

Sue's art is relaxing therapy

THONGSBRIDGE based felt artist Sue Clay will be showcasing her work in the exhibition's top gallery.

This year's Artweek featured artist graduated from Leeds University eight years ago with an MA in design. Felting and non-woven fabric construction became a passion through her research and she now teaches the subject in her studio and in residencies and workshops in schools and colleges all over the country.

Born and educated in Huddersfield, Sue creates a range of fashion textiles and

accessories and wall hangings, which she exhibits internationally.

Her experiences as an expedition artist working in remote parts of Kenya inspired her to work with the medium of wool.

She has close links with the University of Huddersfield where she processes and finishes her works.

Sue has experience working with adults and children with special needs. She has a special interest in helping those with terminal illnesses along with their carers.

She says that felting is a

very therapeutic medium to relax and reflect, as well as helping to create lasting memorabilia.

Her latest venture is to combine the use of her four star holiday cottage - a converted 17th Century converted barn - with textile workshops in her studio.

A selection of Sue's work can be seen throughout Artweek on the upper floor at the civic hall.

See more of her creations, along with details of workshops and other activities at www.feltconnection.co.uk



FELT WORLD: Sue at Tolson Museum's World of Textiles course with adults on the course and children from Rawthorpe Junior School.

Showing on the Fringe – and beyond

ARTWEEK showcases the area's finest artistic talents - but it is not just confined to the civic hall.

GALLERIES AND LARGER VENUES:

Booth House Gallery - Green Shoots - ceramics, photography, paintings & prints. Booth House Lane, Holmfirth, phone 01484 685270, e-mail jim.robison@virgin.net web: www.boothhousegallery.co.uk

Holme Valley Warehouse - Thoughtful Art - an eclectic mix of fairies & three-dimensional art, 11 Westgate, Honley, phone 01484 667915.

Lupton Square Gallery - Fringe no. 13 - Artweek favourites + 2008 featured artist Jackie Walton. 1-2 Lupton Square, Honley, phone 01484 666144, e-mail info@luptonsquaregallery.co.uk web: www.luptonsquaregallery.co.uk

Holmfirth Methodist Church - The balls are back in town - over 25 artists and 300 works from the TrashiiTreasure.com collective. Town centre, close to main car park.

Thongsbridge Tennis Club - 10 x 10 = 100 - Ten Holme Valley primary schools exhibit artworks for sale. Miry Lane, Thongsbridge, e-mail info@thongsbridge-tennisclub.org.uk

NEW VENUES

Beattie's Deli & Coffee Shop - Stiles - paintings by David Whiting. 6 Towngate, next to Holmfirth Parish Church, phone 01484 689000.

Edward Jones Investments - Michelle Flint - oils, acrylics & felt. 80 Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth, phone 01484 689431.

Number 11 Restaurant & Bar - Jenkin, Hickey, Beardsell - two and three-dimensional artwork. 11 Upperbridge, Holmfirth, phone 01484 688811.

St Mary's Church, Honley - seven artists - ceramics, acrylics, watercolours. Church Street, Honley, phone 07970 076 109.

OTHER VENUES

Holmfirth Adult Education Centre - 'Create-Ed' - students' arts and crafts. Huddersfield Road, phone 01484 437171.

Café Plus - Northern England - photography - Deborah Benbrook. 23 Westgate, Honley.

Carniceria Café Bar and Restaurant - David and Susan Brown - paintings and drawings. 3 Victoria Square, Holmfirth, phone 01484 681568, e-mail info@car-

niceria.co.uk

David Roberts Studio - Raku ceramics - David Roberts. Upperrhong Lane, Holmfirth, phone 01484 685110, web: www.davidroberts-ceramics.com

Fleece Inn - Jeff Beaumont - watercolours, Jim Robison - ceramics. Holme Village, phone 01484 683449.

