



Volunteer News Bulletin Number 35: Spring 2019

Volunteers' Christmas Party



Thank you to all our volunteers who attended our annual Christmas party. We had a great turn out this year and it was lovely to see you all there.

Volunteers' Week

Volunteers week is the week beginning the 3rd June and the Summer Volunteer gathering will be on Wednesday 5th June 2019. Please put the dates in your diary as we would like to see lots of you there!

Museum News



We recently said goodbye to Ceri-Jane O'Hara who has been at the Museum for ten years with the visitor centre and as Public Relations Officer. We were all very sad to say goodbye and wish her well.

New Staff Member

Caroline White will take on the role of Public Relations Officer from 25th March. Caroline has a great deal of relevant experience, more recently as a freelance social media and marketing consultant for small businesses.

She also has a communications and events background, as well as experience in copy writing, press coordination, poster and leaflet design and customer service.

Her working days will be Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. We look forward to welcoming Caroline to the Museum.

Collections News

Geikie Publication Update

The book – Aspects of the Life and Works of Sir Archibald Geikie – is in its final stages, all chapters have been completed and it is due to be published in May 2019. Abstracts are already available from the Geological Society and on the Lyell collection online, it will also be available at all national libraries in the UK. This is a prestigious project for the Museum and we hope to hold a fitting celebration when the publication is released.

The Egyptian Gallery

The Collections team have been focusing on the Egyptian Gallery throughout the winter months. The main case has been finished and the mummy and its coffin are back in position for educational groups to view. The text panels are still underway and will be put up in March. The refurbishment has given the collections team a chance to check the condition of the objects and to take photographs of the pieces for our database and social media. The project should be completed in March and a private view will be collaborated to reopen the new Egyptian Gallery.

Byron Cooper

From the 2nd April until the 23rd June Haslemere will be loaning two paintings by Byron Cooper to the Watts Gallery in Surrey for their exhibition on Moonscapes. The exhibition is in the year of the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing for Moonscapes, the first exhibition to explore nineteenth-century visions of the moon. The paintings that the Museum is loaning are entitled Moonrise from the Downs and Summer Moonlight.

Dates for your diary

March of the Women: Surrey's Road to the Vote

Runs from 23 February to 30 March

A touring display, telling the story of key individuals and events in Surrey's suffrage history. 2018 marked the centenary of the first women being granted the right to vote in national elections.

Go with the Flow

Runs from 9 to 30 March

Three artists, Sue Fisher, Jan Scott and Rachel Vitolo have joined forces for this colourful and unusual exhibition.

In my View

Runs from 6 to 27 April

A selection of images will be on display by artist Katharine Hill, from her trips made to both the USA and Canada over the past three years. Both the landscapes and cityscapes of these countries hold great appeal, having been influenced during her study of photography by such great American photographers as Ansel Adams, William Eggleston, Robert Frank and Walker Evans.

Looking Out

Runs from 10 May to 1 June

Borderlands Artists' Consortium are a long-established group of professional contemporary artists from the borders of Surrey, Sussex and Hampshire. 'Looking Out' is a theme which is interpreted differently by each artist and in a fascinating variety of ways, both figurative and abstract. Their work includes subtle watercolours, bolder acrylics, and exciting mixed media combinations. An exhibition with imaginative diversity which will appeal to everyone!

Georgina Ling

Runs from 7 to 25 May

A remarkable exhibition by the late renowned local artist Georgina Ling. Georgina studied at Chelsea School of Art, taught by Elizabeth Frink and also at St Martins in London. During the 1970's she made the brave move of setting herself up as a professional watercolour artist. She moved to Haslemere in 1976 and found a market for local and foreign views which took her all over England and on painting trips to Europe. The paintings,

now held by the Museum, were donated by the family from Georgina's estate.

Brush Stroke

Runs from 1 to 22 June

After suffering a devastating stroke in 2009, artist Andrew Bailey has found great comfort, solace and satisfaction in creating a wonderful variety of paintings from views and his own imagination!

Tea and Talk: Penberthy Croft Mine – A West Country Mineral Paradise

Tuesday 19 March | 2.30pm

Join John Betterton, for a colourful guided tour of one of the most celebrated Cornish locations, known for its large diversity of rare minerals.

Members FREE | Non Members £3 | Includes tea and biscuits | No need to book

Haslemere Natural History Society Annual General Meeting

Saturday 27 April | 2.15pm

Following the AGM, there will be a talk by Michael Joseph on Wildflower Meadows. Both he and his wife Jane, sowed their small paddock at Adversane (near Billingshurst) with native seed 30 years ago. Today, the wildflowers are stunning. Learn more about their failures and successes and how meadows are important for organic vegetables, health, wildlife and the planet.

Members Free | Non Members £4

On the Trail of the Incas

Tuesday 28 May | 2.30pm

Join Education Officer, Kay Topping and discover more about her trip to Peru and learn about the magnificence of the Incas, and the echoes of them that still exist today.

Members FREE | Non Members £3 | Includes tea and biscuits | No need to book

Creative Wellbeing Workshops – Spring is in the Air

Thursday 28 March | 2.30pm - 4.30pm or 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Facilitated by professional local artist Diana Burch. As spring approaches, come along and enjoy a relaxing afternoon or evening, making Spring crafts and decorations using an array of seasonal materials.

Members £5 | Non Members £8 | Book in Advance