

The background of the poster is a vibrant, abstract painting of various flowers, including purple and orange thistles, rendered in a painterly style with visible brushstrokes and splatters. The colors are bright and saturated, creating a lively and artistic atmosphere.

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VENUE LOUGHBOROUGH
TOWN HALL



Opening Hours

Mondays-Saturdays 9am-5pm
and when the venue is open for
shows and events

Free entry

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Welcome back to Sock Gallery and our spring/summer exhibition programme, sure to inspire and engage.

We start off the season in March with our annual Sock Preview Exhibition and Sock Fair. In this, our 7th year, we are happy to be introducing a new pre-bookable children's workshop on the Sunday of the Fair, lead by imaginative, character building artist Samantha Bryan. Our drop in activities will still be running alongside this on the day, for more information visit page 3, 4 and 5.

Heading into summer we have a varied programme, with stunning felt pieces by Nottinghamshire based artist Liz Emery, a local group exhibition by Artspace whose members have created work around the theme 'Beyond Words', and artist Mark Sheeky from Crewe with his surreal imaginative paintings.

Upstairs in the Balcony Gallery, we are excited to be hosting the work of Codswallop, a Leicestershire Collective of illustration and design artists and, later, Lyn Armitage, another Leicestershire artist whose painterly landscapes are full of colour and vibrancy.

Thank you for your continued support for our galleries, we hope you enjoy the exhibitions to come.

workshop

for ages 8-18



Character Building Workshop

Sunday 22nd March 2015

For ages 8-18

This pre-bookable day workshop is run by character building artist Samantha Bryan, who creates wall mounted and free standing sculptures out of a combination of wire, leather, found objects and collected materials. These unusual sculptures depict everyday life in 'fairyland'. On this workshop you will make your own 3D creature. You will use basic wire working and modelling skills to bring your character to life. Remember to bring your imagination along!

10.30am-4pm, half hour for lunch, please bring lunch with you

£10 per person

Book online, pop into Sock Gallery or call the Box Office on 01509 231 914
To see Samantha Bryan's work visit www.samanthabryan.co.uk



Craft Cabinets

Call in to see what's in our regularly stocked Craft Cabinets. Including textiles, jewellery, ceramics, and a selection of greeting cards.



Loughborough Town Hall What's On Guide

Browse the latest What's On Guide for more exciting shows and events taking place at Loughborough Town Hall.

www.loughboroughtownhall.co.uk/sock/gallery





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Preview Exhibition

Wednesday 4th March – Sunday 22nd March 2015

Our 7th annual Arts and Craft Purchase and Commission Fair begins with the preview exhibition within Sock Gallery - your chance to take a sneak preview of five of the Artists who will be exhibiting at the 2015 Sock Fair.

Images from Sock Fair 2014

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A celebration of quality Artists and Makers. An Arts and Crafts Purchase and Commission Fair.

Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 March 2015

10am - 4pm both days

Over 35 pre-selected Artists and Makers will be showcasing and selling a diverse range of work including Visual Arts, Textiles, Ceramics, Jewellery, Homewares and Photography.

Visit the website for more information and a list of the Sock 2015 exhibitors, available from end December 2014.

Free Entry

Follow us on social media for more pictures and videos.

free
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for 4-16 year olds
Sun 22 March
Throughout the day

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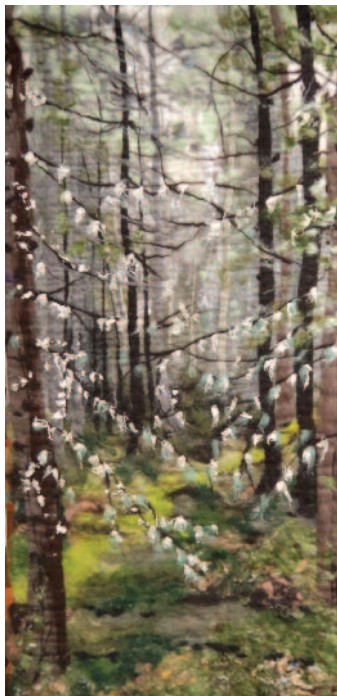
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See page 3 for more information





Somewhere in between

A Solo Exhibition by **Liz Emery**

Saturday 28th March to Saturday 9th May 2015

Highlands, Lowlands and Places in between. Liz uses the wet felting method to convey a vivid sense of reality through the use of a sumptuous variety of natural fibres. She has hand dyed some of her fibres to obtain a delicate palette of colour to capture the purity of light in Findhorn in East Scotland.

From the majesty of the Highlands of West Scotland to the peace of Findhorn in the North East of Scotland, Liz has explored landscapes, grassland, meadows and grazing animals in her work and has used textiles to enhance the images through the colour and texture of a diverse range of natural fibres.

www.lizemeryfelt.com

Demonstration Day **Saturday 4th April 2015** Free entry

Demonstration 11am - 12 noon

Watch Liz create a brand new piece of work in Sock Gallery.

Meet the Artist 1.30 - 2.30pm

Ask Liz about her work and techniques.

www.loughboroughtownhall.co.uk/sock/gallery





Beyond Words

A Collaborative Exhibition by
Loughborough ArtSpace

Thursday 14th May – Saturday 27th June 2015

21 artists from Artspace Loughborough interpret the title 'Beyond Words'. Artists were encouraged to respond in their own way. Many have been inspired by memories of emotions beyond words whether this is a memory of an intense experience like swimming underwater, or a reaction to the beauty of nature, or observing other people's relationships. Some are reactions to our social media and mobile phone-obsessed world. One artist has painted her surprising feeling of peace during a period when she couldn't speak! Some works will contain actual words as part of the visual experience.

