

# PROJECT WORKSHOPS



## Newsletter

Summer 2009

### Studios for the Creative Arts

**Project Workshops** is a highly regarded centre for visual arts at Quarley in North West Hampshire, and is home to a dozen artists who create a unique range of sculpture, furniture, ceramics, pottery and glass vessels.

If you are interested in relocating your studio or arts business to **Project Workshops** please email or ring Richard Atkinson-Willes for details at [workshop@project-workshop.co.uk](mailto:workshop@project-workshop.co.uk) or on 01264 889889.

### Bigger and Better Project Workshops

**The Project Workshops Group** is proud to announce that work has finally started on their long awaited new facilities at Lains Farm. The new buildings, which will occupy the site of the old grain store to the north of the existing **Project Workshops** complex, include six fabulous new workshop units, covered exhibition space and a brand new 4000 ft<sup>2</sup> sculpture foundry, one of the most modern and competitive in the country.



The new Bronze Foundry under construction in April 2009

Situated adjacent to the New Grain Store (see below), this will be the new home for MFH Art Foundry



The New Grain Store taking shape in April 2009

Sited at the entrance to Project Workshops, this is to be the venue for visiting artists during future Summer Exhibitions

Scheduled for completion by November 2009, the new development will offer bespoke studio and workshop space for up to eight additional arts businesses, making **Project Workshops** one of the biggest commercial centres dedicated to the visual arts in the south of England. Not surprisingly, all the upheaval means that we just can't manage to host our increasingly popular *Open Studios* event this year, but see the back page for details of our *Grand Opening and Exhibition*, which is scheduled for May 2010.

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# Resident Artists

**Amy Goodman** has been resident at Project Workshops for a year now after re-locating from France. Work since then has included a life-size welded steel 'Dairy Cow and Calf' commissioned by the Duchy of Lancaster for a business development in Crewe.



Amy has exhibited at The Affordable Art Fair in London and at the Windsor Contemporary Art Fair. Presently she has sculpture at Birtley House and will soon be showing at upcoming exhibitions in Romsey, Winchester and Windsor.

**Elaine Peto** has been sculpting professionally for 22 years. Her subjects include farm animals, hares, horses, dogs and some wild animals. All her pieces are built in stoneware clay and decorated with slips, oxides, glazes and underglazes.



Elaine is currently working on hens and cockerels, both experimenting with surface textures and trying to discover the best way to make them stand!

In 2009, her work may be seen at many events throughout the UK, including Art in Action.

**Elizabeth Hodgson** has had a 'manic' start to the year.

She is curating the tenth 'Art in the Garden' Exhibition at Romsey from May to November.

Recently, she has become involved with various artistic projects with schools, where ideas are developed over workshop sessions with pupils and art teachers, which Liz realises and constructs as outdoor sculpture.



Liz is currently considering running an arts award session for young people in the rural community over the summer.

**Geoff Hague** moved to Project Workshops in 2007, to produce his sought-after pocket knives. He enjoys using his design ability and attention to detail to produce high quality, functional, as well as aesthetically satisfying cutting tools for the discerning user and the collector alike.



As one of the UK's leading knife makers, Geoff is continually developing new designs and researching materials which he can incorporate to develop and enhance his work.

**Henry Gray** comes from a family of artists and artisans. He trained at Weymouth College. After qualifying, he was assigned to the restoration programme at Salisbury Cathedral, during which time he was involved in working on the west front, manufacturing gothic architectural masonry and carving.



Since 2000 Henry has been established as a freelance stone carver, co-operating on large projects and taking private commissions. His current work encompasses architectural masonry, memorials and carving. "When carving is going really well it makes itself."

**Jennie Gilbert** moved to Project Workshops in 2001, where she developed her 'Domestic Range' of tin glazed blue and white pottery, and her distinctive 'Mishima Range' of patterned vessels and objects.



In 2009, Jennie will be exhibiting work at events throughout the UK including the Hackwood Art Festival and Dulwich Art Fair.