Help the Aged shop - 9cre8 - textile work by nine textile artists. Towngate, Holmfirth, phone 01484 689437.

Holme Castle - Jill Hayfield, John Simpson - textiles, photography and mixed media. Holme Village, phone 01484 680680.

Holmfirth Library - Jenkin, Kirkby-Geddes, & Textile Art Group - mixed media, sculpture and textiles. Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth, phone 01484 222431.

J Brindon Addy, Butchers - Hare Raising - ceramics: Sue Jenkins and Richard Raby. The Old Farmhouse, Flowery Fields, Hade Edge, phone 01484 682897.

Kaye's Ironmongers - Eric Lee - photography. 2 Towngate, Holmfirth, phone 01484 682481.

Les Caveaux tapas restaurant - From Booth House Gallery - paintings & photographs. 11B Victoria Square, Holmfirth, phone 01484 689003.

Outdoor Attitude - 'Her Outdoors' - Fenne & Laura Casey, Wendy Constance. 39C Station Road, Holmfirth, phone 01484 686786

The Rock Inn - Holme Valley Art Group paintings, New Mill Road, Brockholes, phone 01484 663383.

Rosalind Annis Studio - 'In the Garden' cream teas & artworks - Rosalind Annis, Graham Huxley, Sue Jenkins, Richard Raby, Rachel C Smith, Pat Walls. Ingleside, Shaw Lane, Holmfirth, phone 01484 681870.

Sid's Café - Lisette Sykes, Rachel Sudworth - acrylics and mixed media. 4 Towngate, near Holmfirth Parish Church, phone 07706 823 855.

Tourist Information Centre - Stephen Court - paintings. Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth, phone 01484 222444; e-mail holmfirth.tic@kirklees.gov.uk

Up Country - Tactile Living - exploring our worlds through mixed media. 78 Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth, phone 01484 687503.

Big creative platform – major fundraiser

Real work of art

IT'S a well established local event which has built up a national reputation - Holmfirth Artweek provides a platform for creative talents mostly from within a few miles, but visitors who come for the browsing and buying have been known to travel much further.

From Sunday to Saturday July 5-11, the main exhibition in the Civic Hall will feature work by 425 artists.

Around Holmfirth and surrounding villages there are also 26 fringe venues.

Artweek is also renowned as one of the region's biggest charity fundraisers.

Over the past four decades, a grand total of over £500,000 has been raised for cancer relief. This year's event will continue the proud tradition, to give a major boost to Macmillan Cancer Support.

All work on display is for sale, with artists donating a percentage to the charity.

The stage in the main hall at the Civic becomes a market area where artworks can be bought and taken away on the spot.

The market is open throughout the exhibition but closes at 4pm on the final day.

Meanwhile, a full programme of artists and craftspeople demonstrating their work will take place on the upstairs stage.

Freshly prepared, reasonably priced refreshments are

available until an hour before closing time (open on the Saturday until everything is sold). The tea room is staffed by volunteers and all proceeds go to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Organisers thank everyone who has donated cakes.

All artworks will remain on display until the exhibition closes at 5pm on Saturday 11.

All purchases and unsold work must be collected by 9pm as the hall will not be open the following day.

Last year commission on sales, together with craft market profits, raffle, ticket, catalogue and refreshments sales produced a grand total of £36 000.

The exhibition is open to the public on Sunday July 5, 10am to 5pm; Monday 6 to Friday 10, 10am-10pm; and Saturday 11, 10am-5pm. Admission is £2 (£1 concessions) which gives you unlimited visits during the week.

No-one gets paid to run Artweek and it couldn't take place without the dedicated volunteers who give their time year after year.

Helpers are urgently needed to set up the exhibition screens tomorrow (Sunday June 28) and to take everything down and back into storage on Sunday July 12, from 9am both days. Just turn up or call Richard on 01484 689464.



ON SHOW: The work of Jackie Walton, featured artist at last year's Holmfirth Artweek

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