings and illustrations draw inspiration from everything Celtic and Welsh. My unique and recognisable style consists of familiar Brythonic motifs combined with global twists. This style has become known as the Celtangle.

I draw upon the proud Celtic imagery when providing a bespoke and personalised gift and design service. So if you are looking for that perfect bespoke piece of Welsh artwork or special gift.... pop across to my Facebook or Instagram page and take a look at my previous commissions.



LYN ART WALES

My paintings are very much inspired by my time spent in Wales and in particular, Pembrokeshire with the beautiful coastline, harbours and villages. Now working mainly in acrylics I have developed my own unique style, which in my mind reflects the colours and bold outlines of the Welsh land/sea/scape and harbours which I so love.

I have on sale a variety of very affordable Giclee Prints, Canvas Prints (various sizes) and Greeting Cards, all taken from my original paintings. I can also provide mounts and frames.

JENNIFER ALSOP

Inspired by her Welsh landscapes, seascapes, wildlife and botanicals, 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! Jennifer's work can be purchased direct via email or at her Artfinder page.

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FRANCES GREEN

Frances has been an artist for over 15 years, having studied Icon Painting at St. Michael's Theological College, Cardiff and attended retreats in Egypt, Assisi, Walsingham, Belmont Abbey and Hereford Cathedral. "I like the whole process from the preparation of the panels, making the paint and drawing the design, to finally gilding and painting. The fact that it is a historical process is part of the appeal. I also like to paint on driftwood collected from Welsh Beaches."

In addition to egg tempera, Frances also paints botanicals in watercolour and during normal times offers a 'drawing for the terrified' group and a Botanical Sketch book Group in Monmouth.

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BLODAU ARIAN

Blodau Arian aka Jayne designs, hand makes eco-friendly jewellery from her workshop in the Black Mountains. Her pieces are inspired by the natural beauty of the mountains, forests and coast of her native South Wales. As a former senior lecturer in Environmental science, sustainability has always been at the heart of laynes work. She uses near 100% recycled silver & gold, only recycled or ethically sourced stones and runs a zero-waste business which is soon to be carbon positive. She feels it's only right that her jewellery, which is inspired by nature, should help to preserve







WARREN HEATON

I want to paint nature just as she is in all her seasons and in all her moods. I want to produce paintings with a freshness and energy, that convey a sense of the longing I feel when presented with the beauty of nature, whatever the weather.

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> Oriel Fach Gallery 21 Main Street Solva Pembrokeshire SA62 6UU

THE SHED BY THE STREAM

In a little corner of West Wales, there's a shed by a stream. It's here that I create my cheerful and quirky little pieces of art, using ceramic, driftwood, beach treasure, scavenged wire and re-purposed fabric. I have been playing with clay for 30 years, and still find it magical with endless possibilities! A few themes run through my work but each piece is unique and made with a sprinkle of love and that magic!

My work can be found in several Galleries in Wales and I have a shiny new website for perusal, I am always happy to discuss commissions.

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Black Rock evening, Solva. Oil on canvas 36" x 48"
 Skies over Castell Coch. Oil on canvas 50" x 60"
 Pwll Whiting. Oil on canvas 24"x 40"



ELAINE JONES

Based up in the hills just outside Llandovery I can be found in my old railway carriage studio overlooking the Black Mountains. Constantly inspired by my beautiful surroundings taking much inspiration from my local area. I class myself as a self taught mixed media artist using mainly acrylics and watercolours plus air dry clay for ooak crafts, jewellery making, needlefelting, decoupage, image transfer, pyrography and pressed flower art. I have a passion for painting flowers, roses to be specific, as well as landscapes and seascapes.

VLAD-ART

Vlad-Art was established in 2017. I'm happy to say that I have sold many original paintings & prints since and I am now an established successful selling artist. I'm excited to announce that in the summer of this year, I will be opening my own gallery, in Priory Street, Cardigan. My work captures the pure beauty of Wales and my gallery will showcase my colourful paintings of the area, offering a wide choice to everyone. I am hoping that many visitors to the area and local people, will call in and see me.

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CARIAD GLASS

Chris and Justine Dodd run their stained glass studio from Llandysul, Ceredigion and despite the challenges of 2020, have seen their business go from strength to strength.

Their artisan work encompasses the beauty of their Welsh surroundings, and includes hand painted, kiln fired work as well as using traditional tools and techniques, all of which is available to order directly through their website, galleries and exhibitions.

