

AUGUST CRAFT MONTH 2019

MAKE, SEE, LEARN ABOUT & BUY CRAFT

WELCOME

August Craft Month is a programme of Craft-related events (exhibitions, festivals and fairs, open studios, workshops and more...) delivered by a partnership of individuals and organisations across Northern Ireland.

It is co-ordinated by **CRAFT NI** on behalf of the Craft sector and is funded by the Arts Council of Northern Ireland through the National Lottery.

The aim of **August Craft Month** is to shine a spotlight on Craft and the art of making things by encouraging as many people as possible to make, see, learn about and buy Craft.

It is also our opportunity as a sector to celebrate Craft and promote Craft makers and Craft venues.

CRAFT NI is the sector lead body or champion for Craft in Northern Ireland. We would like to thank the Arts Council of Northern Ireland for their continuing support and all the individuals and organisations that have organised events during **August Craft Month** - best wishes with those...

CRAFT NI invites you to plan your itinerary and encourages you to go forth and make, see, learn about and buy as much Craft as possible...

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For the full listings guide visit us online at

www.craftni.org/augustcraftmonth

For where to celebrate, make, see, learn about and buy Craft all year round go to

www.craftni.org/craftmap
www.craftni.org/directory

WORKSHOPS

SOY CANDLE MAKING WORKSHOP WITH ROISIN MCCRORY OF BELFAST ART HOUSE

Thu 1 Aug | Thur 8 Aug | Thu 22 | Thu 29 Aug 7pm to 9pm
£30 per person | Age 14+

Learn how to make soy-based candles. Materials are environmentally friendly and sustainable for the environment and made using your own recycled container. Essential oils and other natural scents can also be added, for additional health & wellbeing benefits.

Booking through Belfast Art House
35 Malone Heights, Belfast, BT9 5PG

T +44 (0)773 117 0672
E belfastarthouse@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/belfastarthouse/

4 DAY POTTERY WORKSHOP WITH ADAM FREW CERAMICS

Tue 6 to Fri 9 Aug | 10am to 4pm
£420 | Age 18+

Suitable for beginners or improvers to develop their throwing skills on the potters wheel. Participants will work entirely in porcelain. As well as throwing, they will turn pots and also benefit from Adam's unique and expressive approach to decoration in coloured slips.

Finished pieces will be fired in the gas kiln, ready for collection 3-4 weeks after the class.

Shipping can be arranged. Refreshments and lunch included.

Booking through Adam Frew
21 Cullycapple Park, Aghadowey,
County Derry/Londonderry, BT51 4AS

T +44 (0)774 577 4605
E adamfrew@hotmail.com

www.adamfrew.com

JANE MCCANN STUDIO TALK AND WORKSHOP

Fri 9 Aug | 2pm to 4.30pm
£25

Living with Linen. An illustrated talk on the history of linen and woven textiles.

Jane McCann will host textile specialist, Fiona McKelvie, to introduce a wealth of antique and vintage linen textiles and to describe their story. In addition to an illustrated talk there will be examples of linen and artefacts, many of museum quality, to look and discuss.

Sat 10 Aug | 10am to 4pm
£45 | Adults only

Garment specialist, Jane McCann, with colleague Sirpa Morsky from Finland, will demonstrate the creation of garments by 3D modelling on a dress stand. Demonstrations will be followed by helping participants create their own designs to take away.

Bring your own materials. Basic knowledge of sewing required.

Tea and coffee provided. Please bring your own pack lunch.

Booking through Jane McCann
Landsend, 47 Warren Road, Donaghadee,
County Down, BT21 0PQ

T +44 (0)28 9188 3551
E Jane.mccann47@gmail.com



TAKE A SEAT | LEARN UPHOLSTERY SKILLS WITH NICOLA PARKES

Sat 10 Aug | 11am to 3pm
£45 | Age 18+

Pick a seat, Prep it, Take it home!

A taster upholstery workshop and demonstration at On The Square Emporium, where we run weekly courses with Nicola Parkes, a master upholsterer in both modern and traditional techniques.

This one-off session provides the seat for you to work on and test your skills. The chair is yours to take home afterwards.

