

Gracefield Arts Centre



Exhibitions, Events and Workshops
October 2017 - April 2018





GRACEFIELD ARTS CENTRE

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Explore art and craft at Gracefield Arts Centre in Dumfries. A packed programme of collection exhibitions and contemporary exhibitions featuring regional, national and international artists and craft makers, along with art and craft workshops for adults, children and families ensures a lively atmosphere. The Arts Centre also has a craft shop, café and an active print studio.

Gracefield Arts Centre is home to a collection of over 600 paintings and drawings by Scottish artists, most with links to Dumfries and Galloway.

To preview the collection visit the web site www.exploreat.co.uk and you can make an appointment to view artworks in our store.

This information is available in a large print format - call or email for details.

Open throughout the year

Exhibitions: Tues-Sat 10am-5pm

Craft Shop: Tues-Fri 10.30am-3.30pm,
Sat 10am-5pm

Café Hubbub: Tues-Sat 10am-3.30pm
(hot food served 11am-3pm)

(There is a short winter break when Gracefield and Cafe Hubbub are closed from 3pm on Saturday 23 December until 10am Wednesday 3 January 2018)

Admission Free

Access: We are committed to making our programme and facilities accessible. For more information on physical access please call on 01387 262084.

Group visits: Schools, other groups and clubs are welcome to visit Gracefield. Staff can offer informal guided tours if arranged in advance. Workshop space for school group art activities on request.

Room Hire: Meeting rooms and print studio available for hire from £8.20 per hour.

Gracefield Craft Shop

A selection of hand-made crafts and cards - treat someone special or yourself!



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ARTIST ROOMS: Don McCullin

26 August - 19 November Gallery 2

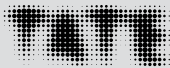
ARTIST ROOMS: Don McCullin

Sir Don McCullin CBE (b.1935), one of the world's greatest photographers, has spent much of his long career working in conflict zones around the globe, including Vietnam, Cambodia and Northern Ireland. McCullin's photographs document decades of war, mass emigration, famine and political upheaval, but are underscored by a powerful humanity, bringing us unbearably close to the experience of people living under conditions that we can barely imagine.

The works on show are drawn from the ARTIST ROOMS collection of modern and contemporary art, which is jointly owned by National Galleries of Scotland and Tate on behalf of the public, with additional works from Tate.

Since ARTIST ROOMS was established in 2008 by Anthony d'Offay, 40 million people have visited exhibitions of work from the collection in museums and galleries across the UK, and 600,000 young people have taken part in creative learning projects in their hometowns.

The ARTIST ROOMS collection is shared across the UK through



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Special public events for the exhibition

Wed 27 Sept 7.30pm

McCullin. The feature length film by Jacqui and David Morris on Don McCullin, at the Robert Burns Film Theatre. £7/£5.30conc. (95min) please book at the RBC website www.rbcft.co.uk

Sat 30 Sept 10am-12.30pm

Get to Know your Digital Camera! A practical session with award-winning Dumfries photographer Rod Wheelans, covering all the basics of your kit and troubleshooting any issues you may have. There may even be an opportunity to take some pictures with Rod's assistance. Suitable for age 12 and up, £8/£5conc, includes refreshments. Places must be pre-booked on 01387 262084.

Thurs 12 Oct 6.30pm-9.30pm

WITNESS: a workshop led by Tom Pow that draws on the photographs of Don McCullin to create poems and short pieces of prose. Primarily an award-winning poet, Tom has also written young adult novels, picture books, radio plays and travel books. Places must be pre-booked on 01387 262084. Cost £20/£17conc., includes refreshments.



Don McCullin *Shell-shocked US Marine, The Battle of Hue 1968* (printed 2013). ARTIST ROOMS National Galleries of Scotland and Tate. Presented by the artist 2014 © Don McCullin. Courtesy of Hamiltons Gallery, London

October School Holidays

Join us for some FREE drop-in activities for families of all ages with a photo-image theme on Saturday 14 and Wednesday 18 October, from 10.30-2.30pm. No need to book, please just turn up, but there are only 20 seats at any time (with activities taking around 30-40mins).

