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North Somerset Arts

Newsletter
March 2024

News

NORTH SOMERSET ARTS

May 17, 18 & 19 2024

- Quality local art for sale
- Artist talks and demonstrations
- Children's "pocket money" stall
- Fun creative activities



MEMBERS' EXHIBITION



OPEN TIMES:

Fri 17th: 6pm-8pm Preview (all welcome)

Sat 18th: 10am - 6pm

Sun 19th: 10am - 3pm

Failand Village Hall
Oxhouse Lane
Failand
N Somerset
BS83TS



on 17th - 19th May. Members should have received an email with a link to the sign up form - if not, please email hello@northsomersetarts.org.

We will be putting together a variety of artist talks and demonstrations and the full programme will be released at the beginning of May.

Weston Artspace Fundraiser



"It is with sadness we share the news that Weston Artspace will no longer be operating at 73 High Street, its current home for the past 5 years. The building is owned by North Somerset Council and their plans are to refurbish and rent it to a commercial operator, so we need to find a new space to base ourselves in. We're fully aware that this news isn't just sad; for many, it's going to be painfully hard to take in. Weston Artspace

is more than just a building – it's been a community, a safe space, and a source of joy for so many. We have watched as our members have grown in confidence and found new opportunities to develop their creative work. We are proud to have created and supported countless opportunities for people to get real, paid work in the arts. The arts and cultural scene in Weston is flourishing, and Weston Artspace has been right at the beating heart of it. Despite losing our High Street home, we remain positive for our future. So many friendships and networks have grown out Weston Artspace, and we know these will continue to grow to support people to keep on being creative. Our aim is to move to a new space in the town centre, and we are currently working hard behind the scenes researching options and trying to make this happen. We need your support more than we ever have to keep our vibrant creative community growing. We are currently planning a series of workshops and exhibitions before we leave the building so watch this space! In the meantime, we are open for you to come and create with us 10-3 Tuesday-Saturday (subject to changes due to volunteer staffing) and we will keep you updated with developments as we have news on them.

Can you help us raise much needed funds for the move, set up costs and to fund at least the first month as we get set up. Please give generously so we can continue our wonderful growing creative community!" <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/re-locate-weston-artspace>

Call for Artists



WELLS ART CONTEMPORARY

Call for entries

Wells Art Contemporary 2024

Wells Art Contemporary is calling for entries in all mediums (including painting, drawing, print, sculpture, installation, photo, video and more).

Artists can enter Wells Art Contemporary 2024 to...

- **Show their work to a prestigious panel of judges**
- **Exhibit in Wells Cathedral, Somerset**
- **Win a wide range of awards**, including cash prizes, a residency in Provence, France, gallery feature opportunities, one-on-one mentoring, and twenty £200 bursaries.

WAC provides two ways for artists to showcase work:

The Gallery Show:

- Calling for: **artworks in all mediums.**
- Selectors: artists **Tessa Coleman, Katherine Jones RA, and Shanti Panchal.**
- Deadline: **Thursday 9 May 2024, 5pm BST.**
- Entry portal: <https://new.artopps.co.uk/opportunities/wells-art-contemporary2024>

The Installation Show:

- Calling for: proposals for **site-specific installations** and interventions. This year, the Installation show is offering a unique opportunity of a **£200 bursary, awarded to the twenty selected artists.**
- Selectors: **Mary Branson, Jacqueline Creswell, and Victor Ehikhamenor.**
- Deadline: **Monday 11 March 2024, 5pm GMT.**
- Entry portal: <https://new.artopps.co.uk/opportunities/wacsite-specificinstallations2024>

Events



1 GARDEN - 2 ARTISTS
STEPHANIE GAY - CHI-YIEN SNOW
FEB 15 2024 - APR 30 2024

PREVIEW
EVENT
FEB 15
5 - 7 PM

THE
SQUARE
CLUB

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BRISTOL

North Somerset Arts silk artist Stephanie Gay has a new collaborative exhibition with multi-media artist Chi-Yien Snow opening at the Square Club in Bristol on the 15th

February. The exhibition is inspired by the University of Bristol Botanic Garden and will feature vibrant botanical artwork in Stephanie & Chi-Yien's contrasting styles. The exhibition is open 7 am to 9 pm (9-4 Sundays) until the end of April and entry is free.



