

CENTREPIECES

Mental Health Arts Project

Registered Charity 1160300

CENTREPIECES ARTISTS UPDATE

MAY/JUNE 2017

LODGE WORKSHOP TIMETABLE (details below timetable)

MONDAY:	SCULPTURE WORKSHOPS	11:00 – 1:00pm	(Christie Cassisa)
TUESDAY:	JEWELLERY/PAINTING WORKSHOPS	10:00 – 12:00pm	(Karen/Christie)
WEDNESDAY:	PHOTOGRAPHY MEETING	10:00 – 12:00pm	(Terry Longley)
THURSDAY:	'MASKS WE WEAR' WORKSHOPS	10:00 – 1:00pm	(Denise Tarrant)
FRIDAY:	OPEN STUDIO	10:00 – 1:00pm	(Artist led)
SATURDAY:	PHOTOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP	Fortnightly	(Terry Longley)

ART WORKSHOPS

SCULPTURE Christie is continuing to run both indoor and outdoor sculpture workshops on Mondays 11 – 1pm. The cost to artists is £3 per session and artists are encouraged to continue with their work outside of this time. These are open sessions that do not need to be booked in advance.

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 third series of Painting sessions are running on 13th, 20th and 27th June, where Christie will be teaching the use of a variety of materials to create Texture. These sessions need to be booked in advance, more details available from the Lodge.

JEWELLERY MAKING WORKSHOP The second block of 3 Jewellery Making sessions will be led by Karen Larkin and focus on bracelet making, and take place on 16th, 23rd and 30th May. Bookings are now being taken and some spaces are still available.

THE MASKS WE WEAR On Thursdays 10-1pm from the 11th May Denise Tarrant is offering a series of 10 weekly sessions on the theme of 'The Masks We Wear', 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.

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.

ART TALKS These are Monday evening sessions from 6-7pm, if you have any ideas for a talk, discussion or presentation then please contact the Lodge.

SATURDAY OPENING OF LODGE There has been interest in restarting Saturday opening at the Lodge. In order for this to happen there needs to be a monthly rota of committed keyholders, and then we can plan what type of activities will take place. Can you please make contact if you would definitely use the Lodge if it was open on Saturdays. Thanks.

PROGRAMME OF OTHER ACTIVITIES IN 2017:

STABLES GALLERY EXHIBITION This will take place from 23rd November to 23rd Dec 2017.

LIBRARY EXHIBITIONS Next is 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 approach Centrepieces artists who may be interested. Let us know if you are, or have any ideas for suitable exhibition spaces.

CAPITAL ARTS GALLERY We have started to trial using this shop gallery in Eltham to sell Centrepieces artists work. So far it has gone well with some work having sold, and two artists (Christie Cassisa and Fiona Barlow) having won prizes in a weekend Greenwich painting competition. There is a cost involved however, so we will only continue if it is financially viable for Centrepieces. If you would like to be involved and sell some of your artwork please contact Geoff at the Lodge.

QUEENS GALLERY Centrepieces artists have been invited 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. We have provisionally accepted the offer but Geoff needs to confirm with them asap (they can accommodate up to 25 people). Can you please get in touch if you are interested in attending.

CENTREPIECES ANNUAL ART AUCTION This has been discussed and a provisional date set for September, possibly using the same premises, the Meeting Place in Dartford. Let us know if you have any other suggestions.

LARK IN THE PARK This two week Festival at Sidcup Place in July and August is supported by local churches. Two years ago Centrepieces participated in artwork displays and provided workshops which proved very successful, all involved having a great time. We are planning a day of workshops in August, contact the Lodge if interested in participating.

OPEN DAYS AND FUNDRAISING EVENTS Diana will start to organise a Summer Event at the Lodge, help will be needed for this. Fiona has organised a Fundraising Event at Chislehurst Golf Club on Sat 24th June. This will be a 'Silent Auction' of Artwork, starting online and finishing on the day. Karen Larkin is organising a Garden Fundraising Event in Eltham, on Saturday 1st July with Centrepieces artwork on sale. Tickets £10 to the public, £8 to Centrepieces members, full details from the Lodge. Thanks to everyone for these initiatives.

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 still under construction by an external consultant and the draft will hopefully be ready by the end of May.

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.

FUTURE OF CENTREPIECES AT THE LODGE We have now successfully negotiated a new 5 year lease with Bexley Council for Centrepieces to remain at the Lodge. This is great news, it includes a break clause so either party can terminate the agreement by giving one year's notice in the first 3 years or 6mths notice in the last 2 years of the lease.

FUNDRAISING Closely tied in with future accommodation arrangements is securing the funding required to cover the additional running costs which Centrepieces will incur 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, and they 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.

PROMOTIONAL FILM Volunteer Pam McKinnon has started the filming of a short video outlining the work of Centrepieces and the experiences of its artists, which will be ready in time for this year's AGM on Tuesday 4th July, and also available for use with fundraising. Pam has already been enlisting the help of Centrepieces artists and volunteers, if you are interested in being involved please contact the Lodge.