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Scraper Board Art Exhibited at the Oriel Cric Gallery, Crickhowell: Artist, Kay Leverton



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



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Into the Light

Work encompassing the beauty and essence of The Marches, from local Artists and Makers.



Jo Halder

A delightful decadence of decorations, unique gifts & beautiful cards, lovingly designed & made locally. This exhibition spans National Tree Week: we applaud all the varied beauty of our bountiful woodlands, at a time when festive evergreens are getting all the attention!

MadeintheMarches.com Tues - Sat, 10am - 5pm

All we want for Christmas...is a EWEMOO!

Fast becoming a Welsh emblem, Ewemoo's can once again be found at one of Cardiff's most Christmassy events, the Cardiff Christmas Craft Market.

With their popularity soaring, these little beauties need to be ordered in

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advance if you'd like a particular colour. There are lots to choose from and all are hand crafted to perfection.

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Contemporary Finger Painting Chiara Magni Art



 ombing styles between impressionism, abstract and fantasy, Italian artist, Chiara Magni's incredible oil
paintings are created entirely with her fingers!

"By using my fingers I feel in contact with the paint and the canvas in a very pleasant way and I am in full control of the colour. I've always been in a constant search for something new and for a technique that I could perform well while being able to communicate with my audience. I've had to be able to master all of the basic painting techniques and mediums, then I tried FINGER PAINTING and something clicked and I realized that it was the right style for me."

When asking what inspires her art, Chiara says, "I listen to my muse and like to observe my day to day life and see what colours and scenarios Mother nature has to offer, that is the best way for me to stay inspired. Everything that I see that might be a good subject for a painting, then gets elaborated and filtered by my mind and view point in such a way I can really put my personality and my touch on each

painting".

Chiara's Art will be in display in Zurich from December at the Ethnicity Art Gallery and from the end of November a collection of her paintings will be in display at the Apartment Art Gallery, which is at 31 Revenscroft Rd, London, W4 5EQ.

https://apartmentartgallerylondon.uk

To stay up to date with latest news and for regular updates on her latest work and exhibitions, follow Chiara on social media platforms Facebook & Instagram: @chimfineart

Chiara is always open to commissions and happy to exhibit/sell work in galleries throughout the UK, please email for further details: chiarammagni@gmail.com



Archipelago 80cm circular panel

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Creating abstract free-flowing art with immense detail and texture, Amy Salisbury is breaking boundaries, with new and exciting methods to create her unique and striking work.

This extraordinary method, which yields incredible results, is created using a combination of acrylic paint, a variety of additives and often the application of heat. Then by spreading the paint and tilting the surface, this gives the 'flow' effect and creates Amy's signature style.

"I am happiest when I'm in my studio, whether working with a paintbrush or creating different effects with other materials. Getting up the next morning to see how the paints have developed overnight is incredible. If I could film every tiny movement in slow motion I would."

Amy is Inspired by nature - especially the underwater world (see her Blue Planet collection) and also outer space and the photography taken by NASA!

All of Amy's work is available via her website: www.amysalisburyart.com



Gold Wake 60cm high gloss finish

AMY SALISBURY www.amysalisburyart.com

Her art is on display at Cardiff Frame in Llanishen and in January 2020, Amy will be exhibiting at Hearth Gallery in Llandough Hospital. She is currently looking for further exhibition space in South Wales.

Amy has also been shortlisted for the Royal Arts Prize 2020 and will be a part of their exhibition in February. Spanning over 2 London Galleries, this will be held at La Galleria Pall Mall and The Royal Opera Arcade Gallery. These Galleries are sister Galleries, which are opposite each other, located in one of London's oldest Arcades.

Whilst Amy does offer a wide range of art at very reasonable prices, you could be lucky enough to own her work for much less, by bidding on it at Shelter Cymru's Art Auction. Visit their website for further details: **sheltercymru.org.uk**

Contact Amy direct to purchase work, either by visiting her at her studio or call/email. Alternatively it can also be purchased online at Saatchi Art:

saatchiart.com/account/artworks/696110

www.chimfineart.com



Blue Magpie Contemporary Craft Fair

Imslie House are excited to announce that following their recent expansion, The Blue Magpie Contemporary Craft Fair being held over the weekend of November 16th & 17th, will be their biggest two day event to date.

Now spanning over two floors of this historic Grade II listed home and venue, there will be a further café area added and even more makers exhibiting in the new spaces, which are currently undergoing refurbishment to provide a new Yoga Studio, Meeting room and Conference/Workshop facilities.

With over 30 Designer-Makers exhibiting in disciplines ranging from glass to wood, ceramics to textiles, jewellery and mixed media art - there is bound to be something for everyone, and a great opportunity to get ahead with buying Christmas gifts.

