

# CENTREPIECES

Mental Health Arts Project

Registered Charity 1160300

## CENTREPIECES ARTISTS UPDATE

### APRIL/MAY 2018

#### MEMBERSHIP

Centrepieces membership subscription has been kept to last years level of £30, adjusted pro rata if you joined part way through last year. Everyone has now been notified of how much they owe, prompt payment is appreciated if you wish to continue your membership. Can you please contact the Lodge or [info@centrepieces.org](mailto:info@centrepieces.org) if you do not, thanks.

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

MONDAY:	SCULPTURE (Indoor Clay work)	10:00 – 12:30pm	(Karen Larkin)
TUESDAY:	DECOUPAGE (April)	10:30 – 1:00pm	(Dawn Tomkins)
	ANYONE CAN DRAW (May)	10:30 – 1:00pm	(Sharon Lewis)
WEDNESDAY:	PHOTOGRAPHY MEETING	10:00 – 12:00pm	(Terry Longley)
THURSDAY:	MIXED MEDIA	10:30 – 1:00pm	(Suzy Casserley)
FRIDAY:	OPEN STUDIO and SCULPTURE	10:00 – 2:00pm	(Artist led/Christie)
SATURDAY:	PHOTOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP	Fortnightly	(Terry Longley)
	VARIOUS WORKSHOPS	10:30 – 1pm	(Various tutors)

#### ART WORKSHOPS

**SCULPTURE** From February 2018 Karen has been offering drop in clay/pottery workshops on Mondays at £3 per session. These do not need to be booked in advance. Christie is also 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.

**DECOUPAGE** Dawn is offering decoupage workshops on Tuesdays 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> April. These involve the creation of artful combinations of collaged images and objects, cost £10 for the three sessions, to be booked in advance.

**DRAWING** New Centrepieces volunteer, artist Sharon Lewis held an introductory drawing class in March which went down very well so she is continuing with sessions entitled 'Anyone Can Draw' on Tuesdays 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> May, cost £10 for the three to be paid in advance.

**WATERCOLOURS** Another new volunteer, artist Susan Wiecz, likewise offered 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 to be paid in advance,

**MIXED MEDIA WORKSHOPS** Centrepieces artist/ volunteer Suzy Casserley will be continuing drop in Mixed Media sessions on Thursdays which will commence with three Papier Mache sessions on the 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> April. These cost £3 per session and do not need to be booked in advance.

**'TWELVE' PROJECT WORKSHOPS** Following a month of creating giant mushroom sculptures, the last of the workshops at the Lodge to support these art installations which Bexley Council have commissioned Centrepieces to undertake in Hall Place Gardens involves completing the restoration of the iconic Breezblock Totem Poles. These have been taking place at various times throughout the week and some Saturdays, led by Kim, Alex and John. Contact them or the Lodge for more details

**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**

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')** This 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 is now near completion. Finished 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 on show are the RAINBOW RIBBONS, HARES and MUSHROOM MAGIC in and near the rock garden and visible from the visitors centre. The TOTEMS will be ready soon while FLOTSAM and JETSOM which involves collecting waste and rubbish from the grounds of Hall Place and framing of this has now been rescheduled for Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup>. There are still opportunities for C/P

artists as well as the public to be involved in the final stages of these sculptures and installations. Details are continually circulated on the [artists@centrepieces.org](mailto:artists@centrepieces.org) email group and uploaded to the website [www.centrepieces.org](http://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.

**NEXT STABLES GALLERY EXHIBITION** The next Centrepieces Stables Gallery Exhibition will be in Spring 2019, which allows adequate time for new work to accumulate.

**AUCTION** We are planning to hold another art auction at the end of 2018 and will be contacting the Orchard Shopping Centre in Dartford to see if it is possible to use their premises, The Meeting Place, again.

**LIBRARY EXHIBITIONS 2018** At present on show are:

ERITH: 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan – 23<sup>rd</sup> April

SIDCUP: 5<sup>th</sup> March – 14<sup>th</sup> May

**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 and Whitstable harbour huts, and a number of artists have expressed interest.

**PRODUCTS VOLUNTEER** We now have 2 volunteers to help with the creation of cards, mugs, T shirts and other products and hope to be starting this soon.

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

**FUNDRAISING** Thanks very much to Karen and Stuart for speaking at the Sidcup Rotary Club dinner at Chislehurst Golf club in March. As a result they have agreed to make a donation in the order of £250 and have also invited Centrepieces to apply for one of their grant awards.

The Royal Blackheath Golf Club held their annual special golfing tournament to fundraise for over 30 local charities, one of which was Centrepieces, so we have been invited to attend a presentation on 11<sup>th</sup> April to receive a cheque for £500.

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.