All tools and materials are provided with tea and coffee too.

Booking through On The Square Emporium
17 Heron Road, Belfast, BT3 9LE

T +44 (0)28 9043 4290
E info@onthesquareemporium.com

www.onthesquareemporium.com

WORKSHOPS WITH ROSEMARY MCCARTNEY OF SIMPLY SPUN

☞ AFTERNOON TAPESTRY WEAVING

Sat 10 Aug 1.30pm to 4.30pm
£40 | Age 16+

Use tapestry weaving techniques to produce your own small wallhanging. Working on a sample frame from your own design you will learn about loom warping, knotting, plain weave, stepped/soft angles, shaping and blending techniques. How to finish the piece ready for hanging or framing.

Suitable for beginners and improvers.

☞ MORNING WOOL SPINNING

Sat 17 Aug | 10.30am to 1pm
£30 | Age 16+

Explore the tradition of spinning using colourful fibres to produce your unique yarn. Learn the process of carding, drafting and spinning.

Suitable for beginners or those wishing to improve their technique.

☞ EVENING BABY SOCK KNITTING

Thu 22 Aug | 7pm to 9.30pm
£30 | Age 16+

Working in the round you will learn the technique of turning a heel and how to finish the toe by grafting. Mini sock knitting a great and quick way to learn these techniques. Suitable for intermediate knitters who can use DP needles or wish to learn.

Baby merino yarn, needles and pattern included in cost.

Booking through Rosemary McCartney
26 Bocking Road, Holywood, County Down,
BT18 9EL

T +44 (0)770 844 1853
E simplyspun@gmail.com

www.simplyspun.co.uk

CROSS STITCH EMBROIDERY ON IRISH LINEN WITH JOANNE CURRY

Sat 17 Aug | 1pm to 4pm
£10.00 | Suitable for adults and family friendly

Come along and learn the art of cross stitching on Irish linen and create an exquisite gift for yourself or a friend or relative.

Why not come along and learn a new skill and meet new friends at this relaxed and friendly event.

Includes demonstration, materials and refreshments.

Booking through Joanne Curry
Holy Rosary Parish Centre,
503 Ormeau Road, Belfast, BT7 3GR

T +44 (0)799 094 5818
E promisedland33@gmail.com

DRUM LAMP SHADE MAKING WITH NICOLA PARKES

Sat 31 Aug | 1pm to 3.30pm
£40 per person | 18+

An afternoon of fun making a drum lampshade enabling you to walk away with a finished product.

Nicola Parkes of Nicola Parkes Upholstery is running a lampshade making workshop at the gorgeous Adornas Kitchens and Interiors in Bangor. Just bring along some fabric of your choice, refreshments are provided and a choice of lampshade sizes.

Booking through Nicola Parkes
Adornas Kitchens and Interiors, Dufferin
Avenue, Bangor, County Down, BT20 3BX

T +44 (0)783 665 5116
E hello@nicolaparkes.co.uk

www.nicolaparkes.co.uk

WORKSHOPS AT MILLENNIUM COURT ARTS CENTRE

☞ THROW-A-POT WITH CIARA CAMPBELL-CRAWFORD

Each Wed from 7 to 28 Aug (4 weeks)
7pm to 9pm
£30 | Adults | Limited to 5 places.

Learn the method and technique for throwing a pot under the guidance of experienced ceramicist Ciara Campbell-Crawford, then personalise with paint and glaze.

☞ SILVERSMITHING WITH DIANE LYNNESS

Sat 31 Aug | 10am to 4pm
£40 | Adults

Learn to pierce, solder, roll, anneal and polish.

You will be taught traditional jewellery making techniques such as piercing, soldering, rolling, annealing and polishing, enabling you to design a bracelet.

Booking through Millennium Court Arts Centre,
3-5 William street, Portadown,
County Armagh, BT62 3NX

T +44 (0)28 3835 0935
E hazel@millenniumcourt.org

www.millenniumcourt.org

WORKSHOPS AT ULSTER UNIVERSITY WITH DIANE LYNNESS

☞ SILVER STACKING RINGS

Thu 15 Aug | 10am to 4pm
£50 or Concession £45 | Age 18+

Come and have fun at a one day silver jewellery workshop and make your very own gem set pair of stacking rings. Each participant will be taught jewellery techniques including soldering, shaping, piercing, texturing and polishing to create a pair of stacking rings to show off to your friends.