**Mark Taylor** and **David Hill** are glassmakers who specialise in reproducing a wide range of extremely high quality reproductions of Ancient Roman, Medieval, and, more recently, eighteenth century glass vessels.



Mark and David will be moving their glassmaking 'hot shop' into one of the new units at Project Workshops, and look forward to being able to enjoy the extra space to accommodate groups and students in greater comfort and with enhanced visibility!

**MFH Art Foundry** has expanded its services, focusing on increasing the quality and efficiency of the service it provides to the professional and amateur artist, assembling a team of skilled, experienced and dedicated craftsmen.

MFH now attracts a diverse national and international clientele, who in turn, demand ever more from them, and they



intend to expand into their larger, purpose-built premises later in the year. This new space will allow MFH to provide a more comprehensive service for new and existing clients, enabling them to produce far larger bronze sculpture projects than ever before.

The foundry has already had enquiries for producing two life-size horses and jockeys, eight 8-foot high soldiers, a twenty by eight foot sculptural form for the 2012 Olympics and a life-size Queen's carriage and horses for Ascot race course. The new premises will enable MFH to consolidate its growing reputation as a leading art foundry.



**Robin Golden-Hann** is a traditionally trained stonemason and a former head-carver at Salisbury cathedral, and has worked on a large number of projects throughout the UK and abroad.



Ancient churchyard monuments have always held a fascination for Robin which has led him to specialise in bespoke memorials.

Work by Robin is currently displayed in the exhibition 'Art and Memory Collection' at West Dean Gardens and Arboretum.

**Tim Chadsey** has been at Project Workshops for just over a year. He has had a steady flow of commissions for domestic furniture, as well as preparing for exhibitions and craft shows.



Tim is also collaborating with artist Patricia Swannell, on boxes made in lacewood, for storing and displaying her prints.

His work may be seen in forthcoming exhibitions at Bath and Cheltenham.

## Teaching and Demonstrations

Life drawing, pottery and glassblowing lessons are now offered by individual artists:

**Life drawing classes**, a Wednesday evening course, commencing 17th June and running for five weeks, offering an introduction to life drawing - Amy Goodman

**Pottery lessons** for up to three people in an informal, relaxed atmosphere, covering coiling, slabbing, pinching and throwing - Jennie Gilbert

**Glassblowing lessons** for individuals at beginner level and glassblowing demonstrations for groups - Mark Taylor and David Hill

For full details, artists can be contacted individually through the **Project Workshops** website, and all of the studios are open to visitors by arrangement.

# Project Workshops Summer Exhibition 2008



'Evocation of Speed' by Judy Boyd

**The Summer Exhibition** was blessed with superb weather, giving more than 1500 visitors the chance to spend a leisurely weekend meeting our resident artists, and enjoying the sculpture and the sunshine in the beautiful courtyard garden.

It was a pleasure to welcome so many of our loyal visitors who return year after year as well as our regular exhibitors.

The ever-popular Gala Evening, which gives guests the chance to preview the exhibition in the company of the artists accompanied by music, wine and canapés, was kindly hosted by long-term supporter and friend Sir George Young MP.

Visitors in the Courtyard Garden



The focus of the evening was an auction of artwork donated by our exhibitors for the benefit of our partner charity, Alzheimer's Society. Proceeds from the auction and the weekend's ticket price meant that **Project Workshops** was able to present Alzheimer's Society with a cheque for over £7000 - a fantastic result. Many thanks to everyone involved for their support and generosity.

## Dates for your Diary

### Grand Opening of the New Workshops

A special exhibition will be staged to mark the opening of the fabulous new **Project Workshops** facilities on *May 7th to 9th, 2010*. The New Grain Store will make a fabulous setting for our guest artists, taking the place of the marquee used in previous years.

Once again, we will be raising money for Alzheimer's Society. Further details will appear on the **Project Workshops** website.

### Contemporary Art, Craft and Design Fair

This will be held in the picturesque grounds of Winchester Cathedral, from *July 3rd to July 12th, 2009*, from 10am to 6pm daily. All of the resident artists at **Project Workshops** will be represented at this prestigious event.

