

POLDRATE ARTS & CRAFTS CENTRE NEWSLETTER



PACC Newsletter Term 1

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Kirsty Odds—our fabulous weaving tutor

Kirsty is a hand weaver who works from her garden studio in Aberlady. Her father, a trained tapestry weaver, inspired her love of weaving. She remembers spending hours playing with his colourful yarns, turning his spinning wheel and hiding under his loom. When choosing what to do after leaving school, she decided to study medicine and worked for a few years as a junior doctor. However, her deep love of textiles returned once she had two sons and had woven one or two slings for carrying her babies. As her appreciation of hand-woven fabric developed, she took a professional course. In 2019 she completed, with distinction, her two-year diploma course at the Handweaver's Studio in London.

Under the name Hopipola (www.hopipola.com), Kirsty makes and sells contemporary woven pieces inspired by seasons' changing colours, designed mainly for interiors and as accessories.

In 2021 she joined an advanced weaving class at Poldrate Mill, led by Marie Henderson, a third-generation traditional Swedish weaver. After a year, Kirsty offered to teach weaving classes at the Mill, while Mari decided to focus on the self-help weaving group. Kirsty plans to continue at Poldrate, and if possible, she would like to update and modernise looms to make learning easier, especially for beginners.

In her spare time, Kirsty enjoys challenging herself in triathlons and is currently competing in half-ironman with a goal of building towards taking part in a full ironman to celebrate her 40th birthday!



Members Exhibition—Gets better and better!

Thank you to all our Members for making the exhibition in March such a success. For sharing your work, for helping and for encouraging your friends and family to visit. There were about 220 entries this year. We had a lot of visitors, averaging 80 on weekend days. We also had a lot of compliments and sales. Helle Woldsgaard Kilkenny, who has worked for the Danish Cultural Institute in Edinburgh and owns Beech & Birch in Gifford, was our judge this year. At the award giving she offered some interesting insights into what attracted her to the various pieces she chose:

Duchess of Hamilton Award:

Winner - Finch, by Jane Mill-Irving.

Highly commended - Stern Trawlers, by Bruce Lumsden

Commended - The Ogee Roof, by Leonard Mair

Granary Bowl:

Winner - Whopping Willow Basket, by Katie Warner

Highly commended - Bridal Hair Ornament, by Ursula Thompson

Commended - Bowl, by Delphine Roques

Poldrate Plaque:

Winner - Hall Chair, by Jo Letelier-Lobos

Highly commended - Goose-eye Weave Scarf, by Isabella Simpson

Commended - Ladies Scarf, by Lorna Balmer

Ken Maskell Award:

Winner - Conquistador, by Johnny Walker

Highly commended - Sushi Set, by Mute Brownlee

Commended - Krampus Mask, by Robin Cameron

Visitor's Choice

Madonna, by Eleanor Cadzow

Well done everyone!

Photographs of the exhibition are available on the website at

<https://thepacc.org.uk/pacc-members-exhibition-2023/>

Dates for your diary

- **15 July—26 August:** Tutors Exhibition in John Gray Centre Museum, Haddington
- **1 August:** Membership registration opens
- **26 August:** PACC Open Day
- **26 August, 10am:** class enrolment opens
- **18 September:** Term 1 starts
- **8 December:** Term 1 ends
- **8 January-15 March 2024:** Term 2
- **20 April—28 April 2024:** Annual Members Exhibition
- **29 April—21 June 2024:** Term 3

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CLASS & GROUP TIMETABLE



TERM 1: 18 September 2023 for 12 weeks

Class	Tutor/Leader	Day	Date (if not weekly)	Time	Price £
Basket Making (Beginners/Improvers)	Janice Hall	Monday	25/9, 9/10, 23/10, 6/11, 20/11, 4/12	10am–3pm	127.50
Basket Making (Intermediate)	Katie Warner	Wednesday	27/9, 11/10, 25/10, 8/11, 22/11, 6/12	10am-4.30pm	165.75
Basket Making (Self-help)	Janice Hall	Friday	22/9, 6/10, 20/10, 3/11, 17/11, 1/12	10am-1pm	35
Clay Portraiture	Gillian Taylor	Tuesday	10 weeks beginning 19/9	10am-12noon	105*
				7-9pm	
Experiment and Create—Watercolour Plus	Sheena Phillips	Friday	11 weeks beginning 29/9	10am-12noon	93.50
Kiln Glass	Mary Frith	Monday	11 weeks, break TBC	7-9pm	115.50*
		Friday		10am-12noon	
Life Drawing (Self-help)	Kate Hunter	Saturday	30/9, 14/10, 28/10, 11/11, 25/11	1-4pm	75
Painting—Acrylic	Elizabeth Lindsay	Wednesday	11 weeks from 27/9	10.30am-12.30	93.50
Painting—Landscape	Andrew Watson	Tuesday	Every week	10am-12noon	102
Painting-Oil (Self-help)	Colin Cruickshank	Thursday	Every week	10am-12noon	42
Painting and Drawing	Alastair Fiddes Watt	Monday	Every week	10am-12noon	102
				1-3pm	
Painting Group (Self-help)	Judith Dunkerley	Thursday	Every week	6.30-8.30pm	42
Pottery	Lorna Chamberlin	Tuesday	Every week	10am-12noon 7-9pm	168*
		Wednesday		10am-12noon 7-9pm	
		Thursday		10am–12noon	
Print making	Lyndsay Fergus	Wednesday	Every week	2-4pm	144*
				4.30-6.30pm	
				7-9pm	
Silver Jewellery (Self-help)	Victoria Murray	Tuesday	Every week	7-9pm	42
Spinning (Self-help)	Grazyna Fremi	Tuesday	Every week	10am-12noon	42
Weaving	Kirsty Odds	Wednesday	10 weeks starting 20/9 and 21/9, no class 18/10 and 19/10	11am-1.30pm	106.25
		Thursday			
Weaving (Self-help)	Marie Henderson	Tuesday	Every week	1-3pm	42
Upholstery	Sylvia Norris	Tuesday	Every week	12.30–3.30pm 4-7pm	171*
		Thursday		10am-1pm 1.30-4.30pm	
Woodcarving	Chris Hall	Tuesday	Every week	12noon-3pm	153
Woodcarving (Self-help)	Alex Stewart	Thursday	Every week	10am-12noon	42

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
- **All classes** have full details on the tutor pages of the website

*These classes include a charge or charges for materials, firing, equipment and/or cleaning, details in the class description