☞ TWO DAY SILVER JEWELLERY WORKSHOP

Wed 21 and Thu 22 August | 10am to 4pm
£80 or Concession £75 | Age 18+

Design and make a beautiful piece of silver jewellery. Each participant will be taught traditional techniques.

Fancy making your friends envious with a unique piece of silver jewellery designed and made entirely by you? Belfast School of Art will host a two day workshop with Jeweller Diane Lynness who will guide you through a variety of jewellery techniques including soldering, shaping, piercing, texturing and polishing.

No previous experience is required and all you need to bring is a packed lunch, an apron and bundles of enthusiasm!

Booking through Ulster University
York Street, Belfast, BT15 1ED

T +44 (0)28 9036 6680
E FlexEd@ulster.ac.uk

www.store.ulster.ac.uk

WORKSHOPS AT DOWN ARTS CENTRE WITH NAOMI WHAN

☞ SEWING MACHINE BASICS
Sat 3 Aug | 9.30am to 12.30pm | £30

☞ SILK PAINTING FOR BEGINNERS
Sat 3 Aug | 1.15pm to 3.45pm | £25

☞ CROCHET GRANNY SQUARES
Sat 10 Aug | 9.30am to 1.30pm | £35

☞ GLASS PAINTING
Sat 10 Aug | 2.30pm to 4.30pm | £25

☞ LEARN TO SEW CURTAINS
Sat 17 Aug | 10am to 4pm | £40

☞ CREATIVE FELT MAKING
Sat 24 Aug | 9.30am to 1pm | £35

☞ JEWELLERY MAKING
Sat 24 Aug | 2pm to 4.30pm | £28 Adults
£10 Children (Age 8 to 16 years)

☞ PEBBLE ART
Sat 31 Aug | 10am to 12pm | £25

☞ HAND EMBROIDERY
Sat 31 Aug | 1pm to 3pm | £25

Booking through Down Arts Centre
2 to 6 Irish Street, Downpatrick, BT30 6BP

T +44 (0)28 4461 0747
E downartscentre@nmandd.org

www.downartscentre.com

WORKSHOPS AT THE MARKET PLACE THEATRE AND ARTS CENTRE

☞ TRADITIONAL WILLOW BASKET WEAVING WITH SABINE WOLNICZAK
Sat 27 Jul | 10am to 5pm | £50

☞ CARRICKMACROSS LACE SCARF (3 DAY SUMMER SCHOOL) WITH THERESA KELLY
Thu 1, Fri 2 and Sat 3 | 10am to 3pm
Each day £65

☞ EUROPEAN ENCAUSTIC WAX PAINTING WITH NIAMH O'CONNOR
Sat 10 Aug | 10am to 3pm | £22

☞ WET FELTING | RUFFLE CRATER BROOCH WITH LOUISA KELLY
Sat 17 Aug 2019 | 10am to 4pm | £28

☞ NATURAL SOAP MAKING WITH NATURALLY SOAP
Sat 24 Aug | 10am to 12.30pm | £20

Workshops are suitable for Ages 16+. Suitable for wheelchair users.

Designed for people coming to a subject for the first time or for those with a casual or leisure interest.

Booking through the Market Place Theatre and Arts Centre
Market Street, Armagh, County Armagh,
BT61 7BW

T +44 (0)28 3752 1804

www.visitarmagh.com/marketplacetheatre



MEET THE MAKER SHOWCASE

MEET THE MAKER CREATIVE SHOWCASE AT THE CRAFT ROOM

Free Entry | Late night shopping Refreshments served

PATRICIA MILLAR

Thu 8 Aug | 6pm to 9pm

Browse, chat, purchase from local ceramicist, Patricia Millar. Find out more about her work and purchase a unique fired bowl or shoreline cylinder. Patricia will also have new work from her recent trip to Devon.