### Christmas Sale 2009

This will be held on the weekend of *December 12th and 13th*. Visit the studios for a glass of wine and mince pies. Chat to the artists, watch glassblowing demonstrations and do your Christmas shopping in a relaxed atmosphere, well away from the High Street! Free parking and free entry!

All of the resident artists regularly show their work at Art and Craft Exhibitions. A full list will be included in the electronic version of this Newsletter - available for download from the **Project Workshops** website.

## Calling all Artists!

We are now accepting applications from artists to exhibit at the Grand Opening in May 2010. Please email or ring Richard Atkinson-Willes at:

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## Future Newsletters

If you would like to receive future Newsletters from Project Workshops in email form, please submit your email address to:

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All email addresses received will be entered into a Prize Draw, with a pair of Complimentary Tickets to the Gala Opening of the New Workshops on *May 7th, 2010* for the winner.

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# Resident Artists Exhibitions 2009

July 3rd - 12th, 2009: **The Contemporary Art, Craft and Design Fair**, Winchester Cathedral Grounds from 10am to 6pm daily. All of the resident artists at **Project Workshops** will be represented at this event.

December 12th - 13th, 2009: **Open Workshops** (Christmas Sale), **Project Workshops**. All of the resident artists will be open to visitors at this event.

## Amy Goodman

May 23rd - October 23rd, 2009: **Art in the Garden**, Sir Harold Hillier Gardens, Romsey

July 3rd - 12th, 2009: **The Contemporary Art, Craft and Design Fair**, Winchester Cathedral Grounds

November 13th - 15th, 2009: **Windsor Contemporary Art Fair**, Windsor Racecourse

December 12th - 13th, 2009: **Open Workshops** (Christmas Sale), **Project Workshops**

## Elaine Peto

In 2008, Elaine had a solo exhibition at **Galerie Du Don** in France, and continues to show work there.

June 26th - 28th, 2009: **Rufford Ceramic Show**

July 3rd - 12th, 2009: **The Contemporary Art, Craft and Design Fair**, Winchester Cathedral Grounds

July 16th - 19th, 2009: **Art In Action**

July 24th - 26th, 2009: **Potfest In The Park**

August 7th - 9th, 2009: **Hatfield Art In Clay**

November 6th - 8th, 2009: **Newmarket Art, Craft & Design Show**

November 21st - 22nd, 2009: **Farnham Art In Clay**

December 12th - 13th, 2009: **Open Workshops** (Christmas Sale), **Project Workshops**

## Elizabeth Hodgson

May 23rd - October 23rd, 2009: Curator of **Art in the Garden**, Sir Harold Hillier Gardens, Romsey

July 3rd - 12th, 2009: **The Contemporary Art, Craft and Design Fair**, Winchester Cathedral Grounds

December 12th - 13th, 2009: **Open Workshops** (Christmas Sale), **Project Workshops**

## Jennie Gilbert

June 13th, 2009: **Dulwich Craft Fair**, St Barnabas Church Hall, Dulwich Village, London

June 11th - 14th, 2009: **Hackwood Art Festival**, Hackwood Farm, Tunworth, Basingstoke

July 3rd - 12th, 2009: **The Contemporary Art, Craft and Design Fair**, Winchester Cathedral Grounds

December 12th - 13th, 2009: **Open Workshops** (Christmas Sale), **Project Workshops**

## Robin Golden-Hann

April 3rd - November 1st, 2009: **Art and Memory Exhibition**, West Dean Gardens and Arboretum (part of West Dean college), West Sussex

December 12th - 13th, 2009: **Open Workshops** (Christmas Sale), **Project Workshops**

## Tim Chadsey

June 19th - 21st, 2009: **Handmade in Britain**, Assembly Rooms, Bath

August 15th - 24th, 2009: **Celebration of Craftsmanship**, Cheltenham College, Cheltenham

December 12th - 13th, 2009: **Open Workshops** (Christmas Sale), **Project Workshops**