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CREATIVE HINCKLEY'S GLITTER ARTI DAZZLES TOWN



For a second year running 'Glitter Arti' Hinckley's premier designer/maker crafts event dazzled visitors when it was held at the Creative Hinckley Gallery within the Atkins Building on 19 & 20 November.

The event which coincided with the town's big Christmas lights switch-on was an excellent start to the festivities with 1225 people through the door over the weekend (525 more than last year). Of the event, one stall holder said that it was "the best 2 day craft fair I've ever done".

Deborah Bird of Creative Hinckley said "the quality and variety of products on sale was excellent – visitors were spoilt for choice!"



Another Triumph

The directors of Creative Hinckley are very proud to have had the chance to stage the show. Beautiful Life: Memories and Nostalgia.

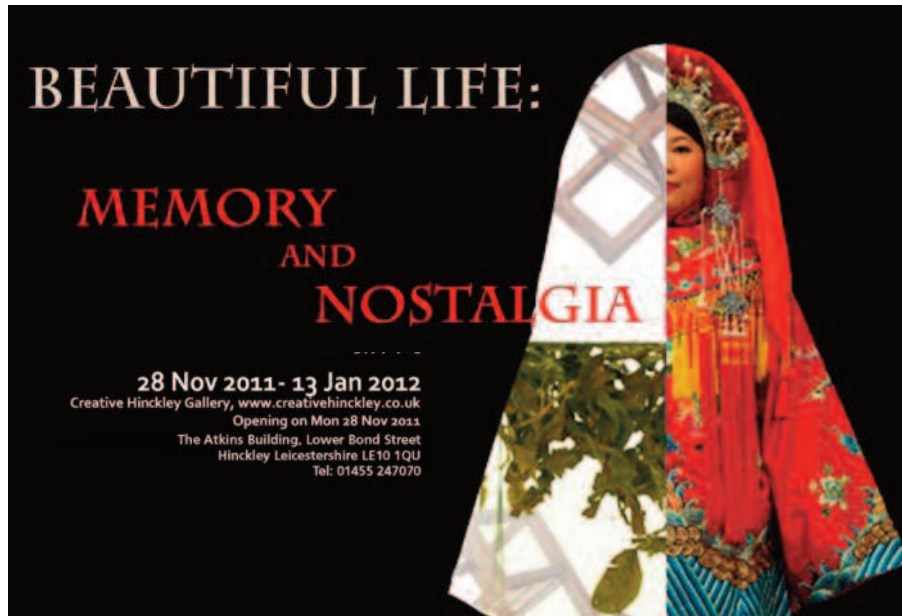
This is a truly fascinating touring exhibition with ten International artists showing at the second venue in a series of three. The final exhibition will be shown in Taiwan in the New Year.

This has been the most challenging exhibition to install to date, with dark rooms being constructed for video installations demonstrating the flexibility and breadth of what the gallery and its team of professional installers and technicians can achieve.

Bev Chandler, the gallery administrator, said "this is a great achievement for Creative Hinckley and for the town, we feel very privileged to have staged this international exhibition. Being in demand by artists of this calibre demonstrates how fast the gallery's international reputation is growing".

The Creative Hinckley Gallery is fast becoming recognized as the best exhibition space in Leicestershire".

The exhibition runs until January and full details are on www.creativehinckley.co.uk.



A scene for an advert titled 'take away hunger' for Feed The Hungry charity was filmed at Cafe Impressions and Creative Hinckley gallery today. Gwyn Williams, one of Creative Hinckley's seven directors, works for the charity and organised the shoot.



Here we see a scene with Redmoor school students acting as extras.



Request for Volunteers.

Creative Hinckley, as we get busier and busier doing what we do, need some help.

Our success so far has proved fantastic and has resulted in an ever increasing workload for the current volunteer directors. The gallery alone is fast becoming a premier Midlands venue, hosting challenging exhibitions of art and, particularly the current exhibition, construction, the present show Beautiful Life, Nostalgia and Memories has 2 projection rooms one with a multi projection installation.