JENNI ROBINSON

Thu 15 Aug | 6pm to 9pm

Browse, chat, purchase from local artist Jenni Robinson. Find out more about her workshops and purchase a unique piece of local art

LAURIE GAFFNEY

Thu 22 Aug | 6pm to 9pm

Browse, chat, purchase from local jeweller Laurie Gaffney from LG Jewellery. Find out more about her work and purchase a unique piece of jewellery.

JANET MCNAMEE

Thu 29 Aug | 6pm to 9pm

Browse, chat, purchase from local textile designer, Janet McNamee from Jupiter Red. Find out more about her work and purchase a beautiful hand printed linen apron, tote bag or item for your home.

The Craft Room, 10 Castle Street,
Comber, BT23 5DZ

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ONLINE

MAKING CONVERSATIONS PODCAST | SERIES 1 2019

Online | Thu 1 to Sat 31 Aug | Free Content unsuitable for those under 16

Making Conversations is a podcast from silversmith Robyn Galway and ceramicist Jemma Millen. Both are practicing makers, who share a love of making and craft. Join them on their journey of making conversations with local makers. This podcast will release an episode a week, talking to a range of local makers about everything, anything and maybe even nothing to do with making.

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www.makingconversationspodcast.com

THE PROCESS OF MAKING FEATURED ONLINE THROUGH OUR SOCIAL MEDIA AND IN-STORE

Thu 1 to Sat 31 Aug
Mon to Sat 10.30am to 5.30pm

This August Craft Month, we put a spotlight on the processes of making. Learn more about the inspiration, materials and techniques that go into creating the unique craft objects we showcase in Space CRAFT NI. It takes many hours to master a craft, through this learning process the maker develops a unique relationship with their materials and tools. From glass blowing, pottery to textiles and jewellery, discover how our makers use a range of traditional and modern techniques to transform their raw materials into a finished piece.

Space CRAFT NI is CRAFT NI's retail gallery where we celebrate and showcase Craft and support Craft makers.

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FESTIVALS AND FAIRS

THE CREATIVE PENINSULA

August 2019

Now in its 18th year, this thriving annual event features Creative Peninsula in the Square, Creative Tours, Opens Studios, Exhibitions, Workshops, Demonstrations and more, all taking place throughout the beautiful and picturesque Ards and North Down Borough, an area well known for its many Artists and Craft makers.

www.visitardsandnorthdown.com/creative-peninsula

to download the brochure of the full event listing, find out what you want to do and, if booking is required, book now...

T +44 (0)28 9181 0803

E ardsarts@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk

FEATURING:

➤ CREATIVE PENINSULA IN THE SQUARE

Fri 2 Aug | 11am to 6pm
Free Entry

Conway Square in Newtownards is transformed, for one day only, into a tented arts and crafts village.

➤ OPEN STUDIOS WEEKEND

Thur 8 to Sun 11 Aug | 10am to 4pm
Free Entry

Check Creative Peninsula Brochure for individual studio opening hours.

Covering the length and breadth of the Ards Peninsula and North Down, studios are the place to visit and sneak a peek behind the scenes of the Artist at work.

➤ LATE NIGHT ART TOUR

Wed 7 Aug | 7pm to 10pm
£15 includes refreshments

An evening bus tour with a difference.

➤ CREATIVE COACH TOUR

Sat 10 Aug | 9.15am to 5pm
£25 including light lunch

Day-long coach tour, visiting the many art and craft studios dotted throughout the scenic Ards Peninsula.

➤ ALFRESCO AFTERNOONS

Sat 3 and Sun 4 Aug | 12pm to 4pm
Free Entry

Be inspired with our Alfresco Art programme featuring afternoon demonstrations.

The Courtyard at North Down Museum, Castle Park, Bangor.

YARNFOLK FESTIVAL OF WOOL

Sat 3 Aug | 9am to 4pm
Adults £8 | Children under 16 free if accompanied by an adult

Tickets available at door or booked at: www.yarnfolkwoolfestni.com

You can sign-up for our workshops at: www.yarnfolkwoolfestni.com

Pre-booking your place is highly recommended to avoid disappointment.