This year, Elmslie House are introducing a small admission charge of £2 per Adult (accompanied children go free), but in return, your ticket will be entered into a raffle draw to win a bag of Designer-Maker goodies.

The Fair is open from 10.30 to 4.30 on both Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th November. Follow the Magpie . . .!".

CONTEMPORARY CRAFT FAIR Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th November

10.30 - 4.30pm £2 Admission (Children Free)



Read more about this year's exhibitors on our website: www.elmsliehouse.co.uk



















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37 designer-makers exhibiting in a changing line-up over 2 floors with a tea-room open all weekend

Elmslie House, 8 Avenue Road, Malvern WR14 3AG





Discover what makes the Cardiff Christmas Market so unique

Cardiff Christmas Market 2019 Thursday 14 November to Monday 23 December

Trading Hours; Monday to Saturday 10am to 6pm Sunday 10am to 5pm Locations: St John Street, Working Street, the Hayes, Hills Street and Trinity Street

Craft*folK have organised and developed the Cardiff Christmas Market in the pedestrian heart of Cardiff City Centre for over 20 years. We continue to be committed to providing a platform for artists, crafts people and food and drink producers to exhibit and sell their exceptional work directly to the general public. In today's economic climate it is more important than ever to protect our arts and crafts heritage, to ensure that there is always a place in retailing for originality and diversity

Unlike the Christmas Markets you may find in other cities when you visit Cardiff, you can be assured that you will be purchasing original work from each and every one of our talented makers: bespoke silver jewellery, wooden turned gifts, original artwork across all mediums, beautiful fused glass work, hand thrown ceramics, handmade quilts and textiles, traditional pewter gifts and slate products to name just a few combined with a variety of seasonal food and drink to create a vibrant Christmas atmosphere. You can also chat with them about their work, the making process, and discuss commissions if you wish.

Whilst we welcome returning exhibitors none of them rest on their laurels. As their craft is also their business, they are always creating

new pieces of work thus ensuring that their stalls always look fresh and innovative. For example, Mike Cole from Tangled Web is a fantastic jeweller and sculptor working in a wide range of metals, including enamels. He is currently working on a new range of beautiful metal and enamel pieces to be used in the home and as water features for the garden. You will also see lots of new faces, testing out the market with their own work in our Taster Stalls located in Trinity Street.

A comprehensive list of all participants will be published on our website closer to the start of the market including their trading dates, and stall number, as not everyone takes part for the full event.

If you are planning to visit the market whether individually or as part of a coach trip and require further information about the market or would like us to send you our leaflet, please get in touch.

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Thurs 14 Nov 2019 to Mon 23 Dec 2019

Dorothy Morris Art

New work this Autumn for Ty Celf in Llanelli



Dorothy's work can also be seen at Origins in Carmarthen, The Calon Y Fferi Centre The White Lion Ferryside and The Three River's Hotel.

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CRe**A**t**E@Greenspace**

"A Community Organisation offering art and craft projects"

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There is big news from artist and Create @Greenspace owner, Dorothy Morris "We are delighted to announce that 'Create at Greenspace' has been awarded a Grant from the Big Lottery Fund to run the 'Young at Art' project, which will work with OAP'S, Carers, people with disabilities and the children of Ysgol Glan Y Fferi.



Dorothy would also like to announce that Create at Greenspace has also been awarded a grant from the Ashley Family Foundation to run art and craft classes for young people struggling in main stream education. "So many young people suffer from mental health issues and it's sadly on the increase, Create at Greenspace aims to provide a space, a sanctuary where they can enjoy some time out from the stresses of modern day life."



Dorothy's work can also be seen at Origins in Carmarthen, The Calon Y Fferi Centre The White Lion Ferryside and The Three River's Hotel.

Email: Dorothy_morris@hotmail.com to find out more.

arren Day is a landscape painter specialising in trees, forests and rural landscapes predominately of the Forest of Dean, Wye Valley and surrounding area showing paths and trackways, undergrowth and scrubland, a variety of deciduous and evergreen trees, and forms of integrated man-made activity.

What distinguishes his work are the real earth samples that are integrated into the artwork adding texture and literally a piece of the scenery reinforcing the connection between the landscape and the painting. On closer inspection one can see small fragments of leaves, seeds and other organic matter within this 'living painting medium'. Mixed media and gouache painting capture the exquisite and highly detailed beauty.

From university to commercial illustrator working for clients such as Punch magazine and the Radio Times, Warren has spent the last 24 years as a fully qualified Art and Design teacher. He lives in the Forest of Dean with his family where he tutors in an exciting local arts centre and works from his studio located on the edge of the forest.

Warren's work can be seen/bought at Creates Gallery in Monmouth.



