

PROJECT WORKSHOPS - Summer Exhibition 2010

The Project Workshops Summer Exhibition 2010 was blessed with fine weather and attracted crowds of visitors eager to see the show in its spectacular new setting. Our visiting artists from across the UK put on a fantastic display of their work in the new 'Granary Gallery' and all were impressed by the grandeur of the great timber arched ceiling. Few could believe that it is actually used to store the annual crops from the farm!

The new workshops also showed off their potential. More visitors than ever were able to enjoy Mark and David's hugely popular glass blowing demonstration thanks to the generous space of their new studio.



Upstairs, one of the empty studios made a wonderful exhibition space for a superb display of bronze sculpture by ex-Project Workshops artists Vivi Mallock, Gill Parker and Claire Norrington, a fine display of paintings by local artists and original book illustrations. Another of the new studios was put to good use with Artists in the Test Valley showing a delightful collection of paintings, prints, stained glass and textiles.

There was an impressive exhibition of sculpture where visitors could relax in the tranquility of the beautiful courtyard garden.



The Summer Exhibition was launched on Friday night with a Gala Evening at which invited guests enjoyed diverse entertainments including live opera and a display of Ferrari cars whilst meeting the artists and sharing a seasonal glass of rosé wine and delicious canapés.

Proceeds from the evening which included an auction of work created by many of the exhibiting artists, were this year donated to Alzheimer's Charities.



Two of our resident artists, Elaine Peto and Geoff Hague, collaborated to make a very special and unique letter opener for the Alzheimer's auction. A huge thank you is due to all those who contributed so generously to the event, which raised over £9,000 in total.



The core of Project Workshops remains its group of resident artists who every year open their studios and attract an increasing number of buyers and collectors. This year the workshops looked fabulous with a vast array of work and some artists demonstrating and explaining their special techniques.

This year we were particularly pleased to welcome artist Soraya French, who has moved into Studio 11, and also Geoff Moate, new Manager of the Talos Art Foundry, which has this year moved into the purpose built foundry building in the new courtyard which now has the capacity to produce a life size horse!

New Resident Artist - Soraya French

We are pleased to announce that Soraya French is joining us at Project Workshops. Soraya is a professional artist, tutor and author. She is very excited about relocating her studio to Project Workshops which marks the start of a new venture with her husband Tim. The spacious and tranquil atmosphere of Project Workshops provides the perfect setting where Tim organises experimental workshops tutored by Soraya and other leading contemporary artists.



Soraya also works on her own paintings. Many of her subjects feature people going about their everyday life. Light and colour are the prominent features of her work, supported by abstract and semi-abstract passages that create an evocative quality leaving something for the viewer's imagination. A selection of Soraya's paintings and prints are on display in her studio which can be visited throughout the year by appointment.



As well as painting and exhibiting her work, she is a regular contributor to The Artist magazine. She has been the recipient of a number of prestigious art awards in the last few years and her work is held in many private and public collections both at home and abroad. Soraya's work is exhibited in a number of Art Fairs and galleries in the UK throughout the year.

Studios to Rent

Our new studios offer generous, open-plan and up-to-date facilities and are now available at Project Workshops exclusively to artists and arts based businesses. Sizes range from 600 to 1500 square feet.

Project Workshops offers start-up deals and finance options for new businesses as well as a wealth of expertise and experience of business in the arts sector. Guided tours of the facilities at Project Workshops are available without any obligation - please contact us to make an appointment - we will be very pleased to show you round.

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Telephone 01264 889889 or email Richard@project-workshop.co.uk.



Dates for your Diary

Christmas Market - 11th and 12th December 2010

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 to park and enter.

Summer Exhibition 2011 - 6th - 8th May 2011

Art and Craft Shows to be attended by some Resident Artists

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| 30th July - 1st August 2010 | Potfest in the Park - Jennie Gilbert and Elaine Peto |
| 6th - 8th August 2010 | Art in Clay Hatfield - Jennie Gilbert and Elaine Peto |
| 18th - 19th September 2010 | The Midland Game Fair - Geoff Hague |
| 22nd - 24th October 2010 | Crowthorne - Tim Chadsey |
| 27th - 30th October 2010 | Handmade in Britain Chelsea - Tim Chadsey |
| 6th - 8th November 2010 | Newmarket Art Craft & Design Show - Elaine Peto |
| 20th - 21st November 2010 | Farnham Pottery & Ceramic Show - Jennie Gilbert and Elaine Peto |