Sun 19 Nov 12-3pm

Free closing party! A last chance to see the exhibition. Join gallery staff and participants in the school project in an informal gathering with refreshments.

Art Fund





26 Aug - 30 Sept 2017
Camera Club

People of Dumfries

The diversity of Dumfries and Galloway is reflected in the faces and stories of its people. Dumfries Camera Club was founded in 1947 and, as part of their Platinum Anniversary celebrations, Club members are photographing many hundreds of the Region's residents and hearing a little about their lives, families, work and interests.

'Doonhamers' and newcomers, young and old, rich and homeless, well known faces and strangers; their portraits will be festooned around the galleries telling the story of who we are today.



7 October - 18 November Gallery 1

In Play: Katharine Wheeler

Artist Katharine Wheeler is based in Moniaive and her practice has a strong focus in observational technique, with figurative drawing sitting alongside the more expansive development of fast energetic and mixed media works. With this new exhibition in Gallery 1, rooms 1-3, she explores figurative and landscape painting, life and movement drawings brought together into one coherent exhibition of works "In Play". Comprising large figurative pieces, alongside smaller developmental works, Katharine develops this theme in the subject, composition and process of making.

Alongside her own work, Katharine has curated a show of drawing and painting that reflect her interest in figure work from the Gracefield Permanent collection: some from well-known Scottish artists and others more obscure and rarely shown pieces are displayed in the gallery rooms 4 and 5 upstairs.

[See Adult Workshops for figurative painting class on 4 November.](#)



25 November - 6 January Gallery 1

William Neal: One More Time... The Album Cover, Paintings, Music and Story

This new exhibition by William Neal has the feel of a mini-retrospective. It includes the story from art school in the 60s, rock album cover artwork in the 70s, Galloway watercolour landscapes, plus projects with abstract concepts involving music related shows over the past half century.

William's album artwork of the 70's has been described as iconic of the progressive rock era, now 're-imagined' by the famous American graphic artist Jerry Lofaro, who stated recently, "My goal was to create the best 1970's album cover of 2017" The fact that he chose 'Tarkus', William's No 1 chart success for Emerson Lake and Palmer speaks volumes.

This personal interplay of music and paintings is an insight into the creative process of an artist's expression of his love of Galloway, plus a glimpse into the studio and music that has moved him to paint throughout his life. The musicians include Keith Emerson, Phillip Goodhand-Tait, Alan Cameron, Daniel Rosenqvist, plus, Catfish and the Droplets.

The exhibition includes a limited edition vinyl album with illustrated brochure.



25 November - 6 January Gallery 2

Jane Perryman: Containing Time

Spanning a year in the form of a weekly diary, this exhibition examines interlocking themes of materials, environment, time and journeys through an exploration of a spontaneously and randomly found material.

Containing Time comprises of frottages (graphite rubbings) and photographs of found objects which later become the artist's material, poems describing the artist's initial moment of finding the material and 52 ceramic bowls created from clay mixed with the found material.

Jane Perryman is known internationally for developing the ancient and traditional processes of smoke firing and transforming them into a contemporary art form. She combines studio work with writing and her books are published in the UK, America, France and Germany. For more details see the artist website at: janeperryman.co.uk

Please join us for the opening on Saturday 25 November, 2-4pm when Jane will be in the gallery to discuss her work and methods.



This year's Christmas Craft show continues the theme of ceramics, featuring a hand-picked selection of makers producing practical and decorative craft from clay.

Join us for the Annual Early Bird Christmas Shopping Event on Saturday 25 November to enjoy some seasonal nibbles and non-alcoholic drinks (11-3pm) and a 10% discount on all purchases throughout the day.

We'll also have a lucky dip to win a mystery craft parcels and a prize draw £20 gift voucher to spend in the shop on anything you like!

