

CENTREPIECES

Mental Health Arts Project

Registered Charity 1160300

CENTREPIECES ARTISTS UPDATE

JULY/AUGUST 2017

LODGE WORKSHOP TIMETABLE (details below timetable)

MONDAY:	SCULPTURE WORKSHOPS	11:00 – 1:00pm	(Christie/self directed)
TUESDAY:	PAINTING WORKSHOPS	10:00 – 12:00pm	(Christie)
WEDNESDAY:	PHOTOGRAPHY MEETING	10:00 – 12:00pm	(Terry Longley)
THURSDAY:	'MASKS WE WEAR' / 'HALL PLACE'	10:00 – 1:00pm	(Denise Tarrant)
FRIDAY:	OPEN STUDIO	10:00 – 1:00pm	(Artist led)
SATURDAY:	PHOTOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP	Fortnightly	(Terry Longley)
	VARIOUS WORKSHOPS	10:00 – 3pm	Various tutors

ART WORKSHOPS

SCULPTURE Christie continues to run both indoor and outdoor sculpture workshops on Mondays 11 – 1pm although there will be a summer break from tutoring from 24th July to 11th September. Artists are encouraged to continue using the Lodge over the summer period with cost reduced to £1 per day only if using Centrepieces art materials. From Monday 11th September Christie will teach alternate blocks of 3 indoor/ outdoor tutored workshop sessions, which need to be booked in advance at £10 for 3 sessions. Contact the Lodge for details.

PAINTING WORKSHOPS These are part of the Tuesday 10 - 12pm introductory sessions which have been running since the beginning of the year, in blocks of 3 and which cost £10 for the 3. The fourth series of Painting sessions are running on 11th, 18th and 25th July, where Christie will continue teaching the use of a variety of materials to create Texture. From 12th Sept there will be another series of painting workshops entitled 'Painting the Cosmos'. These sessions need to be booked in advance, please contact the Lodge.

THE MASKS WE WEAR These continue on Thursdays 10-1pm until 20th July with Denise Tarrant leading sessions which are an exploration of identity and emotion through mask making, using papier mache, colour, poetry, music and drama. All welcome, these cost £3 per session and do not need to be booked in advance.

HALL PLACE INSPIRED WORKSHOP From 27th July Denise will be running a new 10 week series of workshops on Thursdays 10-1pm. These will be an exploration of the past and celebration of the present, using a variety of mixed media and based around the Hall Place building and the people who lived there. All welcome, cost £3 per session.

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP This continues to meet on Weds 10 -12am at Hall Place Visitors Centre to discuss photography and plan field trips (£1 donation) on alternative Saturdays. Contact Terry Longley, Dawn Tomkins or the Lodge if interested.

SATURDAY OPENING OF LODGE This restarted on 10th June offering art related sessions from 10-3pm.

Opening is subject to availability of keyholders and workshop tutors. So far there have been sessions on Felt Art, Art Talks (Van Gogh and Renoir), Breezblock Carving and Embroidery/Cross stitch. Forthcoming workshops include:

22nd July Textile Art Karen Larkin and Fiona Barlow 10:30 – 1pm

29th July Introduction to Photography Terry Longley and Neil Butler 10:30 – 1pm

Tutored sessions using art materials cost the usual £3.

See the website www.centrepieces.org for workshop updates.

PROGRAMME OF OTHER ACTIVITIES IN 2017:

NEW COMMISSION FOR ARTWORK IN HALL PLACE GARDENS This exciting new development follows a recent partnership meeting with Hall Place in which the Council have agreed to fund some temporary artwork to be created by Centrepieces in the gardens at Hall Place. We are about to explore options and make some proposals. It will initially be for the period from Sept 2017 – March 2018 and may well include the public/schoolchildren working alongside Centrepieces artists.

STABLES GALLERY EXHIBITION This will take place from 23rd November to 23rd Dec 2017, work is being accepted now for this, and for any other forthcoming exhibitions.

LIBRARY EXHIBITIONS We are holding a small exhibition at Sidcup Library from 17th July to 14th August.