Fantastic yarn and fibre filled day with workshops, demos and marketplace in the beautiful seaside town of Whitehead.

Yarnfolk Festival of Wool has a fantastic marketplace with artisan makers and producers coming from all over Ireland and the UK. There are free demonstrations and opportunities to try out traditional heritage crafts from Craft Guilds from all over Ireland. Guild of Spinners, Dyers and Weavers | Guild of Machine Knitters | Feltmakers North.

An assortment of artisan caterers ensure you won't go short of delicious food and drink. We are known for our café culture and there are plenty of eateries to visit throughout the Town.

Traditional music plays throughout the day and there are fantastic activities for all the family to try, including heritage steam train rides.

All in all Yarnfolk Festival of Wool has become a firm favourite with fibre enthusiasts and families looking a great day out.

Have fun!

FEATURING:

➤ TALK - KNIT AND NIBBLE WITH JAMES MCINTOSH

Fri 2 Aug | 6.30pm to 8.30pm at The Bank House, Whitehead
£20 includes buffet and talk | Adults Only

Knit and Nibble is James McIntosh's humorous story of how he learnt to knit whilst overcoming depression.

Join us for a buffet dinner for a chance to nibble, while you're knitting!

Dr Ernst and James will be entertaining the masses about the story behind Knit and Nibble and how one stitch at a time helped James to knit himself back together after depression while Dr Ernst had to overcome the transformation of his home from quiet flat to a yarn store!

www.knitandnibble.com

➤ CERAMIC BUTTON WORKSHOP

Sat 3 Aug
Session 1 | 10am to 12pm
Session 2 | 2pm to 4pm
£35.00 (Includes entry to Yarnfolk Festival of Wool and all materials) plus post and packing from Leeds once the buttons have been fired.

Margaret Glackin from Clay and Wood Works provides this fantastic opportunity to create a number of unique ceramic buttons to your own design which you can use on your own special projects (an item of clothing, a cushion, bag, etc.)

Optional | If you have special cloth remnants with raised shape (e.g. lace) or embossed stamps.

No experience required. Bring an overall/apron.

➤ DECORATIVE KNITTED CAST ON'S WORKSHOP

Sat 3 Aug | 10am to 1pm
£40 All materials included

Learn some of the unique decorative cast on techniques traditionally used for Northern Scandinavian and Baltic knitted mittens, socks and sweaters.

Lucinda Guy, renowned author of ten published knitting and crochet books and previous designer for Rowan, introduces us to unusual and historic knitting techniques that will add a bit of oomph to your knitting project!

Some expertise in knitting required.

5 venues throughout Whitehead Town Centre, BT38 9QS

T +44 (0)28 9337 9888

E yarnfolk@yahoo.com

www.yarnfolkwoolfestni.com

SOUTH DOWN CRAFT COLLECTIVE 1ST BIRTHDAY MARKET

Sat 3 Aug | 10am to 4pm
Free Entry

South Down Craft Collective are celebrating their birthday during August Craft Month with their popular monthly Craft Market at the Market House, Ballynahinch, where you can browse through the unique, handmade products from a great line up of artists, makers and food producers.

There will also be live food and craft demonstrations throughout the day including Batik, Ceramics, Metal Clay, Felting, Lino Printing, Photography, Miniature Painting and Mixed Media. You can also enjoy a delicious snack and a cuppa in their Pop-up Café.

SOUTH DOWN CRAFT COLLECTIVE GET CREATIVE WORKSHOP DAY

Sat 10 Aug | 10am to 4pm | Age 16+

See Workshop Details at:

www.facebook.com/HandmadeInSouthDown

Booking by email to:

southdowncraftcollective@gmail.com

Get Creative Workshop Day with the artists and makers from South Down Craft Collective.

There will be a wide variety of workshops to inspire you, suitable for all levels and abilities, with an emphasis on the benefits for health and wellbeing.

The workshop programme includes Batik, Ceramics, Metal Clay Jewellery, Metal Embossing, Felting, Lino Printing, Photography, Miniature Painting and Mixed Media.

