

NEWS FROM THE BURTON ART GALLERY & MUSEUM

The Burton is well known now for its magnificent and comprehensive collection of Studio pottery. Thanks to the Heritage Lottery Fund and other grants, the Gallery owns the R.J. Lloyd Collection of North Devon Slipware, which beautifully blended with the slipware the Gallery already owned from generous donations over the years.

One of two exceptional exhibitions this autumn is the **Ann Carr Ceramic Collection** from Aberystwyth University. Wenford Bridge Pottery was founded in 1939 by Michael Cardew, a well-known name in the world of ceramics. Ann was an admirer and friend of Michael, and her collection was donated to the University in 2014 by her son, Julian, in her memory. Included in this collection are works by Svend Bayer, whose work is often on sale in the Burton's Craft Gallery. Michael O'Brien and Seth Cardew are also represented in these 330 pieces of studio pottery. You are welcome to come and hear a free talk about this collection at the Preview on 16th September, at 2.00, given by Professor Moira Vincentelli.

Starting on 14th October, and continuing until 27th November, is a stunning collection of paintings by **Paul Lewin**. Many of us remember Paul as the first artist to use Bideford Black in his work when he lived at Greencliff. The Friends purchased one of his studies of the rugged cliffs along our coast, and it is part of the Permanent Collection. This Exhibition, entitled '**Coast**' depicts mainly Morte Point and its dramatic depths of sea and rocky shoreline. Paul works 'en plein air' – in the open air, rather than in the studio, and you can feel the weather and hear the surging sea in his poignant works of art.

Paul's **Mixed Media Masterclass** takes place on 21st and 22nd October from 10am to 4pm, working outdoors (weather dependent) and the aim is to take your place on the North Devon cliffs on one of the two days. Cost: £100 + £10 for materials. Book on 01237 471455

Karen Adams is creative with silver, and her jewellery is on sale in the Craft Gallery at very reasonable prices. Karen is holding a **Jewellery Making Workshop** on October 14 from 10am to 4pm, when you can learn to solder, anneal and polish your own work in sterling silver. Cost is £40 + £10 for materials.

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James D Mortain writes crime fiction, helped by his famous sleuth, Detective Deans. The Friends have invited James to tell us how police work has inspired his writings and how he goes about getting it all down on paper. Join us in the Gallery on Thursday, 12th October, at 7.30 p.m. to hear all about it. Just £5 at the door.

Artists are reminded that the Open Annual Christmas Exhibition handing-in days are November 11th and 12th and the Exhibition begins on the 18th. Conditions and entry forms are available from the Gallery.

Gallery opening hours are: Monday to Saturday, 10-4; Sunday, 11-4. Admission Free.

The Cafe du Parc, Museum, Craft Gallery and Shop are all part of the Burton's proud gift to Bideford.

Diana Warmington,

Friends of the Burton Art Gallery & Museum.