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JOANNA RICHARDS

I'm a Ceramic Artist in South Wales, Risca. My influences are from nature within my local surroundings. I love natural forms from the earth and the sea and I make a range of stonewear ceramic pieces from Sculptural forms to functional wear such as Fairy t'light Castles, Fairy Houses, Vases and Leaf wall plates. I use materials pressed into the clay to give a textured effect. I also make by hand the flowers, leaves and vines that you see on my pieces. If you are interested in my work please go to my social media pages and my online shop.

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PRINTURCHIN PRESS & BINDERY

I'm a fine art printmaker and lecturer, based in Cardiff and owner of PrintUrchin Press & Bindery. I run workshops and I also make books, which extends the possibilities of the printed image. Why not have an object that is useful as well as beautiful? Why not have a unique print that you can take with you? Much of my work is inspired by found objects from beachcombing in Wales. From my drawings I make woodcuts & lino prints which I use for my sketchbook designs. Every book is unique and hand bound with specialist fine art papers.

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ANNA CROSS

I take my inspiration from the natural wonders of the world, mainly focusing on the colour and form of creatures native to my local area, Pembrokeshire. I create art pieces using freehand embroidery, textiles and painting. I produce original pieces ranging in size and mounted A3 prints.

Last year I opened my Gallery, 'Ton Glas Gallery', it features my work and the work of other artists in my family. We prepare and sell fresh dressed crab and lobster also from the Gallery, caught locally by my partner and son.

Links to my work and the gallery are: www.annacrosstextileartist.com Facebook: Anna Cross, Textile Artist Facebook : Ton Glas Gallery - Blas Y Mor Seafood Instagram: annacrosstextile





year ago artist David Hockney unveiled a new painting which featured bright yellow daffodils and was entitled "Do remember they can't cancel the spring" to lift the spirits of people around the world. With the arrival of spring and the anticipation of galleries being able to reopen during April, this sentiment still holds fast. It was with great disappointment that the annual Crickhowell Open Studios weekend and the Open Art exhibitions were cancelled, but the gallery is very much looking forward to welcoming visitors and resuming its exhibition programme for the rest of the year.

When the doors open, much of the work in the oriel cric gallery will pay homage to the eternal joys of spring. Collectors and admirers of paintings by Tim Rossiter will find joy in his oil painting "Paradise Birds" while Martin Truefitt-Baker's linoprint "Spring Swallows" and Kay Leverton's scraperboard "Swallows Gathering" both embrace this exciting time of the year. Colour, light and variety all contribute to an uplifting exhibition which includes painting, printmaking, ceramics, sculpture and jewellery.

The gallery is very pleased to be exhibiting new work by David Roy Kerton. His sought after acrylic paintings of the Welsh Valleys capture both atmosphere and a true sense of place and are sure to delight visitors to the gallery. A selection of paintings from Jantien Powell's collection "Within a Mile: Portrait of a Village" evokes a similar sense of belonging and discovery.



L-R: David Roy Kerton, Jantien Powell

Please keep an eye on www.orielcric.wales or on @orielcric on social media for confirmation of opening dates and times. The CRiC staff and volunteers look forward to once again welcoming visitors to Crickhowell.

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T-B: Martin Truefitt-Baker, Valerie James, Kay Leverton, Tim Rossiter.





Art to Make You Smile

Award winning artist, Lucy Pittaway, is loved for her humorous depictions of the sights and sounds of daily life in the Yorkshire Dales. Browse her collections and you can't help but smile, there is a real-life story in every piece, from vibrant sheep art inspired by her twins and family life to colourful depictions of farmyard animals. You'll also find a range of cycling art, contemporary landscapes and inquisitive highland cows.



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During March and early April, we have the fabulous group of artists, Abstract Edge, with their online exhibition, and going into April and May, the fantastic work of Yvonne Crossley will be on display. You can view all our exhibitions on our website, as well as in person, and all the work is for sale.

Volunteers: If you would like to help us stay open, and have fun as part of our team, you can offer some time as a volunteer. You can help out in the shop, gallery, garden and café, or choose your favourite option! We offer some travel expenses, a staff lunch, and each year, one free workshop hosted at Bleddfa. Pop an email to hello@bleddfacentre.org for more information.

Online Activities and Events:

Each month, our Chair, Matthew Trustman, is running two Mindfulness Meditation sessions over Zoom.

Every third Thursday, we are in collaboration with The Hours Bookshop from Brecon, holding "Conversation With...", talking to a different variety of writers, performers and artists.

Our exhibition programme is busy each

month, with wonderful selection of artists and craftsfolk displaying their creations.

We also have partnered up with The Big Skill cic, to bring you a weekend in June, full of free workshops, exhibitions and music to celebrate Midsummer, held in our orchard and Barn.

h.Art returns in September, and we are always delighted to be part of this fantastic art trail; this year we will have around 20 artists participating.

