

NEWS FROM THE BURTON ART GALLERY & MUSEUM

There's a lot going on at the Gallery in December and January. The Open Annual Christmas Exhibition continues every day until the 23rd December. The variety of work submitted and selected for this exhibition never ceases to amaze and delight. Artists come from all over our region, keen to exhibit their work in our gem of a Gallery. The high standard of artwork is always appreciated, and all media are in use, from ceramics to textiles, sculpture, wood and metal craft, oils, watercolours and acrylics, and often something quite unusual has been chosen to get us talking. Stewards are there to help if you wish to purchase a piece of work, and there is a very special raffle prize, a beautiful Juniper lidded pot, truly an antique of the future, for some lucky patron to win! We thank Sue, Harry and Nick Juniper for their generosity.

From 9th December, a selection from the Burton's Permanent Collection will be on display. These paintings by many famous artists, such as Clausen, E. Aubrey Hunt and Hubert Coop, were donated when the Gallery was opened in 1951. Works by contemporary artists have been added over the years, either purchased by the Friends, or donated from private collections, so much so that storage is becoming a problem. No doubt there will always be more works of art donated in the future so an extension to the Gallery is much needed.

If you would like to know more about the works on show, Warren Collum, Collections Manager, will be ready to tell you their story at 2pm on December 9th.

Cary Akroyd is a renowned painter printmaker, and her work is bright, colourful, intriguing, fascinating – but all those adjectives hardly do justice to her exciting prints. You will find a lot of books and cards by Cary in the Gallery Shop, and soon get to recognise her style. We are fortunate that she is bringing an exhibition of her work to the Burton in January, and on the 13th she will be there to take you through all the processes that go to make a print. You will be surprised when you see just how many there are, and Cary's enthusiasm shows in all her works.

In the Shop throughout December you will find that special gift for a friend, or family member, or child. There is so much to choose from: calendars, books for all ages, art books, Christmas trivia, cards, toys to make up on Christmas Day, stocking-fillers, aprons, tea-towels, board games, jewellery, and much more. Have a happy time choosing!

The Cafe du Parc is popular and that's because they serve such delicious food. The Museum and Ceramic Collection on the first floor provide a quiet place to wander and learn something about Bideford's past.. The Craft Gallery is packed with unique artwork of all kinds, if you need something special for that special someone.

Admission is free. Opening hours: Mon-Sat: 10-4, Sunday: 11-4. Happy Christmas and New Year!
Diana Warmington,
Friends of the Burton.