SOLO/ SMALL GROUP EXHIBITIONS Geoff and Fiona are starting to identify suitable venues such as Creek Creative in Faversham and the Market huts in Whitstable, any Centrepieces artists who may be interested should let them know, or if you have any further ideas for suitable exhibition spaces.

CAPITAL ARTS GALLERY We have started to trial using this shop gallery in Eltham to sell Centrepieces artists work and so far it has gone quite well. There is a cost involved however, so we are developing a policy to cover this and will only continue if it is financially viable for Centrepieces. If you would like to be involved and sell some of your artwork there please contact Geoff at the Lodge.

QUEENS GALLERY Centrepieces has accepted an invite for its artists to attend a session at this prestigious gallery at Buckingham Palace based on their forthcoming exhibition of the Italian artist Canaletto, on Monday 6th Nov 2-4pm. They can accommodate up to 25 people and there are still places available so please contact the Lodge to book a place.

CENTREPIECES ANNUAL ART AUCTION Although a provisional date set has been set for September, possibly using the same premises, the Meeting Place in Dartford, the auction is now unlikely to proceed due to the workload pressure of other project commitments.

LARK IN THE PARK Centrepieces plans to participate in this two week Festival at Sidcup Place offering a workshop in the Arts and Crafts Tent on Friday 4th August. Please contact the Lodge if you are able to help.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING This took place at the Learning Centre in Brampton Road on Tuesday 4th July and was a resounding success. It included talks by various artists (Christie, Fiona and John Exell) and Diana, and our new Patron, the author Isabel Losada. There was also a preliminary showing of the new Centrepieces promotional film produced by Pam McKinnon, which will now be developed further in post production editing. Winners of this years 'Jackie Inspire' Awards were: Trevor Whiting (Artistic Development), Diana Donkor and Jean Lyons (Admin and Finance) and Karen Larkin (Workshops and Development). Thanks to everyone who helped make this such a memorable occasion, a real celebration of our achievements to date.

OPEN DAYS AND FUNDRAISING EVENTS Fiona Barlow organised a Fundraising Event at Chislehurst Golf Club on Sat 24th June which included a 'Silent Auction' of Artwork and raised £2.5.K. Well done Fiona ! Karen Larkin also organised a Garden Fundraising Event in Eltham, on Saturday 1st July with Centrepieces artwork on sale, which was another great achievement and raised £800. A big thanks to Karen. Diana is planning a Summer Event at the Lodge and will need help with this, more details to follow.

CARD PRODUCTION Kirsty Pentecost has offered to help with printing images on different types of products (mugs, T shirts, prints etc) to sell for fundraising purposes. Kirsty, who is a graphical printer is willing to produce them at a low price and has started making cards. Thanks very much, Kirsty. We are interested in artists who are willing to allow images of their artwork to be used on cards or other products for Centrepieces fundraising purposes, please contact the Lodge.

WEBSITE The new website is now up and running and looking good: www.centrepieces.org. We are continually updating the website with news, workshops, latest artwork etc. Contact the Lodge if there is anything you would like to be uploaded.

SOCIAL MEDIA Fiona Barlow has taken on the role of developing the social media side of Centrepieces and has set up Twitter and Instagram accounts. These are in addition to the Facebook account already set up by Christie and the existing Blog. More articles are needed for the Blog, anyone can contribute by sending images/ text to Fiona or Christie.

FUNDRAISING Closely tied in with future accommodation arrangements is securing the funding required to cover the additional running costs which Centrepieces is incurring from 1st June 2017. These include rent, rates, utilities and maintenance, and are currently estimated to be about £6K per year. The Fundraising Team which meets on Fridays at the Lodge has sent out applications to about 20 grant awarding bodies. These are for non specific awards to help cover the shortfall, who typically donate between £1 – 10K. We have already received £2K from one of these bodies, the Michael Barnard Trust. Our external fundraiser will eventually prepare bids for larger amounts to include staffing costs over a longer period of time, and for larger art projects undertaken by Centrepieces. Many applications require Centrepieces to put forward proposals for new art activities, so any ideas for these are more than welcome.