Market House, The Square, Ballynahinch, County Down, BT24 8AE

T +44 (0)774 092 9826

E southdowncraftcollective@gmail.com

NORTH DOWN CRAFT COLLECTIVE AUGUST CRAFT MONTH MARKET

Sat 10 Aug | 10am to 4pm
£1 Donation to Local Charity Flourish

North Down Craft Collective members and guests will showcase the very best in local art and craft at this special August Craft Month market.

Members have been joining forces and working in pairs over the last few months designing collaborative pieces of art and craft that will be revealed on the day.

Browse and purchase from your favourite local makers and stop for refreshments at Benn's Pop-Up Café.

92 Church Road, Holywood, County Down, BT18 9BX

T +44 (0)771 892 4166

E info@northdowncraftcollective.com

www.northdowncraftcollective.com

FROCK FAIRS NI SUMMER FAIR ON THE SQUARE

Sat 17 Aug | 12pm to 5pm
Free Entry

Frock Fairs have been championing local designer makers since 2008, and in a celebration of all that is handmade the event shines a spotlight on Craft and the art of making things. The exhibitor list will include Arsenic & Old Lace, showcasing original jewellery designs by silversmith Norma Smallwood which are influenced by the flora and fauna of Ireland. The Pretty Curious Design Studio, maker of quirky stationery, hair accessories and digital prints. Thistle & Tide, designer of textile art and home decor inspired by the coastal scenery of Northern Ireland, and Serenity & Sage, creator of eco-friendly home and personal care accessories.

Visitors will have the opportunity to purchase unique and quality handmade crafts from a variety of Irish designer makers and artisans, see some of these designers demonstrating their craft, and even have the opportunity to stock up on some craft supplies of their own.

Skainos Centre, 239 Newtownards Road, Belfast, BT4 1AF

T +44 (0)781 271 6479

E hello@frockfairsni.com

www.frockfairsni.com

MAKERS IN THE MUSEUM FOOD & CRAFT FAIR

Sun 18 Aug | 12am to 5pm
Adult £9 | Child £5.50 | Family 2/3 £25
Concessions/Students £7

An exciting new craft and food fair set in the idyllic setting of the Ulster Folk Museum. Showcasing the best of local Makers, selling beautiful handmade crafts including jewellery, homewares, textiles, art and photography, home baked goods and much more!

Ulster Folk Museum, 153 Bangor Road, Cultra, Holywood, County Down, BT18 0EU

T +44 (0)28 9042 8428

E craftfairs@nmni.com

www.nmni.com/whats-on/makers-in-the-museum

THE FINE & DANDY MAKE-IT MARKET

Sun 25 Aug | 11.30am to 3.30pm
Free Entry

The FINE & DANDY MARKET, founded in May 2013, is a monthly market, showcasing the work of independent artists, designers, illustrators, craftsmen and food producers. We will be providing a programme of skill sharing and active participation through a range Workshops, Make & Takes and Demonstrations for all ages and abilities. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to Meet the Maker in a live market environment. Our popular Junior Craft Table will also be in operation throughout the day.

Elmwood Hall, Elmwood Mews, Belfast, BT9 6BD

E hello@fineanddandymarket.co.uk

www.fineanddandymarket.co.uk

FEATURING:

➤ SUSTAINABILITY - PLASTIC BAG CROCHETING DEMONSTRATION

Fee £1.50

Lisa Brown from Cloverhill Ceramics will demonstrate how to create plastic yarn or 'plarn' from plastic bags and crochet it into a finished bag with a longer lifespan.

Visitors may purchase an instruction and crochet hook pack for £5 at the end of the demonstration.

➤ HOW IT'S ENGRAVED/GLAZED! DEMONSTRATION

Lisa Brown from Cloverhill Ceramics will demonstrate how she engraves designs and applies glazes to a bisque fired pieces.

➤ KOOKY BADGES AND RINGS FOR KIDS WORKSHOP

Lina from Misty Kind of Blue will host a Make & Take Drop In Workshop for kids (young and old) throughout the day. Design and make your own kooky badge or ring.

