

# CENTREPIECES

Mental Health Arts Project

Registered Charity 1160300

## CENTREPIECES ARTISTS UPDATE

### JUNE/JULY 2018

#### MEMBERSHIP

If you still wish to continue your membership with Centrepieces and have not yet paid this year's subscription, can you please contact the Lodge on 01322 554 589 or email [info@centrepieces.org](mailto:info@centrepieces.org) Thanks.

#### LODGE WORKSHOP TIMETABLE (details below timetable)

MONDAY:	SCULPTURE (Indoor Clay work)	10:00 – 12:30pm	(Karen Larkin)
TUESDAY:	WATERCOLOURS (June)	10:30 – 1:00pm	(Sue Wiecz)
	ANIMALS – up close and personal (July)		(Karen Larkin)
WEDNESDAY:	PHOTOGRAPHY	10:00 – 12:00pm	(Terry Longley)
THURSDAY:	MOSAICS (June onwards)	10:30 – 1:00pm	(Karen Larkin)
FRIDAY:	OPEN STUDIO and SCULPTURE	10:00 – 2:00pm	(Artist led/Christie)
	CREATIVE WRITING	1:00 – 3:00pm	(Jo Morris)
SATURDAY:	PHOTOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP	Fortnightly	(Terry Longley)
	VARIOUS WORKSHOPS	10:30 – 1pm	(Various tutors)

#### ART WORKSHOPS

**SCULPTURE** Karen runs drop in clay/pottery workshops on Mondays at £3 per session. These do not need to be booked in advance. Christie continues to run outdoor sculpture sessions on Fridays. She is currently encouraging people to explore the use of different types of medium including African Soapstone, following workshops she attended at the Brighton Festival. There will also be an opportunity to be involved in the restoration of some of the giant Mushroom Sculptures and the Nest sculpture in Hall Place Gardens. Again these do not need to be booked in advance and cost £3 per session, with donations towards the extra cost of more expensive materials such as some of the stone.

**DRAWING** Sharon Lewis ran 3 sessions entitled 'Anyone Can Draw' on Tuesdays in May. These were very successful and Sharon has offered to run more if people are interested.

**WATERCOLOURS** Another new volunteer, artist Susan Wiecz, also ran an introductory session on watercolours and will be continuing on Tuesdays 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> June, cost £10 for the three workshops to be booked and paid in advance,

**MIXED MEDIA WORKSHOPS** Centrepieces artist/ volunteer Suzy Casserley ran 6 Papier Mache sessions on Thursdays in May and June.

**MOSAIC WORKSHOPS** Karen is commencing Mosaic workshops on Thursdays 10:30 – 1pm. These are introductory sessions to develop skills which can then be used for the creation of the proposed public art sculpture in Hall Place later in the year (Broken Is Beautiful). They are drop in sessions, no advance booking required, cost £3 per session.

**PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP** This continues to meet Wed 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.

**TRIP TO HEMSLEY CONSERVATION CENTRE** This is taking place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July, leaving the Lodge at 9:30am travelling by car and back by 3:00pm, with two follow up workshops at the Lodge on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 31st July 10:30 – 1:00pm. The title of the 3 sessions is 'ANIMALS – UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL'. The visit involves the opportunity for close proximity with animals, the workshops afterwards to help draw and paint your experiences. Total cost for the 3 is £15, this covers transport, entry and all materials and tutor fees. There are limited places (8) so apply now if interested to book, pay and secure a place.

**CREATIVE WRITING** This is a new class which has already started and run by volunteer Jo Morris, an experienced teacher who will cover all forms of the written word, prose and poetry. Drop in on Fridays 1:00 –3:00pm, cost £1 per session.

#### **SATURDAY OPENING AT THE LODGE**

Opening is normally from 10 – 1pm subject to keyholder/ workshop tutor availability, so do please check to ensure the Lodge is open. Tutored sessions using art materials usually cost £3, externally funded workshops are free.