Artspace Loughborough was established in 1997 by graduates, mostly of Loughborough College of Art and Design, as a support network for local artists and as a means of putting on exhibitions.

www.artspace-lboro.co.uk





Trying To Grasp The Sun

A Solo Exhibition by **Mark Sheeky**

Thursday 2nd July – Saturday 1st August 2015

Trying To Grasp The Sun is a journey, an examination and exploration of mastery in art, and the psychology of creativity. Arturo the white mouse is your guide in this exhibition of oil paintings and hand-crafted cabinets and surrounds that pull you inexorably from sleep to wakefulness, confusion to clarity, from darkness into light.

www.marksheeky.com

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Open

Sock Gallery Open Exhibition 2015

Saturday 8th August - Saturday 5th September 2015

The Open provides a fantastic opportunity for 2D Artists from all backgrounds to exhibit their work; both amateur and professional, from all over the UK, from the young to the more experienced. Applicants can submit up to 3 pieces of work each, which are all judged by an independent selection panel. Those who are successful will have their work on display as part of the Open exhibition.

The winner from each category will be announced at the Launch Evening on Saturday 8th August 2015.

Prizes

Young Persons (ages 11-17) Winner - £150
18 and Over Winner - £500

Work is judged on:

- Quality (technical skill)
- Originality (ideas behind the work)
- Presentation of the work (e.g. framing)

Cost of Entry

£6 non-refundable administration fee per piece submitted, payable on submission of work.

Submission Dates

Thursday 30th July 9am-5pm
Friday 31st July 9am-7pm
Saturday 1st August 9am-5pm

Application Forms

Available to collect from Sock Gallery or download from the website, from Easter 2015.

COMING UP IN THE BALCONY GALLERY



Codswallop

A collaborative exhibition by **Chloe Hall**, **Damon Smith**, **Sarah Glover** and **Will Wright**

Tuesday 3rd February - Saturday 30th May 2015

Codswallop is an enthusiastic Collective formed of four Leicestershire based illustration and design artists: Chloe Hall, Damon Smith, Sarah Glover and Will Wright.

Chloe's love of line work, pattern and hand embroidery create delicate one off creations. Damon's attention to detail aid him in producing high quality extremely detailed sketches, often backed on subtle colour palettes. Sarah's images, often created for a younger audience, are designed using watercolour, pencil and wax crayon, these are then often used in her handmade books. Bold colours, humour, a strong imagination and a love of Posca pens are the basis for Will's quirky illustrations.

www.codswallopcollective.tumblr.com





Colours of Summer

A solo exhibition by Lyn Armitage

Tuesday 2nd June - Saturday 26th September 2015

A collection of paintings to encapsulate the promise of Summer. Lyn leaves the dim darkness of Winter to travel to the freshness of newly planted and emerging early gardens and then onto the tropical colours of hot summer borders. From small pots of Auriculas to fields of flowers, her paintings sing with vibrant colours and the textures of plant life.

This passion for flowers is reflected in a sympathetic blend of light and colour which she imbues in her paintings. Lyn creates loose sensitive watercolours which, alongside spontaneous and strong acrylic canvasses, capture a sense of immediacy and isolates an unforgettable moment in time.

www.lynarmitage.co.uk

www.loughboroughtownhall.co.uk/sock/gallery





A Celebration of Colour

A solo exhibition by Anne Kingham

Tuesday 6th January – Saturday 2nd May 2015

Anne started painting when she retired. She brought her love of colour to her work, painting mostly in oils because of the glowing richness of colour in oil paint. It was a natural progression to start working with glass. It has that same vibrancy of colour. Anne draws on the natural world mostly, using natural shapes and forms, but in a semi abstract way.

www.annesglass.co.uk



Flock 1

A solo exhibition by **Heather Griffin**

Tuesday 5th May - Saturday 29th August 2015

Heather Griffin's portfolio is mostly oil based and has grown from art scholarships.

She has often found inspiration in the colours and characters of animals. Growing up with livestock and working in a zoo have never left her short of humorous and often heartening subjects.

Flock 1 is Heather's debut collection after re-establishing her art. *Norman* (cockerel) and *Reg* (robin) are especially engaging and lend many open interpretations as to their thoughts.

www.hgriffinart.co.uk



Apply to Sock Gallery

There are many opportunities for you to get involved and showcase your work. There is the Sock Gallery situated within the foyer and bar area, the Balcony Gallery on the mezzanine level, our regularly stocked craft cabinets, as well as our newest exhibition space 'Sockette' which has been created especially for emerging Artists. Pick up an application form from Sock Gallery or download from the website - www.loughboroughtownhall.co.uk/sock/gallery

Join our Sock mailing list and send us your comments
- sock@charnwood.gov.uk

Your Feedback

Here at Sock we love to hear your views about the gallery and our exhibitions. Below are some recent comments from you:

"Each and every painting is an absolute delight"
"Wonderful art - Lifts the spirits!"

from The Art of Tracey Savage exhibition 2014

"Excellent, exciting and passionate. Keep it up!"
"Wow! Lovely to see something different.
Thought-provoking, artistic pieces of work."

from Nicola Taylor exhibition, Landscape is Memory 2014

"I love this Gallery! Brilliant Sock Preview."

from Sock Fair two week preview exhibition 2014



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