



The  
SHIRE HALL

Gallery

exhibitions and events



November to May 2012  
[www.staffordshire.gov.uk/has](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/has)  
FREE ENTRY

# Contemporary Printmakers

12 November – 31 December

This exhibition focuses on the work of twelve contemporary printmaking artists. The show will feature a range of techniques including screenprints, etchings, mono prints, Japanese printing and linoprints.

Exhibiting artists include: Sandra Casey, Naomi Greaves, Tim Southall, Peter Colquitt, Ruth Green, Karoline Rerrie, Jay Seabrook, Jo McChesney, Lisa Henderson, Ruth Ander, Graeme Reed and David Jones.

All the work will be for sale.



Jay Seabrook

# Christmas Craft Show

12 November – 31 December

Our annual Christmas Craft Show provides an ideal escape from the High Street with a chance to browse our specially selected range of gift ideas. Items on display include a stunning selection of contemporary ceramics, glass, textiles and much more. Once again this year we have selected a range of work under £50 offering you a collection of unique handmade craft with a more affordable price tag!

Featuring porcelain Christmas decorations by Zoë Scutts, vintage textiles by Louise Brainwood and a large selection of silver, gold and aluminium jewellery.

Don't forget that Friends of the Gallery receive 10% discount on items in the exhibition.

**The Gallery will be closed to the public from 1 January – 10 February 2012 for essential maintenance work.**



Lorraine Gibby

# Architecture

11 February – 25 March

This exhibition features work produced by contemporary artists who are influenced by buildings and various elements of architecture. Paintings by Mark Lippett, Rob Pointon, David Jones and photographs by Noel Bennett.

Also on show will be a selection of works from the permanent collections, showing how historic buildings in the County have been represented in the past, including a set of six commissioned works by watercolour artist Catherine Brennan RI and paintings by Brendan Neiland RA.

A KS2 education package will be available during this exhibition – For details please contact Jackie Bradbury on 01785 278170



David Jones



Catherine Brennan



Mark Lippett

# Dan Wright

11 February – 25 March

This exhibition features ceramics and drawings by the Staffordshire maker, Dan Wright who produces hand made earthenware decorated with slips and hand drawn transfers printed in black enamel.

For the first time, these original line drawings will on display alongside the ceramics.

The theme of architecture is predominant in the work and Dan is producing a new Staffordshire range for the show. Other places of interest featured in his designs include, St Davids and Hay on Wye.

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Dan Wright



31 Mar – 13 May

Reggie's Roller Palace is the latest creation from the highly talented Olivia Brown. Best known for her unique ceramic sculptures of dogs and animals, this show is a vintage take on the modern cult of celebrity. Conveyed with humour, the show sees the return of Elvis The Whippet as a celebrity judge at the Grande finale of the annual Canine Roller Dance, hosted by Reggie.

The show features over 100 hand made audience members, acrobatic rollerskating canines and a dog formation team called 'Kenny and the Keneavils!'

*Not to be missed!*

A range of Reggie's Roller Palace souvenirs will be available alongside a selection of contemporary craft for your pampered pets!

**REGGIE'S**  
Roller Palace

## Relief Printmaking

SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER

10:00 – 4:00

Learn various relief printmaking techniques with exhibiting artist Naomi Greaves. Cut lino, create mono prints and produce festive gift wrap, greetings cards and a decorative experimental print.  
**£20**



Naomi Greaves

## Seasonal Stories and Magical Makes

SATURDAY 17 DECEMBER

10.00, 12:00 & 2:00

On a cold blustery day, come and hear the tales of magical beasts, warm your hands and travel the world on the breath of Shonaleigh's seasonal stories and papercraft workshops.

**FREE drop in, suitable for all ages**



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## Staffordshire on Film

SATURDAY 3 MARCH

11:00 - 12:00 or 1:00 – 2:00

Take a guided tour through the architecture of Staffordshire's past as Ray Johnson MBE

presents footage from the Staffordshire Film Archive. Ray will be on hand to explain the work of the Film Archive and to answer any questions about the Staffordshire Collection.  
**FREE drop in, suitable for all ages**

## A Touch of Glass

SATURDAY 10 MARCH

9:30 – 4:30

A whistle stop introduction to Stained Glass with Jenny Newall. With hands on, step by step guidance produce your own piece of personalised stained glass artwork to take home using copperfoiling and glass etching techniques.