If you have time to help and become part of the team, then we would love to hear from you. So what's the job description? Carpenters, painters/decorators, to help with the building of exhibitions with our modular system. Administration, to source business and corporate sponsorship. Organisers to help plan our popular art and craft fairs. Secretarial and bookkeeping help. For an informal meeting please send details to info@creativehinckley.co.uk



Source Design, the team behind the Creative Hinckley website, are proud to announce the launch of our own website to better promote our growing client base and wide range of creative digital solutions. We intend to keep the news blog regularly updated with tips, advice and expertise to help organisations keep at the forefront of people's thoughts in the ever-growing internet universe. Take a look for yourself or sign-up to our free email newsletter to get the very latest information from us.

www.sourcedesign.co.uk

A busy Sue Barry provides an update

I am currently busy making a collection of new winter scarves, necklaces and other felted gifts. I am enjoying working with a variety of tones and contrasting



colours.

Some of these will for sale in the Café Impressions in the Atkins Building. I had a successful fair at Rawlins Craft Fair at Quorn and Patchings Christmas fair in November. Also I have recently completed with a creative friend a textile swap, where we both initiated a small piece, then passed it to the other to complete a third of it, she then passed it

back to me to complete. it was interesting to work in this way, and we are going to expand the idea by each working with a small box as a starting point. Good fun.

Workshop wise I have been offering Creative Crafts for families at Sure Start, which have been great, lots of playing, getting messy, singing and generally having fun. I think the parents enjoyed it as much as the little ones.

I have a couple of Nuno technique workshops coming up, Nuno is the technique I use for scarves, to create wonderful textures and patterns. Also there was an opening of the George Ward Community centre in the summer, which now proudly houses a mixed media felted wallhanging facilitated by myself, with a group of people from Earl Shilton, depicting the Boot, Shoe and Hosiery industry of the Hinckley area.



'Your Time' - 2012 Be Inspired!

Are you 8 - 18 years old?
Live in the borough of Hinckley and Bosworth?
Is there something you have always wanted to do?
Inspired by the Cultural Olympiad and London 2012?

The borough council are offering young people the chance to apply for

up to £50 to kick start your sporting or creative goal. You will be able to apply for tickets, artist or coach fees, equipment or materials. This is to fund a new activity and not one you are already taking part in or going to see. Interested? Download an application form and guidance notes at www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/yourtime.

Deadline for applications is Friday 16 March 2012. Money has to be spent by 30 September 2012.

For more information contact Lindsay Orton, Creative Communities and Tourism Officer on 01455 255833 or lindsay.orton@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk

Hinckley and Bosworth Arts Network

The next meeting of the Hinckley and Bosworth Arts Network will take place on Thursday 2 February 2012 at The Factory, Spencer Street, Hinckley LE10 1QH at 7.00 pm. The theme of this meeting is 'The Business of Arts' featuring useful information about marketing, selling, tax and much more..

If you have an interest in the arts and would like to get involved in the Network's activities then please come along! The Network meets on the first Thursday of every other month: 2 February, 5 April, 7 June, 2 August and 4 October 2012. Guest speakers are invited to each meeting to discuss their artistic practices, activities and other

useful information. There are also opportunities to network and exchange information with other artists and arts organisations and catch up with what everyone is up to.



For more information contact the Chair, Katherine Brown at beautyandutilityarts@hotmail.co.uk Or Lindsay Orton, Creative Communities and Tourism Officer on 01455 255833 or lindsay.orton@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOPS



Local writers David McCormack and Sue Mackrell are planning to run creative writing workshops in Hinckley.

Both David and Sue are published poets and writers and are experienced in leading informal, supportive and stimulating creative writing workshops - see their members' profiles on the [learning- community link, www.creativehinckley.co.uk](http://www.creativehinckley.co.uk) They welcome anyone with an interest in writing, from beginners to more experienced writers, and those who wish to rekindle the spark. They would like to hear from anyone who is interested to discuss possible days and times - possibilities could be morning/afternoon/evening workshops, day workshops, "One offs" or weekly meetings.

Please contact them for more information and to discuss your interests - no obligation. email: jessntab@aol.com, or phone 01455 631230



Selection Success for Neil Coultas

Local artist and Creative Hinckley member Neil Coultas has had three pieces of his work accepted into the "Open 23" at New Walk Gallery, Leicester and the Midlands Open 2011 at the Tarpey Gallery, Castle Donnington. Both are annual exhibitions and are open to artists in Leicestershire.