➤ PYROGRAPHY DEMONSTRATION WITH Q&A

Gemma Evans from Arcadia Art Design will be working on a piece of pyrography art throughout the day. Visitors are welcome to observe the demonstration and to actively ask any questions about this technique.

➤ IRISH RAM BROOCH MAKING WORKSHOP

Fee £3.75 includes materials

Rosemary McCartney from Simply Spun will host Make & Take Workshops throughout the day (around 15 min each). You decide the face colour of the ram and what fabric to use to cover it's body.

Rosemary will also demonstrate the heritage craft of yarn spinning throughout the day.

➤ PAPER BIRD DECORATION DEMONSTRATION

Wildlife Artist Adele Pound will host a Drop In Demonstration showing how she cuts and assembles her bird decorations.

➤ NEEDLE FELTING AND 'SOAP IN A COAT' WORKSHOPS

Fee £3

Wendy McKinney from Little Woolly Sheep Fibre Art. Needle Felting for Adults. A blank felt background and all the equipment and tuition will be provided to create a 2D felted picture.

➤ SOAP IN A COAT FOR KIDS.

Fee £2

Eco-friendly workshop using felt to wrap a bar of soap, which serves as a soap, a wash cloth and an exfoliator all in one.

➤ FABRIC FLOWER WORKSHOP

Fee £4

Helen Perry from Stromboli Two will host a Drop In Make & Take Workshop making gorgeous fabric flowers from scraps. Each piece will be handstitched and can be turned into a brooch, hair slide or used as an embellishment for bags, homewares and clothing.

A kit will also be available to purchase containing vintage kimono fabrics to use at home.

SPINNING YARNS A FESTIVAL OF COLOUR, CREATIVITY AND CRAFT

Sat 31 Aug and Sun 1 Sep | 10am to 5pm
Adult £5 | Concession £4 | U16s Free | £9 weekend discount ticket | Group 9+1 Free

Spinning Yarns is a two-day festival celebrating the wonderful world of all things associated with wool & linen where we will showcase the colour, creativity and craft associated with these homespun yarns in all their forms.

The highlights will include:

- Market Place with a wide range of traders, both local and from further afield

- Craft and Gift Stalls

- Displays, Workshops and Demonstrations

- A Range of Artisan Food & Drink

- Children's Entertainment

Every aspect of the wool and linen journey will be represented, from the woolly animals themselves, through the various stages of production, to beautiful finished products. As well as artisans and retailers of the highest quality exhibiting and selling products, visitors will be able to try their hand at all sorts of textile based skills.

Set in the stunning Antrim Castle Gardens & Clotworthy House – Spinning Yarns is a 'must do' event for those passionate about yarn or simply seeking a great day out.

Come along to be entertained and inspired!

Antrim Castle Gardens, Randalstown Road, Antrim, BT41 4LH

T +44 (0)28 9448 1338

E clotworthy.reception@antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk

www.spinningyarnsfestival.com



EXHIBITIONS

FREE ENTRY TO ALL EXHIBITIONS

CREATIVE COAST BY THE COPELAND COLLECTIVE

Thu 1 to Sat 31 Aug | 8.30am to 4pm

12 Artists, 115 miles of coast. For their 5th show, The Copeland Collective have come together to create an exhibition that celebrates and explores how the Ards and North Down coast inspires and informs their creative practice. By focusing on a favourite or important site in the borough, each member of the group has responded to the theme through their own discipline, creating a diverse exhibition and a fresh perspective on familiar places.

The Copeland Collective are Irene McBride, Owen Crawford, Drydan Wilson, Deborah Campbell, Alison Ross, Patricia Millar, Chantalle Coombes, Rosie McMillan, Colin Ross, Katrina Cobain, Tristan Barry, Adele Pound.

Artspace @ Haptik, 29 Frances Street, Newtownards, County Down, BT23 7DW

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Part of The Creative Peninsula:

www.ardsandnorthdown.com/creative-peninsula

THE CREATIVE PENINSULA EXHIBITION

Thu 1 to Thu 29 Aug
Contact Ards Arts Centre for opening hours

The principal Creative Peninsula exhibition featuring exclusive works by the finest Artists and Makers from the Ards and North Down Borough.