**£30 including materials**



Jenny Newall

## Art Cart: Valentine's Day Special

TUESDAY 14 FEBRUARY

10:30 – 4:00

It's Valentine's Day so join us for some special themed makes to decorate with love hearts and flowers! Who will get your Valentine this year?

**FREE drop in, suitable for all ages**

## 🕒 Saturday Solo

SATURDAY 31 MARCH  
12:00 – 2:00

We are delighted to welcome back Sarah Whittingham, Stafford's Musician in Residence and Manchester Camerata's violinist, who will once again give informal recitals during the day.

**FREE drop in, suitable for all ages**

## 🕒 Out of the Box

MONDAY 2 - THURSDAY 5 APRIL  
DAILY

Out of the Box is a mobile sensory experience developed by artists Beeston Jones designed to

stimulate the senses of early years children through exploration and play.

[www.staffordshire.gov.uk/explore](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/explore)

**FREE drop in, suitable for the under 5s**

## 🕒 Easter Art Cart

TUESDAYS 3 AND 10 APRIL  
10:30 – 4:00

These egg-strat Art Carts are bound to brighten up the Easter holidays! We have colourful new ideas for you to make and take home.

**FREE drop in, suitable for all ages**

- 🕒 We think that you'll be able to complete the activities with the clock symbol in 10 minutes, but you're welcome to stay longer! Over 14s are also welcome to participate in our booked workshops, but must be accompanied by an adult.



Kate Beatty



Animal Antics



Sally Reay

## 🕒 Animal Antics

SATURDAY 14 APRIL  
10.00 – 4.00

This event certainly isn't for the squeamish! Dare you meet, hold and stroke some of Animal Antics' more unusual pets – tarantulas, toads, lizards and even snakes!

**FREE drop in, suitable for all ages**

## Fantastic Feather Fascinators

SATURDAY 21 APRIL  
10.30-12.30 or 2.00-4.00

You'll love this fresh new twist on the Easter bonnet! Create your own unique fascinator,

hair accessories or mini hat in a half day workshop with Sally Reay. Ideal for weddings, fancy dress parties and festivals!

**£10**

## 🕒 Art Cart

EVERY SUNDAY  
1:00 – 3:30

A special make every Sunday for the whole year round! Have fun creating your own piece of artwork to take home. Based on our changing exhibitions programme, there's always something new to try!

**FREE drop in, suitable for all ages**



SHIRE HALL CRAFT SHOP

# Craft Shop

## Friends Discount Scheme

Enjoy a range of benefits by becoming a member of our Friends Discount Scheme. Anyone can join. It's quick and easy to do, simply pick up an application form today from the Gallery or visit [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/has](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/has).

Join today and take advantage of the following benefits:

- 20% discount on booking for events and workshops
- 10% discount on items in the Art Market Craft area and Coffee Bar exhibitions
- 10% discount on crafts, cards and giftwrap in the Gallery shop
- Extra discount on special promotions throughout the year
- Invitations to private views where you can meet exhibitors and find out more about the work of the gallery and its exhibitions.



Nikki Ainscow

The Shire Hall Gallery Craft Shop offers you the opportunity to buy contemporary craft by leading British designer makers. We stock a desirable range of high quality work including jewellery, ceramics, textiles and glass alongside beautiful greetings

cards. Whether you are looking for a unique gift or want to treat yourself, we aim to stock something to tempt you and suit every pocket.

**Craft Shop Gift vouchers are now available!** These make the perfect gift for that special person who seems to have everything! They start from as little as £5 and last for 12 months.