**The Gracefield Craft Shop is open
Tuesday-Friday 10am-3.30pm
Saturday 10-5pm.**

Gracefield is closed for a short Christmas break from 5pm Saturday 23 December, re-opening Wednesday 3 January.

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13 January - 17 February Gallery 1

A Curious Eye: Celebrating the Art Collections of Eric Robinson and Dickie Hewlett

Art lover and collector Eric Robinson, has been based in Edinburgh since the mid-1980s and most of his large collection is displayed in his elegant New Town flat. His collection dates from about 1500 to the present day and includes 19th, 20th and 21st century Scottish artists; European graphic work and textiles.

For this special exhibition on loan, Eric has chosen 30 pieces that reflect over 60 years of collecting and includes key Scottish artists such as Anne Redpath, Elizabeth Blackadder, Peter McLaren and Robert Colquhoun (image 1). Although his collection has been assembled with a limited budget he proves that, with confidence, it is still possible to buy and be surrounded by beautiful objects. (rooms 1-3)

Dickie Hewlett (1918-2011) was brought up near Dumfries and it was her wish for her art collection to return to the place of her formative years. She and husband Roy were keen collectors and by the 1960s, when they had settled permanently in London, they gradually began to assemble a collection of Scottish artists work but the rest of the collection is simply a reflection of their taste and life-long interest and features fascinating prints by Picasso (image 2), Matisse, Braques and Miro. Dickie's collection came to Gracefield as a bequest in 2013. (rooms 4-5)

Join us on the opening Saturday at 2pm for an informal talk with Eric Robinson.



13 January - 17 February Gallery 2

Advance Further!

2018 is the Year of Young People and as part of this we're showing art made and curated by young people from Dumfries and Galloway.

Following on from last year's successful Advance exhibition, pupils from the Advance Higher Art courses display their portfolio submissions in an innovative display in Gallery 2. A broad selection of the region's secondary schools will participate in the show and it will feature the work of the 2016/17 cohort. Some of the students who are in the exhibition are currently studying art for college and university but others pursued art in sixth year purely for the pleasure and experience of studying a creative subject at this level.

Shown alongside is a selection of photographic works created by senior school pupils as part of a photography project the 2017 Don McCullin exhibition at Gracefield, led by Dumfries-born photographer Sam Finch. The exhibition is selected by the pupils themselves and reflects their wide interests in contemporary photographic images.

Both these shows offer an ideal opportunity to enjoy seeing the work of our home-grown talent and also hope to inspire younger pupils to thinking about pursuing a creative career.



24 February - 7 April Gallery 1

Lego!

Lego has reached a new peak in popularity in recent years with new films, games and of course, building sets, captivating audiences old and new. Its potential for creativity is explored in this collaborative exhibition presented at Gracefield with the Dumfries and Galloway Autism Network and Better Lives Partnership.

Downstairs in Gallery 1, Edinburgh-based Warren Elmore, a Lego exhibition specialist, displays a selection of his film-based models and upstairs, you'll find a selection of local Lego projects including Lego figure designer Calum Windspear. There will be Lego bricks for you to have a go yourself!

Along at the Robert Burns Film Theatre, they'll be running a short season of the Lego films - see their final programme in January, plus a series of other Lego activities across the region to mark World Autism Awareness week 26 March-2 April 2018.



24 February - 7 April Gallery 2

National Galleries Scotland and Tesco Bank Children's Art Competition

On display in this colourful show are the 53 winning entries from the 2017 Tesco Bank Art Competition for Schools. National Galleries Scotland work in partnership with Tesco Bank on this annual event, encouraging children all over the country, from nursery to S3, to engage with artworks from the National Galleries of Scotland collection and to be inspired to think imaginatively and creatively.