See the website [www.centrepieces.org](http://www.centrepieces.org) for workshop updates or [artists@centrepieces.org](mailto:artists@centrepieces.org) email group, or telephone the Lodge on 01322 554 589.

**ARTWORK COMMISSION IN HALL PLACE GARDENS (THE 'TWELVE')** The partnership project with Hall Place in which the Council funded temporary artwork created by Centrepieces artists to be placed in the Gardens at Hall Place between Oct 2017 – March 2018 has now been completed. The finished projects are: WORD WEBS, DRAWING THE LINE, NEVER FORGET, BE DIFFERENT, XMAS GARDEN, ECHOES OF HALL PLACE and CELEBRATING THE PAST, INSPIRING THE PRESENT, HARES and MUSHROOM MAGIC. Currently on show are the RAINBOW RIBBONS, TOTEMS and FLOTSAM and JETSAM, around the nursery gardens and the visitors centre. There is an opportunity for C/P artists

to be involved in the restoration of some of the giant Mushroom Sculptures which unfortunately were vandalised and had to be taken down after about 6 weeks. Each project has its own section on the website under the heading Twelve [www.centrepieces.org](http://www.centrepieces.org) and they have all been prominently shared in social media such as facebook. Stuart Smith has made some great videos of each project and 2 showreels covering them all, which can be accessed through the website or the email group.

**BEXLEYHEATH RAILWAY STATION WAITING ROOM** Following discussion between Centrepieces artist Mark Harrison who works at the Station and his manager, a site visit was organised which resulted in them expressing a keen interest for Centrepieces artists to produce artwork for the Station waiting room. We are currently putting some detailed proposals together. Contact the Lodge or [info@centrepieces.org](mailto:info@centrepieces.org) if you'd like to be involved.

**AUCTION** The Exchange in Erith have kindly offered Centrepieces space in their new premises in the old Carnegie Library to hold our Annual Art Auction. The Library is currently being refurbished and should be ready for use by the autumn. Our Auction is scheduled for late November. This is also a great opportunity for us to get involved in some new partnership working with Sarah and Peter at the Exchange, an exciting and well funded new development.

**'EN PLEIN AIR' AT THE REDHOUSE** We have been contacted by the Redhouse in Bexleyheath who are keen to promote the spirit of artist and designer William Morris and plan to hold a free Community Open Air Art Session in their gardens this summer. Please let us know if you are interested as they will only do this if they get sufficient positive response from people they have contacted. Call the Lodge on 01322 554 589 or email [info@centrepieces.org](mailto:info@centrepieces.org)

**SOLO/ SMALL GROUP EXHIBITIONS** We are still 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 including Creek Creative in Faversham, Whitstable Harbour pop up huts and Geoffrey Whitworth Theatre. A number of artists have already expressed interest.

**CENTREPIECES AGM 2018** This year's AGM is taking place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 1 – 3pm at BVSC, Crayford Manor House. If you are a CIO member you will be sent a separate invite, if you wish to attend it is essential to contact the Lodge or [info@centrepieces.org](mailto:info@centrepieces.org) to let us know as space is much more limited this year. We will be showing some of the videos of the Twelve artwork installations, along with the usual speeches, food and refreshment.

**PRODUCTS VOLUNTEERS** We have 2 volunteers helping with the creation of cards, mugs, T shirts and other products (Aisling and Lucasz). They will be starting with cards.

**XMAS CARDS** The plan is to start in June this year to ensure a good range of designs and stock.

**FUNDRAISING** We are currently applying for a grant from the Sidcup Rotary Club to cover the costs of building a Mosaic Sculpture for the new plinth at Hall Place when it is

completed. We have been encouraged to apply so it looks promising. Karen is starting the project now, as we have a plan for alternative funding if this application is unsuccessful.

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July Karen Larkin's mum, Betty Reynolds, is organising another Fundraising Afternoon Tea and Cakes event at her house in Eltham from 2:30 – 5:00pm. Centrepieces artwork will be on display and for sale. Last year she raised about £750.

Tickets are available from Karen at the Lodge at £10 or £8 for Centrepieces artists and volunteers.