For more details, click the links below:

New Walk Gallery
Tarpey Gallery



BBC

TWO Show Me the Monet

"Show me the Monet" appeal for participating artists from the BBC The BBC are making a brand new series of 'Show Me the Monet' for BBC Two, the first series transmitted earlier this year in May. As before, our Hanging Committee of three art experts is looking for great art - painting, drawing, photography, prints, sculpture, textile art (as hangings not textile design or fashion) - to put into their prestigious exhibition in London where members of the public together with the great and the good of the art world can view and buy the work that is on display. We are looking for both amateur and professional artists from across the nation to apply.

Applications open during the week of Monday 12th December 2011 and will close when we have received 3,000 applications or on Sunday 8th January 2012 at midnight (whichever is sooner). To apply: Visit our website: www.showmethemonet.tv

Please note that we are only accepting the first 3,000 applications for the series and any applications received after this cut off point cannot be considered.

You can follow us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/ShowMetheMonet

or on Twitter: @MonetTV. To view a clip from the last series: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00h3x3w>



Library Gallery News

Monday 16 January to Friday 3 February

Birds and Beasts

An exhibition of work by the children of Newlands Community Primary School, Barwell who held an Art Week linked to the theme of 'Birds and Beasts' in October 2011. Throughout the week children across the school experienced a wide variety of activities, based on different techniques and scales. In addition to this, each department undertook a large scale sculpture project. There will be a dragon, peacock, mermaid and firebird on display.



Call out for artists to take part in the first themed Open Exhibitions for 2012

Loved Ones

Depict your loved ones, whether family, friends or pets. 2D or 3D work invited. For entry forms please contact Kim at thegalleryhinckley@hotmail.co.uk. Submissions by Monday 23 January 2012.



Exhibition will take place Monday 6 February to Saturday 3 March 2012

Artists' Rooms

Depict the space in which you work, whether it's a spare room, shed, studio or the great outdoors. For entry forms please contact Kim at thegalleryhinckley@hotmail.co.uk. Submissions by Monday 20 February 2012. Exhibition will take place Monday 5 March to Saturday 7 April 2012. For more information contact Lindsay

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"A very relaxing and welcoming session. Excellent choice of quality materials. Good venue and lunch was a treat!"



Creative Hinckley Director Winsome Ruddock held a very successful and productive felting session on 4th November and is looking forward to the felt bag session Saturday 28th January 2012...coming to the Atkins education room, with the 'Bring and Share lunch'

Panda-Art Goes Full time!

A word from Bev Marrant

I began running classes from studio G001 in the Atkins Building in the early summer of this year and have loved every minute.

A few days ago, I took a giant leap forward and handed in my notice at school so that I can concentrate all my efforts on teaching at the studio.

After Christmas, classes for adults will be available from Tuesday to Saturday both mornings and afternoons whilst children's classes will run from Tuesday to Saturday.

As usual, we will have a go at everything! Mixed media, soft pastels, wax resist and acrylic work. I love nothing better than working on big dynamic paintings

making a bold statement with the finished work.

Each week I choose an artist or painting that has caught my eye and then talk my students through the painting step by step.

Before they know it, they have a masterpiece done completely by their own hand! This goes for both children's and adult classes.

Obviously, the degree of difficulty changes according to the age group I am working with at any given time.

Loving my new Teens and Tweens classes!

Often you will find classes for the very young or for adults but with these sessions I wanted to offer somewhere for young teenagers to be creative in a safe and friendly environment.



My 'Gentle Faces' mixed media paintings are on display in the main reception area and also in the studio with prices ranging from £10 to £60. (Commissions are available at the same prices)



So! Big changes and an exciting year ahead!

Really looking forward to spending more time at The Atkins Building... who wouldn't, it's a wonderful workplace!

For details on all of my classes and workshops, get in touch. Also, try and find time to visit my website to see

galleries of work done by all my students. They will knock your socks off!

Happy Christmas everyone and a very Happy New Year!

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Working with Vulnerable Adults & their Personal Budgets

Thursday 19 January 10am to 12 noon
Atkins Building, Lower Bond St, Hinckley,
Leicestershire LE10 1QU

This briefing is for those from the arts, sports and leisure sector who work with vulnerable adults (older people, people with mental health issues or disabilities). This free event will let you know how personalisation is working in Leicestershire

County Council Adult Social Care and how you can target your work at those people with personal budgets. It focuses on Hinckley & Bosworth area in particular but will relate to Leicestershire as a whole. The event is free if you are based in Leicestershire, £5 if based elsewhere. Book at:

<http://personalbudgets.eventbrite.co.uk>
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