Over 7,000 children take part in the competition annually, enjoying the opportunity to get creative in the classroom and to let their imaginations and artistic flair loose. Themes included, birds, mermaid and pirates for younger children and transport, music, and looking/looking out for the older years. The standard of work was extremely high and included winners from five Dumfries and Galloway primary schools: Dunscore, Kirkgunzeon, Withorn, Dalbeattie and Loreburn (Dumfries). The exhibition launched at Modern One, Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, in Edinburgh and is touring to Eastwood Park Theatre and Gallery, Giffnock before arriving here at Gracefield.



Forthcoming Shows

Both Galleries and Café:
14 April - 12 May:

'Hanging by a Thread'

The Textiles Triennial from the Guild of Spinners Weavers and Dyers, Embroiderer's Guild and Solway Quilters. A must see for all those interested in a contemporary use of these traditional techniques.

Café Gallery Programme

Tues 19 Sept - Sat 21 Oct Nithsdale Amateur Artists

Established in 2002 the group meets at Gracefield on Tuesdays to learn, chat and share. This exhibition offers a chance to see what they do. With a mixture of subject matters and styles most of the artwork is available to buy. Members have shown at the Harbour Cottage Gallery in Kirkcudbright and are regular contributors to Dumfries and Galloway Fine Arts Society and other local exhibitions.

Tues 24 Oct - Sat 25 Nov Fraser Irvine: Land and Sea

Dumfries-based artist Fraser Irvine's process starts by going to the location he'll be depicting on foot, day or night, focusing on the light in the sky. Once there, he begins by sketching and taking photographs for future reference. This element is key to his process, at this stage aiming to catch the essence for the theme of the painting. These different atmospheres are explored in the work on show on the café gallery, with land and seascapes from around the Solway Coast



Tues 28 Nov - Sat 9 Dec ACCESSART – Christmas Exhibition 2017

Art works produced by participants of AccessArt, a project delivered by the social care provider Turning Point Scotland. A rich variety of artistic styles and subject matter showcasing the artworks of creative workshops and one to one sessions to individuals who have experienced exclusion from the arts. For more information about the project or how to get involved please contact us on 01387 248560 stevenburnie@turningpointscotland.com

Tues 12 Dec - Sat 30 Jan Friday Art Group

The Friday Afternoon Art Group has been meeting regularly at Gracefield for several years. Naturally each member brings a unique mix of their own talents, styles and experiences to the group, which engenders a stimulating environment of new ideas as well as providing mutual support and encouragement to develop and grow as artists.



Tues 30 Jan - Sat 4 Mar Buirds and Baists

New Linocuts for a Baistery by Fiona Morton. Born and brought up in Glasgow, Fiona has always been fascinated by wildlife, she currently lives in Dunblane where she works as an ornithological surveyor.



Tues 7 Mar - Sat 14 Apr Hand-stitching in 6 Easy Lessons

Work from a hand embroidery class run over 6 sessions by Margot McIntyre with Dumfries and District Embroiderers' Guild. The course covered colour theory, awareness of composition and use of texture. A range of techniques, stitches, threads, needles and fabrics were demonstrated and used. Twelve students participated and these finished pieces show examples of Black work, Canvas work, Crewel work and other experimental pieces.



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Arts Centre

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Lunches 12noon - 3pm



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Adult Workshops



Saturday 30 September 10am - 4pm Refresher/ Introduction to Solar Plate Etching

With Pamela Grace

This is an ideal workshop for those new to the technique or who may have already done a workshop at Gracefield but need to refresh their training or explore their ideas further. Pamela will help you explore the Solar Plate technique and provide an general introduction to the Gracefield Print Studio.

With a detailed demonstration of the solar plate etching process followed by an intensive hands-on "print clinic" participants can develop their ideas, drawings and sketchbook images into finished prints. Materials and equipment will be provided along with a list of what to bring when you book.

Cost £48 / £40 conc. includes one plate per person (more can be purchased) and tea/coffee am/pm.

Places Up to 10 places (min. 5 booking required)
Suitable for age 16+

Booking Please book by 23 September



Thursday 5 October 10am - 5pm Object Theatre ... an introduction

In Association with Dumfries Arts Festival

One day workshop lead by leading UK puppeteer, director and performer Rene Baker.

