

ART NEWS FEBRUARY/ MARCH 2012

PAPER ART DAY

Spend a day having fun while discovering and developing your paper art skills. You will have plenty of opportunity to try out various techniques, make attractive and useful boxes, bags, notebooks and greeting cards, all the handmade little things that can make any present special. You will learn to use interesting and simple, but effective techniques that don't require many tools and specialist equipment so that you can continue to create more pieces in your own time.



The day will be structured to include background information through the use of reference books and a slideshow with inspirational images. There will also be an opportunity to tailor the activities depending on the preferences of the participants.

Saturday, 17th March 10 am – 4.30 pm at my studio near the Scottish Borders. The fee of £ 50 includes use of tools, material required, handouts and refreshments/ lunch. Small group of 4 – 6 participants. For more information and booking, please email me on isabuenz@hotmail.com with subject 'Paper Art Day'.

ARTISTS' BOOK MARKET AT THE FRUITMARKET GALLERY, EDINBURGH

Beautiful Books to browse and buy on **Saturday 14th April, 11 am – 6 pm**, free entry. Visit my stall on the day. More details: <http://fruitmarket.co.uk/bookshop/bookmarket/>

'JARDIN DE CACTUS' ON BLURB

Since I left my job of 19 ½ years with NHS Lothian I have managed to spend more time on my art work and finally made my first photographic 'coffee table' e-book on Blurb. I visited the Jardin de Cactus on Lanzarote in the end of 2011 and am showing my collection of close-up images of cacti and succulents in my new book. You can view and buy the book (as hard, soft back and electronic versions for iPhones and iPads) on www.blurb.com/bookstore/detail/2929423

**NORTH LIGHT FESTIVAL, DUNBAR**

'North Light' will be a season of inter-linked art works and happenings taking place in and around Dunbar in 2012. It is an initiative with a rolling programme which highlights the unique environment of Dunbar and the John Muir Way. I have been selected to produce 'A Closer Look', an artists' book featuring close-up images of the sights along the John Muir Way. For further information about the festival go to: <http://northlightdunbar.org/>

SPRING FLING NEWS, DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY

Spring Fling is celebrating its 10th birthday in 2012 with a range of exciting events.

a) The Taster Exhibition opens on the **2nd March at 6pm** at the Gracefield Arts Centre, Dumfries and continues there from **3rd March – 12th April** and at the Stranraer Museum from **21st April – 19th May 2012**.

The Taster Exhibition offers a unique opportunity to preview and purchase the work of participating artists.

b) The Spring Fling Open Studio Event 2012 will take place over four days from **Saturday 2nd – Tuesday 5th June 2012**. 76 professional artists, designers and makers will open the doors of their studios, inviting visitors to discover where and how they create their work with many artists hosting demonstrations. At the moment I have not decided whether I will open the doors of 'The Aquarium' during the Spring Fling weekend. More information about this will be available closer to the time.

c) Become a Spring Fling Friend

Join the Spring Fling Friends' Scheme and receive exclusive offers and incentives throughout the year. For more information go to www.spring-fling.co.uk and www.spring-fling.co.uk/friends

SPRINGBOARD WORKSHOPS, DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY

Pamela Grace, Kim Ayres and I have been selected to run 'Transitions', a series of workshops with 14 – 18 year olds in Dumfriesshire, developing the concept of transition, focusing on issues of self-awareness and confidence building. I proposed to help students to produce and present a personal record of their future thoughts, interests and aspirations culminating in an exhibition of handmade books as well as an e-book representing their efforts.



FAMILY WORKSHOPS AT GRACEFIELD ARTS CENTRE

During the summer months Gracefield Arts Centre will offer free family arts and crafts activities based on artwork from the exhibition 'Highlights', showing the best works held in the area's Arts and Museums collections. During my workshop 'Imagine a Journey in Italy', inspired by Oppenheimer's painting 'Ponte Vecchio', we will create travel diaries, including the use of paper beads made from recycled magazines; on Wednesday **18th July 2012** during morning and afternoon sessions. For details of this and other activities check out www.dumgal.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=2333&contactid=3623