Clevedon LitFest
Presents

The Four Reasons - Spring Awakening

Thursday March 21st 730pm

Theatre Shop Clevedon BS21 6HX

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/theatreshop/the-four-reasons/e-ldpyzk>

Come and revel in the promise of spring - Dive into familiar and unknown treasures, revealing the warming of the year through our word and sound collective.



Multi-instrumentalist Martin Solomon's harp and violin solo sets fuse Celtic and Indian traditions, as well as accompanying storyteller Michael Loader as he races towards the sea with a story of that springtime archetype the Golden Hare. Michael will also be sharing his new story, a hymn to the wild, inspired by the Wodwose (or Wodwo as Ted Hughes called it).

Poets Isabel White, Alys Denny and Robin Kidson will eschew daffodils, with their sideways take on spring's surprising and unusual – the season's hot ticket of contemporary spoken word.

Tonight's event is the first in an exciting new series of four evenings - The Four Reasons - exploring, discovering and celebrating the most important seasonal moments of the year through storytelling, poetry, song and music.

Our interval will be presided over by The Gin Distillery Clevedon with free seasonal tastings.

Produced by Somerset Storyfest

Susannah Crook Art &
Phoenix Tree Studio,
Edithmead TA9 4HA

spring equinox

Earth Colours,
Markmaking,
Mindfulness



WHAT TO EXPECT

Work with Susannah's natural
earth paints
A beautiful relaxing
environment
Teas, coffee and delicious
homemade cake

A MINDFUL ART RETREAT DAY
SATURDAY MARCH 23RD
10AM - 2PM £40

For more information and
to book contact
Susannah directly

susannahcrookart@gmail.com

A beautiful experience in a beautiful new space just outside Weston-super-Mare.

Earth. Pigment. Paint.

With local artist
Susannah Crook



Learn about the history of colour and how to make beautiful natural paint from local earth, rocks and minerals



MARCH 30TH 2PM - 5PM
CASS ART SPACE
43-45 Park Street,
Bristol BS1 5NL

£40 to include 4 half pans of organic natural paint to take home with you.

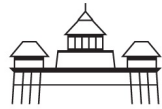
Only 10 places available please email Susannah to book.

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Just a few places available- contact Susannah directly for more details and to book.

MEMBERS' SHOW & SELL

CLEVEDON



ART CLUB

BROWSE & BAR
(members plus one only)
4 APRIL 6-8pm

SHOW & SELL
5-9 APRIL 2024
10am-4pm daily

FREE ENTRY
refreshments
available

originals,3D,prints,cards

SATURDAY & SUNDAY
demonstrations &
children's activity area

SCIENCE ATRIUM
Clevedon School
Valley Rd
BS21 6AH

clevedonartclub.co.uk



CHEERFULLNESS by JULIE MAINSTONE

COMMON GROUND artists

REAL REMEMBERED IMAGINED

EXHIBITION PRIOR Shop, Cabot Circus, Bristol
6th - 18th April 2024



Save the date..... Featuring three of our NSA artists, Sarah Boden, Claire Hall and Susannah Crook, with Claire Orr, Louise Wilmot and Yvonne Elston.

MARCH/24

CULTURAL ACTION PLAN EVENTS

19.3 Clevedon Library

20.3 Portishead Library

20.3 Front Room, Weston

21.3 The Other Place, Weston

21.3 Online Zoom

www.cultural-audit.com

Image: Super Weston, Dizzy O'Dare by Paul Blakemore

North Somerset Cultural Audit and Action Plan

The audit will enhance NSC and Arts Council's understanding of the sector in the county and will be used as a tool to shape their investment plans. The action plan will be put to North Somerset councillors and, if adopted, will inform NSC's approach to engaging with and supporting the sector in the medium term. You can find out more about this work here: www.cultural-audit.com.

There are two ways to get involved:

1. Take 5-10 minutes to fill in this [google form](https://www.cultural-audit.com/audit) with information about you or your organisation. This form is for businesses, charities and freelancers alike. The more people who fill it in, the more effective it will be! Please take a moment to fill this in and share with your networks: <https://www.cultural-audit.com/audit>
2. Come along to a consultation to discuss the action plan. The meetings are taking place in four different locations and online. You can sign up in advance but you don't have to, unless you would like a 1-2-1 consultation or you want to join the online session: <https://www.cultural-audit.com/events>.

If you have anything to include in the next newsletter please send it to newsletter@northsomersetarts.org before 29th March.

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