Working with everyday objects, participants will explore the language and symbolism of objects, develop characters based on their qualities, turn objects into puppets and learn simple techniques for bringing them to life. By the end of the day you'll never look at a washing up sponge or screwdriver in the same way again!

Leading UK puppeteer, director and performer Rene Baker has created a series of one-day practical and playful workshops and is taking them all across Scotland to help introduce participants to the expressive possibilities of puppets and objects.

Please book through ticket web for this workshop at www.dgartsfestival.co.uk (cost £12/£8)



Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 October Time 10.30am-4.30pm Saturday, 10-2pm Sunday

Constructed Textile Weekend Course

With Deborah Campbell

Working with Textile Artist Deborah Campbell the Constructed Textile weekend offers a visually exciting course where you will explore a variety of textile techniques. The course will explore various printing and felting methods where you'll make a selection of your own fabrics which will then be collaged together using a combination of machine and hand embroidery to create your own finished textile artwork.

This is a fun activity that helps encourage the use of new materials and explore new ways of working.

Cost £65 /£55 conc. includes basic materials and tea and coffee am/pm.

Places Up to 10 places available suitable for age 16+, minimum 6 advance booking required for workshop to run.

Booking Please book by 15 October on 01387 262084.



Saturday 28 October 10am - 4.30pm

iPad for Painters with Bella Green

Digital devices add exciting new options to the painter's toolbox and open up many image making possibilities. In this workshop you will learn to paint digitally using the "Artrage" app, to play with ideas, sketch, try out colour palettes, work with layers and develop your images. There will also be an overview of how to use the iPad to convert photo references digitally using the "Value Viewer" app as an aid to stronger composition in painting.

Bella Green is a visual artist with long experience of running workshops. She has been interested in digital art since its beginning in the 1980s when she worked in the computer graphics industry for six years and set up the first computer graphics studio at the Royal College of Art.

Cost £65/ £55 conc. (age 16+)
Places Up to 10 places available (min 5 required).
Booking Please book by 20 October on 01387 262084, when full information be supplied.



Saturday 4 November 10am - 3pm

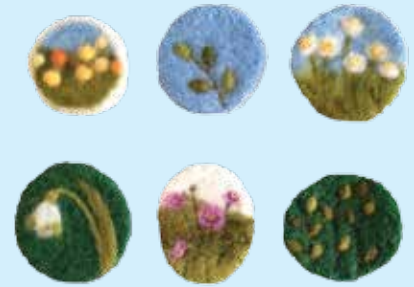
Figurative Painting

Katharine Wheeler

This season's workshop is inspired by Katharine's exhibition in Gallery 1 and will focus on capturing the model in playful short poses with acrylics, gouache, ink, charcoal and mixed media. For all levels whether to try for the first time or follow your own practice. Easels will be available but please bring along your own paints, paper and materials though there will also be some available to experiment with - as we will have the model in close proximity no turpentine please.

(5 hours with 40 minute lunch break)

Cost £30/£25 conc.
Places Up to 15 places available (min.10 required)
Booking Please book by 20 October on 01387 262084.



Saturday 11 November 10am -1pm

Needle Felting: An introduction

Louise Logan

With the festive season round the corner crafter Louise Logan shows you how to tackle a morning's needle felting project - she'll show you simple ideas for brooches inspired by nature that you can make your own, for yourself or as a gift idea. We'll provide all materials and tools, and give you an idea of where to get kits once you have caught the needle-felt bug!

Louise Logan is a multi-talented crafter who runs craft activities at the Orchard Centre in Bonnyrigg and at Dalkeith Country Park as well as supplying work to craft shops around the country.

Cost £35/£30conc (age 12+) all materials for a finished piece and morning tea/coffee

SPECIAL OFFER! Buy one place get one half price! Encourage friends or perhaps parent and child, to come along and enjoy a creative experience together!

Places Up to 12 places available (min.6 required)
Booking Please book by 20 October on 01387 262084.



