

CENTREPIECES
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Workshop Brochure

JULY 2026

WORKSHOP BOOKING INFORMATION

A charge of £5.00 is made for in person workshops and £4.00 for Zoom workshops, to cover the cost of resources. Untutored sessions are charged at £2.00.

All workshops (except Drop-in sessions) are non refundable and must be **booked and paid for in advance**. Refunds will only be considered if bookings are cancelled for an unavoidable reason **24 hours in advance by email to suet998@gmail.com**

Bookings can be made **up to a month in advance** once the brochure for that month has been published and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. **To aid planning and admin please book workshops by 4pm on Friday of the previous week.**

Workshops advertised as a course or with a set cost for a number of sessions will be booked and charged at the advertised cost, even if a session is missed – **please read flyers carefully.**

All bookings will be confirmed by email and a waiting list held for over-subscribed workshops. Priority places at the next session will be given to those on the waiting list.

To book, or with any workshop or art credit queries or cancellations, email suet998@gmail.com. I am only available to deal with workshop admin between 10am and 4pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. **I do not work at weekends.**

- ❖ **Bank Account details**
- ❖ **Account No: 73401340 (Centrepieces CIO)**
- ❖ **Sort Code: 20-62-69**
- ❖ **Reference: ARTCREDIT**
- ❖ **Cheques payable to 'Centrepieces CIO'**
- ❖ **Please allow time for payments to show in your account, it can take 7 days or more (cheque payments will take longer) so make sure you pay in well in advance of booking.**

Workshop Rules

- You will receive an email link for zoom workshops from the workshop host
- Please wear appropriate footwear and clothing for the workshop
- Keep conversation light-hearted and relevant and remember that a quiet, relaxed atmosphere helps concentration.
- The Centrepieces **Code of Conduct** must be adhered to at all times during workshops.
- Be aware of your surroundings when on zoom (other people and background conversations).

Indoor Sculpture at The Lodge: Botanical Clay Reliefs

with Lucy



Where: The Lodge
Date: Mondays 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th July 2026
Time: 10.30am - 1pm
Cost: £5 per session

Join Lucy in her Botanical Clay Relief Workshops throughout July where you will be creating your own colourful botanical reliefs in clay, inspired by native flowers, plants and trees.

We'll have a range of inspiration, ranging in difficulty levels and explore sculpting forms from scratch as well as taking direct impressions of plants into the clay. These workshops are suitable for all experience levels.

Payment will be taken through Art Credits
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Artistry in Bloom: A South Asian Heritage Celebration *with Nicki*

WHERE: The Lodge
DATE: Mondays 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th July 2026
TIME: 2pm - 4pm
COST: £5 in person

In honour of South Asian Heritage Month this July, we invite you to a creative journey exploring the artistry of South Asian motifs. This hands-on watercolour workshop is designed for all skill levels, focusing on the fluid beauty of colours to capture traditional imagery like lotuses, marigolds, and intricate patterns. Come learn, celebrate, and be inspired with us!



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Polymer Clay Workshops *with Andrew*



WHERE: The Lodge

DATE: Tuesdays 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th July 2026

TIME: 11 am - 1pm

COST: £5 in person (subsidised through the BOAW project)

The polymer clay workshop continues with Andrew at the Lodge. Come and join as we work towards our sitting branch display for the upcoming Birds On A Wire exhibition, where we hope to have quite a menagerie of feathered (and some non-feathered) friends all chilling out on display.

Or maybe you have another project in mind? Andrew will be on hand with sagely advice.

No prior experience with Polymer Clay required, as Andrew will be sharing his tips and tricks for this type of clay!

All art pieces created by the artists may be needed for display in the BOAW exhibition in November, but still remain the property of the artist.

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Outdoor Sculpture at The Lodge



WHERE: The Lodge
DATE: Thursdays 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th July 2026
TIME: 10.30am - 1pm
COST: £5 per session

During July the outdoor sculpture area is open for artists to come along and work on their art pieces. The Outdoor Sculpture Volunteers, Frances and Pete, will be on hand to give you support and advise as you work. We have a range of stone, breezeblocks and wood for you to try something new.

*** During the months of JUNE, JULY and AUGUST please note that if temperatures are above 30°C Centrepieces artists are advised NOT to work on stone or breezeblock carving.***

Health and Safety rules must be adhered to when working with stone and breezeblock and you will be shown which tools to use to achieve the best results.

Workshops **MUST** be booked in advance, so that we can ensure that there is a tutor/volunteer in attendance. We also advise that you wear the safety goggles and masks that are supplied. Heavy/closed toe shoes must be worn.

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The Abstract Lexicon: Painting Your Own Visual Language *with Nicki*

WHERE: The Pop Up
DATE: Fridays 3rd, 10th and 17th July 2026
TIME: 11am - 1pm
COST: £5 per session

Unlock the power of abstract art by building your own system. Inspired by the pioneering methodology of Hilma af Klint, this workshop skips the "how-to-draw" and moves straight into "how-to-think." You'll start by developing a personal dictionary of symbols and colors, then translate those concepts onto canvas using a process of intuitive mark-making, layering, and symmetry. Whether you've never held a brush or have a lifetime of experience, you'll leave with a piece that is uniquely your own—A visual map of your own ideas.