Other-Wordly – Puzzlewood



Symonds Yat-Falcons View

Warren exhibits regularly and enjoys cross country running through this inspirational landscape that is a continuous reference for his paintings. For any commissions, prints of his work, comments or questions, please contact Warren directly via his website:

www.warrendaypaintings.com Email: warrenday.paintings@gmail.com Facebook: @warrendaypaintings Tel: 07528 394963

Warren Day



Winter Morning Trail

www.warrendaypaintings.com



rickhowell, which at the best of times is a desirable destination for shopping, browsing or just lingering over a drink or meal, certainly epitomises the magic of Christmas.

The festive exhibition in the oriel CRiC gallery offers the perfect start to the holiday season and the perfect way to get in the festive mood on Saturday 23 November when the aallery staff and volunteers will join in the town festivity by welcoming guests with warming mulled drinks and mince pies from midday onwards. Once again it will be a treat to explore the Centre's selection of cards, nativity calendars, gifts and Welsh products before venturing upstairs to the beautiful exhibition of paintings, prints, glass, ceramics, jewellery, gifts and decorations. It is a lovely destination to browse for affordable unusual gifts and enjoy the unique creativity of the exhibitors.

With something for everyone in Crickhowell, Santa will arrive at his new custom-built grotto at the Market Hall in the High Street at 12.30. With much festivity and entertainment in the town, he will in his cosy grotto till 4.15 and will oversee the switching on of the town lights at 4.30pm.



IMAGES: Janet Chaplin, Sarah Lawton, Kay Leverton.

The original and unique shopping experience does however not end there. Crickhowell's popular annual Late Night Thursday shopping evening is set for the Thursday 5th of December. All in all you'll find everything in Crickhowell that you could possibly need to light up the dark winter months and create the perfect Christmas.

Christmas at CRiC 12 Nov - 5 Jan 2020

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crickhowell.co.uk Decoration by Rachael Blakeway

Creative Gifts

Taurus Crafts Christmas markets look set to be the area's go-to venue for real world festive shopping where you can meet producers, artists, and crafts people. The special market weekends will be running from the 30th November until the 15th December with a larger number of guest traders than ever before complimenting the on-site artisan businesses, cafés and gift shops based at the charity run venue.







Over 20 performances; ukulele bands, singing groups, choirs, flute choir, as well as an ever-growing number of school choirs. "A favourite choir of our visitors' are returning this year, The Wyedean School Gospel Choir. Run by the students themselves this choir is upbeat, and with 40 members really puts on a show for the crowd, singing contemporary versions of classics and modern chart songs"

New to the market weekends this year is an activity area. Here families can get creative with artist Jaymelee Cooper who will provide all the equipment, materials and expert know-how so budding crafters can get making. She has planned a series of affordable drop in workshops that will focus on using natural materials to make seasonal gifts and decorations.

NEW THIS YEAR

Pop-Up Festive Showcase 21st **and 22**nd **Dec, 10am-5pm** Live musical performances, festive food and drink, pop up stalls from local artists, and children's activities.



Charity Christmas Trees

Taurus Crafts Christmas trees have all been sourced within 15 miles of the visitor centre, as they want to support local foresters and keep the environmental impact as small as possible. Another step they have taken into consideration is customers concern about single-use plastic and the environment. They are proud to be using biodegradable netting for all of their Christmas tree's this year, so the netting will degrade in a similar way to nature's waste.

"An additional benefit of purchasing one of our trees is that, as a charity that supports adults with learning and other disabilities, the proceeds of purchasing one of our Christmas trees will help us to continue the work we do providing a safe space to develop and learn to lead a life of opportunity for the people we support."

There will be great range of Christmas trees from 4ft to 8ft available from 30th November. If you require a specific size call or email Taurus Crafts. taurus crafts christmas markets

camphill village trust

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ant hand crafted gifts that are made by hand with skill and love?! Here, we're showcasing a collection of some of the very best artists/makers, whose skillful work makes for beautiful and creative gifts this Christmas."



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1. CATHY MILES www.cathymilesceramics.co.uk Etsy: CathyMilesCeramics Email: cm.ceramics@aol.co.uk

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Cathy is a self taught ceramicist working from her garden studio in the beautiful Cotswolds. Creating hand built gifts and homewares, her work reflects her dislike of symmetry by having 'imperfect' elements such as irregular or uneven edges. She feels that this adds to the character of each piece and clearly sets her work aside from factory produced ceramics.

Instagram: cathymilesceramics

Facebook: cathymilesceramics

Cathy's work can be bought on line or by messaging her direct through one of the platforms listed.