Ards Arts Centre, Town Hall, Conway Square, High Street, Newtownards, County Down, BT23 4NP

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THE DINNER PARTY BY CERAMICIST ANNA SMYTH

Thu 1 Aug to Sun 1 Sep | Mon to Sat 10am to 5pm | Sun 1pm to 5pm

The Dinner Party is an installation in which the artist comments on aspects of contemporary living: "*The group of friends gather around the table. They each have their issues but reveal nothing. They part, their veneers intact. But they had a lot on their plates...*"

Ceramicist Anna Smyth uses hand thrown, porcelain plates as metaphors for the diners, while contributions by photographer Nathanael Smyth and silversmith Joel Smyth add to the setting.

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Part of Art in the Loft Exhibition Series and The Creative Peninsula:

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ARTISAN EXHIBITION AT THE BURNAVON

Thu 1 to Fri 30 Aug
Contact The Burnavon for opening hours

The Artisan Exhibition features the work of some of Mid Ulster's most talented makers in textiles and ceramics, including Andrea Hayes, Blue Isle Studios, Cloverhill Ceramics, Just Loops, Louisa Kelly and Lynda B Jewellery and Ceramics. The work of these six very talented local artists and makers will be on show daily throughout August. This exhibition gives just a snapshot of the amazing work being produced locally. A visit to see the range and quality of work is a must.

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OUT OF THE FRAME ROYAL SCHOOL OF NEEDLEWORK

Sat 3 to Fri 30 Aug | Contact R-Space Gallery for opening hours
Preview | Sat 3 August | 2pm to 4pm

This exhibition is a showcase of the work of the Royal School of Needlework BA (Hons) Hand Embroidery for Fashion, Interiors and Textile Art.

The Royal School of Needlework holds a world-renowned reputation for excellence in hand embroidery. This exhibition at R-Space will showcase the works of recent graduates. Each exhibit exemplifies the teaching of the RSN; the craft of hand embroidery applied to individual creative practice.

The BA in Hand Embroidery for Fashion, Interiors, Textile Art is a world-renowned course delivered by the Royal School of Needlework in dedicated studios at Hampton Court Palace, Surrey, England.

The Royal School of Needlework is a dynamic forward-looking organisation dedicated to the practice and promotion of hand embroidery.

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BONDS EXHIBITION OF NEW WORK BY TOP FLOOR ART STUDIO GROUP

9 Aug to 7 Sep | 11am to 4pm
Preview | Thu 8 Aug from 7pm

Bond Something that binds, fastens, confines or holds together. Join us this August to explore Bonds with the Top Floor Art Studio Group annual exhibition. Whether material, emotional, familial, political, chemical, kinky or premium, our studio group have had a whale of a time flexing their creative muscles and throwing off the shackles of the humdrum to bring you their artistic response to Bonds.

Expect thought-provoking textiles and mixed media, a splash of humour and our usual Top Floor Art welcome.

Our building is not fully accessible. If you have mobility difficulties please contact us before you visit and we will do our best to accommodate you.

For groups of over 10 please contact us in advance, by phone or email.

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FIELD

Opening Reception | Sat 10 Aug, 2pm to 5pm | Continues Sun 11, Sat 17, Sun 18, Sat 24, Sun 25, Mon 26 Aug | 11am to 5pm
Other days/times by arrangement

Annual group exhibition of contemporary craft + fine art inspired by the local landscape. Works by Andrea Spencer, Elaine Megahey, Julie Murphy, Mallon Foundry, Nicola Nemeac and Sharon Adams will be presented in an old byre, last used for milking by the previous owners in the 1960s.

Expect to see glass, textiles, painting, sculpture and prints sitting among the building's original agricultural features.

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OPEN STUDIOS

THE CREATIVE PENINSULA OPEN STUDIOS WEEKEND

Thu 8 to Sun 11 Aug | 10am to 4pm
Check the Creative Peninsula Brochure for individual studio opening hours
Free Entry

Covering the length and breadth of the Ards Peninsula and North Down, studios are the place to visit and sneak a peek behind the scenes of the Artist at work.