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Paisley Designs In Batik: Celebrating Asian Culture *with Sue Wieck*



WHERE: The Pop Up
DATES: Friday 24th and 31st July 2026
TIME: 10:30am - 1pm
COST: £10 (including all materials for this 2 week course)

Introducing the Art of Batik Design. The ancient craft of Batik originally came from the Asian continent and is known for its vibrant colours and patterns derived from its flora and fauna.

This 2 week workshop is suitable for beginners and those who have already attended previously.

You will be designing and creating a piece of decorated fabric using the method of hot wax and dyes, which will then be added to using Gutta and beads. You are encouraged to bring along your own design to work from or create one during the workshop with images available for ideas.

This workshop is being advertised with another community group as well, so please book early to secure your place.

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Creative Writing



WHERE: The Pop Up
DATE: Fridays 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st July 2026
TIME: 2 pm - 3.30 pm
COST: £4 in person, £4 on zoom

As summer brings brighter weather and the chance for new adventures, why not join our Creative Writing group as we delve into a host of summer-themed story activities? The aim is to help uplift and amuse while providing a fun break from the stresses of the outside world.

Other sessions include some of the growing number of word games the group enjoys; whether that's making a story (or poem) from one of our "Desert Island Discs" lists, or our very-own soap opera writing-prompt card game, there's bound to be something to inspire and delight writers of all ages and experience. We'll also be having another fun-packed round of our very-own Creative Writing quiz. How many questions will YOU be able to answer from our curious collection? Come along and have a go!

Whether you're a new writer exploring creative writing, or Shakespeare's understudy, our Creative Writing group aspires to offer you a fun and refreshing challenge to get those ideas flowing.

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CRAFT CLUB AT THE POP UP

The Manor House, The Green, Sidcup, DA14 6BW

On

Saturdays 11th & 25th July 2026

The Craft Club is open to CP artists and members of the public - everyone welcome!

Time: 10.30am - 1pm Cost: £3

Bring your own craft activity to do, or use our Paper Craft Packs which are available to buy ~ This is a social group with occasional guided activities (optional) ~ Share ideas and techniques while enjoying a cuppa! (included in price).



Children are welcome (7+) if accompanying an adult.

For more information contact email: centrepiecespopup@gmail.com

COMMUNITY ZOOMS FROM ROYAL COLLECTION TRUST 2026

Community Zoom talks run as part of our Inclusion Programme, which aims to make the Official Residences of The King and Royal Collection as accessible as possible, working with Community partners who support under-reached, disadvantaged and disabled people.



Our programme of Zoom talks, for people who cannot easily visit the Official Residences of The King, take place on the first Wednesday of the month, from 2pm. Join us to hear about the different works in the Royal Collection, the Official Royal Residences and the history of the Monarchy. Talks are free and informal, and you can participate camera on or off.

Wednesday 7 January	State Banquets at Windsor Castle
Wednesday 4 February	20th Century British Art in the Royal Collection
Wednesday 4 March	Queen Victoria and Windsor
Wednesday 1 April	Courtly Collecting: George IV and the 3rd Marquess of Hertford
Wednesday 6 May	An Introduction to Queen Elizabeth II: Her Life in Style
Wednesday 3 June	Courtly Collecting: George III
Wednesday 1 July	LGBTQ+ art in the Royal Collection
Wednesday 5 August	A Virtual walkthrough of Buckingham Palace
Wednesday 2 September	Courtly Collecting: George IV at Windsor & Holyrood
Wednesday 7 October	Photos of the Royal Household in the Royal Photographic Collection
Wednesday 4 November	Painting in Small: Miniatures as an art form
Wednesday 2 December	Pantomimes and the second world war at Windsor Castle

Join Zoom Meeting – camera on or off:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4407732986>

Meeting ID: 440 773 2986

Community Group Leaders: if you would like to arrange a specific zoom talk for your group, please email communitylearning@rct.uk



ARTIST STUDIO SPACES AVAILABLE AT SIDCUP MANOR HOUSE

Ready to dedicate time to your art?



- OUR STUDIO SPACES ARE AVAILABLE FOR ARTISTS TO USE ON A MONTHLY BASIS!
- COST: £30 PER CALENDAR MONTH!
- WEEKDAY ACCESS TUESDAYS- FRIDAYS FROM 10.30 AM - 4 PM.
- OPEN ON SATURDAYS 10.30 AM - 2 PM (AT LEAST TWICE A MONTH)

For more info and to arrange a viewing
please contact Nicki via email:
centrepiecespopup@gmail.com



The Lodge at Hall Place

Centrepieces main office is located in The Lodge, just right of the entrance to Hall Place car park.

The Lodge

Hall Place
Bourne Road
Bexley
Kent DA5 1PQ



The Pop-Up at Sidcup Manor House

Since April 2023 we have been using part of Sidcup Manor House as a Pop-up space for artist's studios and some of our workshops and events.

PopUp@Sidcup

Sidcup Manor House
The Green
Sidcup DA14 6BW

