

CENTREPIECES

Mental Health Arts Project

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CENTREPIECES ARTISTS UPDATE

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2018

LODGE WORKSHOP TIMETABLE (details below timetable)

MONDAY:	SCULPTURE (Clay work)	10:00 – 12:30pm	(Karen Larkin)
TUESDAY:	ACRYLIC POUR WORKSHOP/ VARIOUS TASTER SESSIONS	10:00 – 12:30pm	(Karen Larkin) (Various tutors)
WEDNESDAY:	PHOTOGRAPHY MEETING	10:00 – 12:00pm	(Terry Longley)
THURSDAY:	MIXED MEDIA/ SCULPTURE MUSHROOM MAGIC	10:00 – 1:00pm 10:00 – 3:00pm	(Suzy Casserley) (Christie Cassisa)
FRIDAY:	OPEN STUDIO and SCULPTURE	10:00 – 2:00pm	(Artist led/Christie)
SATURDAY:	PHOTOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP VARIOUS WORKSHOPS	Fortnightly 10:00 – 1pm	(Terry Longley) (Various tutors)

ART WORKSHOPS

SCULPTURE From February 2018 Karen will be offering drop in clay/pottery workshops on Mondays at £3 per session. These do not need to be booked in advance. Christie will also be running outdoor sculpture sessions on Fridays. Again these do not need to be booked in advance and will cost £3 per session, with donations towards extra cost of more expensive materials such as stone.

ACRYLIC POUR WORKSHOPS Karen will be teaching this technique on Tuesday 13th, 20th and 27th Feb as a closed workshop (book in advance), cost £10 for three sessions.

DECOUPAGE Dawn is currently planning some decoupage workshops for Tuesdays in either March or April. Watch this space.

MIXED MEDIA WORKSHOPS New Centrepieces artist/ volunteer Suzy Casserley will be running drop in Mixed Media sessions on Thursdays from the end of January, commencing with salt dough. These cost £3 per session and do not need to be booked in advance.

'TWELVE' PROJECT WORKSHOPS There will be more workshops running to support these art installations which Bexley Council have commissioned Centrepieces to undertake in Hall Place Gardens. Christie will be running 3 sculpture workshops on Thursdays the 15th, 22nd February and the 1st March from 10 – 3pm, creating mushrooms out of willow with bandage covering (MUSHROOM MAGIC) – contact the Lodge if you are interested in attending. There will also be Breezblock sculpture workshops commencing Saturdays 27th Jan running throughout Feb from 10 – 3pm, in which the iconic Centrepieces TOTEM POLES will be restored to their original glory. These will be run by John Exell and Kim Campbell. All these workshops will be free as they are externally funded.

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

SATURDAY OPENING AT THE LODGE This is continuing in 2018.

Opening is normally from 10 – 1pm subject to keyholder/ workshop tutor availability.

From Sat 27th Jan 10:00 – 3:00pm and throughout February - BREEZBLOCK WORKSHOPS (refurbishment of Totem Poles) run by John Exell and Kim Campbell (FREE)

Tutored sessions using art materials usually cost £3, externally funded workshops are free.

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

NEW ART WORKSHOP TUTORS We are currently recruiting new tutors from outside Centrepieces to provide further art workshops. These will be advertised through the email group, website and at the Lodge and should be starting very soon.

ARTWORK COMMISSION IN HALL PLACE GARDENS (THE 'TWELVE') This is a partnership project with Hall Place in which the Council are funding temporary artwork created by Centrepieces artists to be placed in the gardens at Hall Place between Oct 2017 – March 2018. Completed projects include: WORD WEBS, DRAWING THE LINE, NEVER FORGET, BE DIFFERENT, XMAS GARDEN, ECHOES OF HALL PLACE and CELEBRATING THE PAST, INSPIRING THE PRESENT. Currently underway are the HARES, TOTEMS and MUSHROOM MAGIC, with the last one, FLOTSAM and JETSOM scheduled for mid March. There are opportunities for C/P artists as well as the public to be involved in the creation of these sculptures and installations. Details are continually being circulated on the artists@centrepieces.org email group and uploaded to the website www.centrepieces.org and social media, as the projects evolve. Stuart Smith has been making great showreel videos of each project, which can be accessed through the website or the email group. They are taking place between Oct 2017 – March 2018 and most workshops are free.

STABLES GALLERY EXHIBITION NOV – DEC 2017 This went very well, the largest (and some said the best) of Centrepieces Open exhibitions, with 200 pieces on show. Around 25 sold. The next Stables exhibition will be in Spring 2019, this is to allow enough time for new work to accumulate. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make it a success and stewarded throughout December.

LIBRARY EXHIBITIONS 2018 So far we have booked:

ERITH: 22nd Jan – 26th Feb

SIDCUP: 5th March – 9th April

SOLO/ SMALL GROUP EXHIBITIONS We are currently locating suitable venues for new exhibitions in 2018, please let us know if you wish to participate. Several galleries and spaces have already been identified, and a number of artists have expressed interest.

PRODUCT VOLUNTEER 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 you are able to take on this important role.

XMAS CARDS Sales of these went well, thanks to the hard work of Dawn Tomkins, Neil Butler and Karen Larkin.

FUNDRAISING We have been invited to speak at a Sidcup Rotary Club dinner in March at Chislehurst Golf Club which Karen and Stuart have agreed to do. They have promised to make a donation to C/P following the presentation.

Unbeknown to Centrepieces, the Dunton Green School of Dance organised a Moulin Rouge fundraising event for Centrepieces in December and raised over £600 ! They are connected to Centrepieces through art tutor Denise Tarrant and former volunteer Duncan Wilson, and will shortly be presenting a cheque.

BEXLEY ARTS AND CULTURE BID We are still awaiting the outcome of this bid which Centrepieces supported, for Bexley to become the London Borough of culture in either 2019 or 2020.