You can find out more by emailing hello@bleddfacentre.org, or click on the 'sign up' form on our website to receive our monthly newsletter: www.bleddfacentre.org

Some of you may know that, to raise much needed funds, the Centre has collaborated with Adele Nozedar and Gower Gin Company... The Bleddfa Spirit, a hand-foraged, botanical gin is available to buy from the Centre, which is a wonderful gift for you or a friend, but more importantly, helps us maintain our creative programme. If you would like to pre-order your limited edition, for yourself, or as a gift, please email hello@bleddfacentre.org

Emma would like to give special thanks to Adele Nozedar for her invaluable help with choosing the botanicals, and foraging for them too! Adele is a renowned author and foraging 'guru' - you can find out more about her work and courses here: https://breconbeaconsforaging.com/

On the website you can also find out about workshops, events, yoga classes, meditation sessions and much more. Or find out how to hire the Hall Barn for events or weddings. www.bleddfacentre.org You can also find Bleddfa on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. If you would like to receive the newsletter, pop an email to Emma at hello@bleddfacentre.org, or find out about becoming a Friend of Bleddfa, bu signing up to an annual subscription, or if you prefer, donation as a one-off payment... very many thanks to all our supporters!





Down by the Riverside

S arah hadn't long taken over her new premises 'down by the river', when we went into lockdown once again and she had surgery putting her out of action for a while. The past few months have therefore been a little quiet on the creative front.

February proved a little difficult as around the time of the anniversary of the 2020 floods the river rose once again. Thankfully not as high as last year. It is great to see that other premises nearby are reopening following repairs and refurbishment.

As we now go into Spring, things are starting to look up as hopefully we are able to once more open the doors to the public with COVID precautions in place. Sarah has been keeping busy over the past few months, studying and reading modern art. Sarah's has been inspired, following a visit to the Picasso museum in Paris last year and in undertaking an abstract art course online. She is looking forward to 2021 where her work will evolve into contemporary styles, however traditional roots and style of work will still be therein some of her work and never far away! The countryside, the people (the allotment!) and the town of Crickhowell are still going to feature.

Sarah still has work exhibited in the 'White Rooms' next to her studio. If you would like to view, it is currently appointment only. As we go further into 2021 and COVID guidelines permit the doors will be open to visitors once again and opportunities for other artists to come and work alongside in the space. Jewellery making workshops are also on the agenda again but this is dependant on guidelines and space allowance.

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Giles Gallery is an award winning arts & crafts gallery situated in the heart of its community. Exhibiting & promoting local creative talent, Giles Gallery offers original arts & crafts, gifts & cards, bespoke framing, art supplies, experienced advice & creative workshops.

The gallery will be reopening from the 13th April 2021, covid safety measures will be in place in accordance to government guidelines.

Details of upcoming exhibitions & courses can be found at:

www.gilesgallery.com and social media pages.

Giles Gallery is proud to be the official representative and print supplier of, Rhondda artist, Elwyn Thomas.



Elwyn's work is, almost exclusively, themed around the Rhondda Valleys,

often the Rhondda Fach and the areas in which he was born and raised.



Elwyn is known by many as an art teacher from his time working at schools such as Ferndale Grammar and later Ferndale Comprehensive. After retiring in 1987, Elwyn took up painting full-time and continues to enjoy acclaim and success.

Giles Gallery is currently developing an online portfolio of a wide range of Elwyn's work, including sketches, etchings and previously unseen works. The site will provide collectors and fans with the opportunity to purchase prints directly. Until then we have put together a small selection of works currently available as 12×8 inch prints (mounted for 16×12 inch frames) which cost £42 (excluding postage). To purchase, please contact the gallery.



Giles Gallery back open from 13th april 2021



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www.gilesgallery.com Tel: 01443 228638 Email: beth@gilesgallery.com The Makers Gallery in Crickhowell is a unique, inclusive space for artisans to display and sell their work, ranging from watercolours to ceramics, quilts to wood turning, cards to photography, glass to jewellery, willow to wreaths, textiles to sculpture.



The gallery is curated by Emma Bevan, supported by the collective of over 20 makers, plus visiting artists who can book a display area too. They reopen Tuesday 13th April, 10:30-3:30 (current opening hours: Tues-Sat each week, plus one Sunday a month). Each member also helps to steward the Gallery, so you're always ensured a warm welcome into this beautiful space. Workshops can run from here too, once current restrictions lift; you can book willow weaving, needle felting, painting, wreath making, mosaics, or knitting, for example.

The Gallery has something for everyone, with a wonderful range of handmade wares, and varied prices mean everyone can afford to treat themselves! The Makers is very popular with locals and visitors, and has the added bonus of being situated above the delicious Latte-Da Cafe.

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