2. WOODY WOODSPIRIT www.madeinmonmouthshire.co.uk E-mail: woodywoodspirit@gmail.com Twitter: @woodyspirit Instagram: @woodyspirit Facebook: @woodywoodspirit

I carve woodspirits, greenmen, spoons, bowls, jewellery, little people, and anything else that the wood dictates. I aim to use only traditional methods and hand tools: axes, adze, knives, spoon gouges among other edge tools to carve mainly green (unseasoned) wood.

I actively promote carving, and in particular spoon carving, as a method of supporting mental health and well-being, and am currently involved in a project, which is being exhibited around the country, having started in May at the British Medical Association headquarters in London.

Woody WoodSpirit takes commissions and can provide carving courses. His next event will be Christmas in the Courtyard in Abergavenny on December 7th.

> 3. WELSH VALLEY SOAPERY www.welshvalleysoapery.co.uk E: welshvalleysoapery@outlook.com Facebook: @Welshvalleysoapery Instagram: @Welshvalleysoapery

Welsh Valley Soapery are a small business in their first year, based in Dowlais, a beautiful Welsh Valley village.

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5. ELLIE BURTON GLASS www.ellieburtonglass.co.uk

Ever since the first induction into the hot glass workshop, I have fallen in love with the material. 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. I also find the effect colour can have on the form of a piece extremely interesting. These pieces have 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 concept of urban decay. The way man made structures become forgotten about and left to Mother Nature to reclaim. I plan to continue exploring the way glass dictates its final form in a natural way, and also how I can further express the reclamation of urban spaces by Mother Nature.

4. MA'S COUNTRY CRAFTST: 07779 695342E: mascountrycrafts@gmail.com

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For something truly special this Christmas, why not order a personalised, hand crafted wooden gift box by Ma's Country Crafts?!

Made to order, these beautiful boxes come in a range of sizes and are either painted or decoupaged for the vintage Christmas lover.

Bespoke Christmas decorations and advent calendars are also available, order now to receive in time for 1st December.

See Ma's Country Crafts at Llanyrafon Manor's Christmas Craft events and at this year's Usk Christmas Market.



 he Marches Makers are pleased to announce plans for the 2020 Festival.

Next year the May bank holiday has been moved to the weekend 8-10 May to mark the 75th anniversary of VE day; we have decided to continue with our usual slot of the first May weekend and run a slightly different event.

Following the success of this year's festivals demonstration programme we are focussing on 'art in action' for the 2020 event: Marches Makers Live.

We are creating a programme of participatory workshops, art & craft demonstrations and open studios in venues in the centre of Kington over the weekend. To complement the activities there will be exhibitions of small but perfectly formed artworks in Made in the Marches Gallery and Kington Baptist Chapel.

We hope that you will be game to rise to this size limited challenge and would love for you to contribute works to the exhibition of miniature works: 2-D works no larger than 150 x 150 mm, 3-D works no larger than 150 x 150 x 150 mm.



INVITES LOCAL ARTISTS to be part of an EXHIBITION OF MINIATURE WORKS at 'MARCHES MAKERS LIVE' 2nd & 3rd May 2020

For more information about taking part: MadeintheMarches.com/MarchesMakers

If you would like to be involved in the LIVE part of the festival weekend by giving a demonstration, leading a participatory workshop or opening your studio, please send your expression of interest to:

mmfcoordinator@gmail.com

Keep an eye on madeinthemarches. com/marchesmakers for updates, information & FAQs while the Marches Makers website is under development.

In the meantime, if you have any queries about taking part, please get in touch with Marches Makers Festival Coordinators, Freya & Annie: mmfcoordinator@gmail.com



FUSED GLASS DECORATIONS



Ingrid Walker (Pyramid Glass) is returning to Giles Gallery this November with a new workshop. Learn how to create a variety of unique handmade Christmas decorations which will make a perfect personalised gift or keepsake.

> Sunday November 15th 10.00am - 12.30pm Sunday November 15th 1.30pm - 4.00pm £30 pp (£55 for both sessions)

PROSECCO & PAINT POURING

Join Claire Timbrel (Daffirose) for an evening of paint pouring. Have a go at the painting trend taking the US & UK by storm - acrylic pouring. It's messy, fun and anyone can do it!

Friday November 22nd 7.00pm - 9.00pm £25 pp (2 for £40) Includes a glass of Prosecco



CHRISTMAS FLORAL WORKSHOPS



Louise Latham is running a series of workshops designed to meet you festive floral needs and alleviate some of the seasonal stress this Christmas period.

Christmas Wreath Workshop: Wednesday December 4th 6.30pm - 8.00pm Christmas Wreath Workshop: Saturday December 7th 11.00am - 12.30pm Christmas Terrarium Workshop: Saturday December 14th 11.00am - 12.30pm Festive Table Florals Workshop: Saturday December 21st 11.00am - 12.30pm

See website for booking details