

POLDRATE ARTS & CRAFTS CENTRE NEWSLETTER



PACC Newsletter Term 1

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From PACC to the Royal Scottish Academy



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We were not at all surprised when we learned that PACC member Phil Royall's ceramic "Banana having an existential crisis" had a new achievement! Phil's artwork won both the Visitors' Choice and the Granary Bowl (best piece in the category of glass, ceramic, basket making, woodcarving and silver) at our Annual Members' Exhibition in 2025. Its skilful and expressive form clearly captured the attention of the Royal Scottish Academy this year in the same way it did ours. Phil says "it was a huge honour for me to have a piece in the Royal Scottish Academy's Annual Exhibition - especially in this, their 200th anniversary year. The black-tie opening night, finding my piece in the official catalogue and the excitement that it sold even before the opening night, are all experiences I will never forget." At PACC we support creative people at every stage of their journey, in our welcoming and relaxed studios in Haddington. Phil captured this beautifully when he said "it's also very fair to say that it wouldn't have happened without the PACC! Through every stage: the supportive class and tutor, the freedom to create, the committee member taking photos, the annual exhibition giving me the confidence to give it a go, the PACC has been right there". Thanks Phil, and huge congratulations. We can't wait to see what you'll create next!

Successful Haddstock Partnership!

This year we tried something new at PACC. We were delighted to be approached by Haddstock with a proposal to collaborate on an exhibition as part of their May music and arts weekend in Haddington. We jumped at the chance as we're always keen to broaden our reach and share what we do with our community. The exhibition featured arts and crafts by a mixture of PACC tutors and local creative people. We welcomed over 250 visitors to our top floor Poldrate exhibition space, which looked stunning in the sunshine. Thanks to everyone who worked hard to make the event happen, it was fantastic to be part of this amazing community event!



Dates for your diary

- **Membership Enrolment:** 1 August
- **Pottery Enrolment Term 1:** 12 August
- **General Enrolment Term 1:** 18 August
- **Term 1:** 14 September—28 November
- **Term 2:** 11 January—12 March 2027
- **Term 3:** 19 April—25 June 2027
- **Annual Members Exhibition:** 20-28 March 2027

You can find the PACC at:

www.thepacc.org.uk
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CLASS & GROUP TIMETABLE



TERM 1: 14 September to 28 November 2026 for 11 Weeks

Class	Tutor/Leader	Day	Date (if not weekly)	Time	Price £
Basket Weaving: Beginners & Improvers	Janice Hall	Monday	21/9, 5/10, 19/10, 2/11, 16/11, 30/11	10am-3.30pm	197
Basket Weaving: Beginners & Improvers	Jilly Greig	Tuesday	22/9, 6/10, 27/10, 10/11, 24/11	10am-3.30pm	164
Basket Weaving: Intermediate	Jilly Greig	Tuesday	15/9, 29/9, 13/10, 3/11, 17/11	10am-4.30pm	200
Basket Weaving: self-help	Netty Verkroost	Friday	Every week	10am-1pm	35
Clay Portraiture	Gillian Taylor	Tuesday	Every week	10am-12noon	115*
Clay Portraiture (Self-help)				7-9pm	35
Kiln Glass	Mary Frith	Monday	Every week	7-9pm	127*
		Thursday		5-7pm	
		Friday		10am-12noon	
Knitting	Helen Gembles	Monday	9 weeks, not 5 or 26/10	2-4pm & 7-9pm	81
Life Drawing: Self-help	John Bodger	Saturday	26/9, 10/10, 24/10, 14/11, 28/11	1-4pm	80
Needlework	Helen Donaghue	Tuesday	Every week	7-9pm	99
Painting: Acrylic	Ailish Kelly	Wednesday	Every week	10.30am-12.30pm	99
Painting: Experiment and Create—Watercolour Plus	Sheena Phillips	Friday	10 weeks from 25/9	10am-12noon	90
Painting: Oil (Self-help)	Colin Cruickshank	Thursday	Every week	10am-12noon	35
Painting and Drawing: Self-help	Leonard Mair	Thursday	Every week	6.30-8.30pm	35
Painting and Drawing	Iona Molleson	Monday	9 weeks, not 12 & 19/10	7-9pm	109*
Painting and Drawing	Owen Normand	Monday	Every week	9.30am-12noon	124
Pottery	Lorna Chamberlin	Tuesday	Every week	10am-12noon 7-9pm	165*
		Wednesday		10am-12noon 7-9pm	
		Thursday		10am-12noon	
Print-making	Lyndsay Fergus	Wednesday	8 weeks from 23/9	2-4pm	129*
				4.30-6.30pm	
				7-9pm	
Silver Jewellery (Self-help)	Victoria Murray	Tuesday	Every week	7-9pm	35
Spinning (Self-help)	Grazyna Fremi	Tuesday	Every week	10am-12noon	35
Upholstery	Sylvia Norris	Tuesday	Every week	12noon-3pm	164*
				3.30-6.30pm	
		Thursday	Every week	10am-1pm 1.30-4.30pm	
Weaving	Kirsty Odds	Wednesday	10 weeks, not 14/10	10am-12.30pm	113
		Thursday	10 weeks, not 15/10	10am-12.30pm	
Weaving (Self-help)	Marie Henderson	Tuesday	Every week	1-3pm	35
Wire Wrapping Jewellery	Margi Moffitt	Monday	21/9 not 12/10 (8wk)	6-8pm	72**
Woodcarving (Self-help)	Alex Stewart	Thursday	Every week	10am-3pm^	35

*These classes include a charge or charges for materials, firing, equipment and/or cleaning, details in the class description
 **Materials available to purchase from tutor, up to £50 for the term
 ^Come any time within this period

How to Enroll in a PACC Class

- Become a member of PACC. It costs £15 for a year. You can do this online at www.thepacc.org.uk
- Choose your class and enroll online by going to the "Classes List" section of the website www.thepacc.org.uk