

CENTREPIECES

Mental Health Arts Project

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CENTREPIECES ARTISTS UPDATE

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2017

LODGE WORKSHOP TIMETABLE (details below timetable)

MONDAY:	SCULPTURE	10:00 – 12:00pm	(Christie Cassisa)
TUESDAY:	PAINTING/OTHER WORKSHOPS	10:00 – 12:00pm	(Christie Cassisa)
WEDNESDAY:	PHOTOGRAPHY MEETING	10:00 – 12:00pm	(Terry Longley)
THURSDAY:	'EXPLORING THE PAST CELEBRATING THE PRESENT'		
		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 – 1pm	Various tutors

ART WORKSHOPS

SCULPTURE From Monday 11th September Christie is teaching a block of 3 sessions which need to be booked in advance at £10 for the 3. These are on 11th, 18th and 25th Sept and entitled 'Making Heads on Armatures'. All sculptural activity in October will be geared up towards making the figures etc for the Hall Place Art in Gardens commissions, with scope for those who wish to continue with their own work untutored.

PAINTING WORKSHOPS These are part of the Tuesday 10 - 12pm introductory sessions run in blocks of 3 and costing £10. From 12th Sept there will be another series of painting workshops entitled 'Painting the Cosmos'. Further introductory sessions on Tuesdays will be announced for October.

HALL PLACE INSPIRED WORKSHOPS From 27th July – 5th Oct Denise is running a series of 10 workshops on Thursdays from 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, no booking required.

From Thursday Oct 19th Denise will continue with open workshops at the same time from 10 – 1pm. These will focus on creating life size outdoor sculptures for her new project in Hall Place gardens, part of Centrepieces new commission, with much scope for group participation. As this is externally funded these workshops will be FREE to artists.

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 AT LODGE For the Autumn Programme the Lodge will generally be open for workshops between 10 – 1pm. All opening is subject to the availability of keyholders and workshop tutors.

16 th Sept	Breezeblock sculpture	(John Exell)
23 rd Sept	Tie Dyeing	(Karen Larkin)
30 th Sept	Quilling	(Vicky Pisarski)

Sunday 1st Oct Special opening of the Lodge as part of Bexley Council's bid for London Borough of Arts and Culture. Workshop at Lodge on Remembrance Day sculpture (Christie).

7th Oct Workshop to be arranged

14th Oct 'Word Webs' Hall Place project construction (beginners) (Kim Campbell) FREE

21st Oct 'Word Webs' Hall Place project installation (intermediate) (Kim Campbell) FREE

Tutored sessions using art materials cost the usual £3.

See the website www.centrepieces.org for workshop updates or artists@centrepieces.org email group.

PROGRAMME OF OTHER ACTIVITIES IN 2017:

NEW COMMISSION FOR ARTWORK IN HALL PLACE GARDENS This exciting new development follows recent partnership meetings with Hall Place in which the Council have agreed to fund some temporary artwork to be created by Centrepieces artists in the gardens at Hall Place. After much preparation by our artists 12 proposals have now been agreed encompassing a wide range of ideas and media. Work will be starting very soon and offer opportunities for all interested C/P artists as well as the public to be involved. Full details will be sent out on the artists@centrepieces.org email group as the projects evolve. They will be taking place from Oct 2017 – March 2018. The first are entitled 'Word Webs', constructions of spiders webs and text using different materials led by Kim Campbell, and 'Drawing the Line' where coloured leaves will be collected and imbedded into hedges in the grounds. Both of these are open to public participation as well as Centrepieces artists. The third to be unveiled on Amnesty Day Nov 11th is 'Never Forget',

sculptured figures made of clay and stones referenced to modern day, led by Christie, again open to participation by Centrepieces artists.

STABLES GALLERY EXHIBITION Preparations for this exhibition are now commencing. Much help will be needed, with work beforehand leading up to the installation on Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th November, and the opening and preview on Saturday 25th. **NEW ARTWORK NEEDS TO BE SUBMITTED NOW**, please remember that any new work must not have been shown before in the Hall Place galleries.

LIBRARY EXHIBITIONS The last Library exhibition of the year is being put up at Erith Library on Friday 15th Sept for one month.

SOLO/ SMALL GROUP EXHIBITIONS We will shortly be starting to plan exhibitions for 2018 so please let us know if you wish to participate. Several suitable galleries and spaces have been identified, and some artists already expressed an interest.

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.

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. An artist/volunteer is needed to oversee this important aspect of Centrepieces, please contact the Lodge if interested.

XMAS CARDS Dawn Tomkins and Neil Butler will be organising the production of this year's Xmas cards. Please send any submissions for consideration either electronically to info@centrepieces.org or hard copies A4 size to the Lodge. *Deadline October 6th*.

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.

FUNDRAISING As stated earlier Centrepieces has won a commission to produce Artwork in the Grounds of Hall Place from Oct 2017 – March 2018, with funding of £6,300.

The fundraising team have also put in a bid for £5,000 to the CoOp Community fund for an art project proposal by Denise Tarrant on the theme of growth and change. We should hear in November whether we have been successful.

BEXLEY ARTS AND CULTURE BID Christie, Karen and Stuart attended an initial workshop to discuss the Bexley bid to become the London Borough of Culture in either 2018 or 2019. Centrepieces will play a role in this along with other local arts organisations, the official bid launch is on Sunday 1st October at Hall Place. We have agreed to open the Lodge to the public to let them see what we do. If anyone is interested in helping out on the day please contact the Lodge, any assistance welcome.