Saturday 25 November 10am - 2.30/3pm

Willow Wonders with Geoff Forrest

Willow is an ever versatile material and in this class, Galloway artist Geoff Forest shows you how to create festive stars, wreaths, angels, hearts - unique hand-made decorations that will see out more than one Christmas. All your materials will be provided and there will be morning coffee/tea on arrival.

Trained in traditional basket making and more recently by contemporary willow workers, Geoff has moved toward a more dynamic style of work: hazel/ driftwood baskets along with leaf and boat forms which have appeared in recent exhibitions including Gracefield's Christmas show 2016 and this year's craft shop selection.

Cost £40/£35 conc. (age 14+) includes morning tea/coffee.

SPECIAL OFFER! Buy one place get one half price! Encourage friends or perhaps parent and child, to come along and enjoy a creative experience together!

Places Up to 10 places available. (min.6 required)

Booking Please book by 19 November on 01387 262084.



Saturday 2 December 10am - 4pm

Christmas Wet Felt Workshop

Janet Renouf Miller

Janet's crochet and textile exhibition 'Knit 1 Bike 1' runs at Dumfries Museum from 21 Nov - 9 Dec and to celebrate and share her love of all things textile, she's running a special one day wet felting workshop.

You'll learn how to make felt from scratch using wool fibres, then use these skills to make a unique wall hanging, using special techniques to create a design - as it's Christmas, you can choose this as your theme, but any and all ideas welcome! You will be able to take the finished piece home with you.

Suitable for both beginners and those who have already done some wet felting, all your materials will be supplied, with info on suppliers and stockists.

Cost £60 /£50 conc. and tea/coffee am/pm.

SPECIAL OFFER! Buy one place get one half price! Encourage friends or perhaps parent and child, to come along and enjoy a creative experience together!

Places Up to 10 places available. (min.6 required)

Booking Please book by 19 November on 01387 262084.



Saturday 17 February 10am - 4pm

An Introduction to Paper-making

Alison Newman

This course is designed to be a taster / introductory workshop to the ancient art of paper-making.

Suitable for absolute beginners, or those with some experience, the day will cover a brief introduction to the workshop layout and Health and Safety, then will be very much hands-on experience trying out different fibres / pulps in a variety of mould sizes. You will have gained knowledge of the papermaking process, sheet forming experience, further creative possibilities with paper and have a selection of handmade papers at the end of this course.

'Pulp' is a hand papermaking arts workshop run by Alison Newman, based in Glasgow, which provides a range of services for experienced artists and makers as well as those just beginning to explore this versatile medium.

Cost £75 /£65 conc. included all materials for a complete project and tea/coffee am/pm.

Places Up to 10 places available. (min.7 required)

Booking Please book by 1 February on 01387 262084.

Kids Club and Baby and Toddler

Kids Club Usual Saturday 10am-12noon during term time and Wednesday 10-12noon in the holidays. £5.50 per child unless otherwise stated, includes all materials and tuition.

Baby and Toddler Club For little ones 18 months up to age 5 - just an hour of easy art and craft fun, 10am-11am. £3.50 per child.

Please book in advance where you can - especially for free workshops.



Sat 23 Sept African Masks

Use your imagination to create your own tribal masks with real coconut wood and hand-painting wood bead. With Danielle Annerel

Sat 30 Sept Hand-made fabric characters!

Let's draw and paint our favourite character. Then, let's bring them alive creating similar fabric dolls out of our creations so they become real! Are you ready to thread the needle? Which one is your favourite character? With Maria Ruiz Plana

Sat 7 Oct Autumn Colours Jewellery

Make a new fashion piece for yourself or a gift for someone special. With Danielle Annerel

Baby and Toddler Club Sat 7 Oct

Look in a mirror and design and make a self-portrait using variety of different materials. You could give yourself a wacky haircut! With Sarah McAndrew.

October School Holidays

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Sat 28 Oct Halloween is on it's way!