Aamos Designs



Lucy Brown

## Multi Sensory Room

The Shire Hall Gallery's Multi Sensory Room is a space to relax and have fun! Equipped with a variety of lighting and sound effects, a bubble tube, music and interactive toys, the Multi Sensory Room helps to increase the awareness of babies, toddlers and individuals with special needs.

Multi Sensory Rooms have been shown to enhance sensory development (hearing, sight, taste, smell, and touch), increase hand/eye coordination, promote language development and encourage relaxation.

Whether you want to give your child a head start in life, support an individual with special needs or simply wind down after a stressful shopping trip, our Multi Sensory Room is available free of charge Monday to Saturday from 10.00am to 4.30pm and on Sundays from 1.30 to 3.30pm. Booking advised.



Relax and enjoy a view over the Shire Hall Gallery's Great Hall with a superb collection of teas, coffees, cakes and savouries.

Open: Monday – Friday 10.00am – 4.30 pm  
Saturday 9.30am – 4.00pm

## 650th Anniversary of the Magistracy

A new, free exhibition highlighting the 650th anniversary of the Magistracy is on display in Court One until 30 December 2011. The show is a collaboration between Staffordshire Heritage and Arts, Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Archive Service and the Magistrates Association. It features panels displayed earlier this year in Palace of Westminster, new research from Staffordshire's Archives about the Magistracy in the County and a refreshed display featuring items relating to the Magistracy from the County Museum Collection.



Keep up to date with all the latest news by joining the Shire Hall Gallery's Facebook page!

Be amongst the first to find out about special offers and events, see what's been happening in our workshop and activity sessions, browse behind-the-scenes images of exhibitions before they open and keep up to date with all of our latest news!

[www.facebook.com/shirehallgallery](http://www.facebook.com/shirehallgallery)

## Staffordshire Heritage & Arts Service

Staffordshire Heritage and Arts Service includes the Shire Hall Gallery, Shugborough Hall near Milford and a County Arts Development Service. Our aim is to provide opportunities for people to access, enjoy and benefit from a range of learning, recreational and cultural activities.

Staffordshire's Heritage & Arts Service run an annual Arts Grants Scheme to help fund arts activities which benefit the community and promote accessibility.

We support projects that enable individuals and communities to get involved in the arts – who often for a variety of reasons think that the arts are not something they can get involved in.

To find out more visit: [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/arts](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/arts)

Staffordshire Museum Service supports a variety of talks, travelling exhibitions and a mobile museum which can visit all sorts of venues. We also offer a free service available to all museums and heritage organisations within the County with practical advice and support on a range of issues including collections management, interpretation and funding. We offer site visits, training opportunities, and help in building partnerships.

For more information please visit: [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/museums](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/museums)

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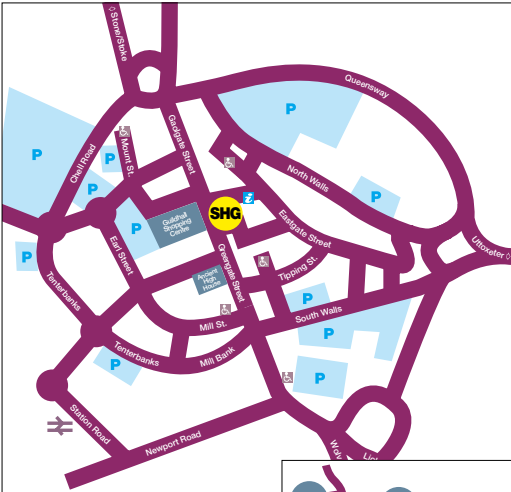
Opening Times: Mon - Sat: 9.30am - 5.00pm

Tue: 10.00am - 5.00pm, Sun: 1.00pm - 4.00pm

The Gallery will be closed on 31 October – 3 November and 6-11 November for exhibition change The Gallery will close from 1 January – 10 February for essential maintenance work.

26 – 30 March for exhibition change 6,8, 9 April for Easter Bank holiday

The Shire Hall Gallery is located in the Market Square in the centre of Stafford. Car parks, bus stops and railway station are within 5 minutes walk. Stafford is only 3 miles from the M6 (junction 13 or 14).



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