

Publicity for professional artists and craftspeople

Our gallery introductions for members

We are pleased to announce that we have introduced four artists to the Riccio Gallery at 17 South Street, Dalkeith, near Edinburgh, Scotland. Clare Blois, Sarah MacDonald, Aileen Wrennall and Michael Mullen were selected for their summer show this year.

Meanwhile we have helped Susan Purser Hope to exhibit at the Kunthuis Gallery, Crayke and The Jam Factory, Oxford alongside Paula Hamilton who has had four paintings accepted for the Oxford Arts Weeks Jam Factory exhibition. Our efforts have also resulted in Paula getting her work into Espacio Gallery in London.

Sarah Pye has had three paintings selected by the West Ox Gallery for the Oxford Arts Weeks Show.

Right: Poppies by the Shore by Clare Blois



Sales at our New Forest show in Lyndhurst

Peter Smyth and Vanda Zebrak are pleased after selling two pieces of glass (including Bluebell pictured right) during the Creative Coverage exhibition, which ended on April 2.

"That's great," says Peter, who is now very short on spare pieces.

Other sales were enjoyed by Denise Orchard, Lin Williams and Sarah MacDonald, who has been offered her own exhibition at the centre. "I am so thrilled that I have sold at the New Forest," says Lin Williams.

Hilary Marshall from the New Forest Centre Gallery, Lyndhurst adds: "It's a good spread of mediums. I think that the sales are quite respectable for a winter months exhibition."

Tim Saunders, co-founder of Creative Coverage says: "It is always pleasing to hear that sales have been achieved during our exhibitions but we always hanker after more and are disappointed for those exhibitors who did not sell any work when so much effort goes



into producing it. However, good footfall over the course of the exhibition has brought the work to the attention of art lovers who may not have previously been familiar with it. We secured good levels of press coverage with articles in the *Bournemouth Echo* and a regular advert in both the *Lymington Times* and *New Milton Advertiser*."

Down the Lane by Joanna Commings ASWAc received the £100 Creative Coverage prize.



Park Row, Farnham by Susie Lidstone

In Conversation with Susie Lidstone

Susie Lidstone has been a member of Creative Coverage almost since it was established and as a result she has enjoyed sales as far afield as Hong Kong. "I am quite a proactive artist but sometimes it really helps to have the input of other creative people," says Susie. "You can almost be too close to your own work and it needs a different perspective to basically make you think outside the box.

"Tim and Caroline have helped by putting me in touch with some very interesting companies, who I wouldn't have been in a position to contact myself. One such business is Windmill Flowers in London, which has now stocked my work for a few years; paintings, prints, greetings cards, notebooks, pocket mirrors and zip pouches. Another interesting avenue was being put in touch with the British government's Hong Kong Pop Up Shop export initiative where I sold one of my paintings."

Since joining Creative Coverage Susie's work has gone down many interesting avenues. "It has help give me the confidence to approach more galleries and

outlets for my work, too. I have had my work reproduced by different companies on varying formats."

Two pieces of artwork that Susie has just completed can be found opposite. Park Row, Farnham will form part of a joint show at The Ashgate Gallery in August this year. Summer Sun will be at The Landmark Arts Centre in June.



Summer Sun by Susie Lidstone



In March the lucky winner of the Pegasus and Creative Coverage competition to win a £25 voucher to spend on art materials at Pegasus Art was Mike Hall.

The April winner was Sylvia Paul. Visit: www.pegasusart.co.uk

NEWS IN BRIEF

The President joins

We are pleased to report that James Horton, President of the Royal Society of British Artists is now a member of Creative Coverage.

Shropshire show

May 16 to June 23, 2017: Creative Coverage Shropshire Members Exhibition, Gallery 3, Gateway Arts and Education Centre, Chester Street, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY1 1NB featuring the work of Valerie Alexander RBSA, Bernie Moore RBSA, Rob Leckey ARBSA and Claire Eastgate.

Hampshire show

June 12 to August 7, 2017: Creative Coverage Exhibition, Houghton Lodge and Gardens, Stockbridge, Hampshire SO20 6LQ featuring: Lynda Kettle RBSA, Liz Chaderton, Ingrid Skoglund and Juliet Wood.

Dorset exhibition

June 24 to June 25, 2017: Creative Coverage Mixed Show, Upwey Village Hall, Upwey, Street, Church Weymouth, Dorset DT3 5QE featuring the paintings of Joe Webster, Martin Rumary, Paul Matthews, Sally Pinhey and George Paul Sainsbury with the prints of Roger St. Barbe, and sculpture by Nicola Axe. The Mayor and Mayoress of Weymouth and Portland Cllr Kevin Brookes and Mrs Ann Brookes will be attending the exhibition.

Derbyshire show

July 19 to September 4, 2017: Creative Coverage Mixed Show, The Lally Gallery, Erewash Museum, High Street, Ilkeston, Derbyshire DE7 5JA featuring the work of Jill Barthorpe, Rob Leckey, Sarah MacDonald, Gillian Radcliffe and ceramics by Brian Holland.