This week the kids will make a selection of colourful venetian masks - scary or friendly - you chose! With Danielle Annerel.

Sat 4 Nov Handmade Funny fits books!

Think about 2 favourite characters. Then let's mix their outfits! Would you imagine a pirate with a ballerina tu-tu? What about an alien with a mermaid's tale? With the fun-fit books everything is possible! With Maria Ruiz Plana

Sat 11 Nov Art of Nature #1: Starfish and Sea Creatures.

Focus on creatures in nature from the very tiny to the large. Experiment with natural and recycled materials to create your own objects and images. Enjoy the harmony of colours and symmetry. With Ildako Malovecz

Sat 18 Nov Kaleidoscope Creations!

One of the lovely things to do in winter is to look at the stars. Sometimes, when the days are cloudy, it isn't always possible, but looking through the magic kaleidoscope all the stars of the universe will sparkle as never before! Would you like to see them? Maria Ruiz Plana shows you how.

Baby and Toddler Club Sat 18 Nov

Design and make your own tiles using self-hardening clay - using stencils, cutters, plastic knives and pattern rollers. Can be painted later to hang in your room. With Sarah McAndrew



Christmas Clubs

Sat 2 Dec Christmas themed tote bags

Fabric paint, glitter and imagination to make a bag for yourself, or as a gift for someone special. With Danielle Annerel.

Sat 9 Dec Christmas Craft Fun!

11am-3pm FREE

Time to get in the mood for Christmas! We'll be using air-dry clay, paper flowers, laminated holly leaves and more to make a lovely set of decorations for the tree.

This workshop is a **free drop-in** and art activities should take about 45mins-1hr. Places are limited so book ahead and we'll keep a space for you, or just turn up on the day and find a seat! Call us on 01387 262084

Sat 16 Dec Last-minute Christmas cards

Join the staff at Gracefield and try your hand at some create card-making - we'll have some fun samples, but you can bring your own ideas to the table!



Sat 13 Jan Light boxes.

Inspired by your favourite story books and places, let's create a light story box to display by our bed and illuminate our dreams in the darkest nights. With Maria Ruiz Plana

Baby and Toddler Club Sat 13 Jan Lanterns!

Make a card lantern using bright colours of materials, to hang up in your bedroom. Add stars, moons etc to make night time fun.

Sat 20 Jan Big Burns Supper Parade Lanterns: FREE

Join the gallery staff 10am-12.30pm to make a lantern for the big Burns Supper parade on Sunday 21 January - simple or ambitious, single person or family effort, we'll provide the materials, you provide the inspiration!



Sat 27 Jan POP ART!

T-shirt factory. Silk screen your way to stardom. Bring your own t-shirt (cotton, white or light colour) and we'll transform it with your own design. With Cate Ross

Sat 3 Feb Comedia del arte masks!

Did you know some countries wear masks around carnival time to pretend to be other characters and act like them? Do you prefer the scary character? Or the wise one? What about the funny one? Maria Ruiz Plana leads this drama-inspired class.

Sat 10 Feb Contemporary Painting.

This week the kids are invited to take a look at the collections exhibition in Gallery 1 and be inspired to create their own artwork - abstract, modern or a traditional, realistic style - we'll have some inspiration in the workshop for you to get started on your own masterpiece. With Bea Last



Baby and Toddler Club Sat 10 Feb

Paint a wonderful painting using a variety of different techniques. Block printing using mega Blocks and other shapes, why not try bubble printing splatter painting, roller printing: using every-day objects to create a wonderful masterpiece. With Sarah McAndrew

Sat 17 Feb Art of Nature #2 Snowflakes.

We observe some of nature's special creatures from tiny to a large scale. Experimenting with natural and recycled materials to create our own pentagonal objects and images, enjoying the harmony of colours and symmetry with music. With Ildako Malovecz

Sat 24 Feb

Buried Treasures!

Make a treasure chest from card board and also some pirate treasure using all sorts of materials - a modern Galloway Horde! With Cate Ross