

POLDRATE ARTS & CRAFTS CENTRE NEWSLETTER



PACC Newsletter Term 1

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New looms for the Textile Room at PACC

Last term, we were delighted to acquire eight new 8-shaft Louet Jane table looms for the textile room. Thanks to the excellent application by committee member Frida Bleakley, we secured £1000 from the East Lothian Council Common Good Funds, with additional funding from PACC covering the remaining costs. Special thanks also go to The Threshing Barn, our chosen vendor, who provided exceptional service.

The looms can be set up with various weaves, offering greater complexity compared to our previous looms. This allows eight weavers to learn new techniques that were previously limited to one or two students at a time. Additionally, two wider looms were purchased, enabling members to weave large fabric pieces, such as blankets.

These modern looms have proven to be extremely user-friendly, especially when compared to the older looms. They can be folded and stored between classes, providing more table space for notes and creating a more comfortable learning environment.

Next term, beginner weavers will use some of these looms and benefit from their ease of use, hopefully encouraging continued learning and participation in weaving.

Photography Workshops—new this year!

Committee member and local photographer, Pete Harper, will host three brand new entry level/beginner photography workshops this year. They will cover digital photography, flash photography and digital photo editing. If you're interested in digital photography and don't know where to start these workshops are for you. More details at www.thepacc.org.uk or email info@peteharperphotography.co.uk.

Dates for your diary

- **1 August** membership registration opens
- **10 August at 10am** class enrollment for all members opens
- **16 September** term 1 starts
- **22 September** Introduction to Digital Photography Workshop, 10am-2pm
- **20 October** Introduction to Flash Photography Workshop, 10am-2pm
- **22 November** term 1 ends
- **24 November** Introduction to Digital Photo Editing Workshop, 10am-2pm
- **6 January-14 March 2025:** term 2
- **29 March 2025—6 April 2025:** Annual Members Exhibition
- **21 April—27 June 2025:** Term 3

Fantastic Members Exhibition

The Members annual exhibition was well attended again this year with almost 200 works submitted. Some 360 attendees visited the exhibition over the 9 days it was open. The usual high standard and variety of works were on show with many compliments being received from visitors.

Kate Mackay, Edinburgh-based artist and retired curator, and Maggie Hyne, textile designer-maker were our judges this year, and spoke beautifully at the opening night about their choices.

Our thanks to those Members who contributed their time to assist in the multitude of tasks in setting up, stewarding and taking down the exhibition.

Details of the prize-winners along with photos of from the event are on our website at www.thepacc.org.uk/pacc-members-exhibition-2024.

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CLASS & GROUP TIMETABLE



TERM 1: 16 September 2024 for 10 weeks

Class	Tutor/Leader	Day	Date (if not weekly)	Time	Price £
Basket Making (Beginners/ Improvers)	Janice Hall	Monday	16/9, 30/9, 21/10, 4/11, 18/11, 25/11	10am–3.30pm	172.25
Basket Making (Intermediate)	Sandra Scholes	Tuesday	4 classes—dates TBC likely Oct/Nov	12.30-6pm	136.50
Basket Making (Self-help)	Janice Hall	Friday	20/9, 4/10, 1/11, 15/11	10am-1pm	35.00
Kiln Glass	Mary Frith	Monday	Every week	7-9pm	110.00*
		Friday		10am-12noon	
Knitting	Helen Donaghue	Tuesday	Every week	7-9pm	85.00
Life Drawing (Self-help)	Kate Hunter	Saturday	21/9, 5/10, 19/10, 2/11, 16/11	1-4pm	80.00
Painting: Acrylic	Elizabeth Lindsay	Wednesday	Every week	10.30am-12.30pm	85.00
Painting: Experiment and Create— Watercolour Plus	Sheena Phillips	Friday	Every week	10am-12noon	85.00
Painting: Oil (Self-help)	Colin Cruickshank	Thursday	Every week	10am-12noon	35.00
Painting (Self-help)	Leonard Mair	Thursday	Every week	6.30-8.30pm	35.00
Painting and Drawing	Iona Molleson	Monday	Every week	TBC	TBC
Painting and Drawing	Owen Normand	Monday	Every week	9.30am-12noon	106.25
Pottery	Lorna Chamberlin	Tuesday	Every week	10am-12noon 7-9pm	145.00*
		Wednesday		10am-12noon 7-9pm	
		Thursday		10am–12noon	
Print making	Lyndsay Fergus	Wednesday	Every week	2-4pm	156.50*
				4.30-6.30pm	
				7-9pm	
Silver Jewellery (Self-help)	Victoria Murray	Tuesday	Every week	7-9pm	35.00
Spinning (Self-help)	Grazyna Fremi	Tuesday	Every week	10am-12noon	35.00
Upholstery	Sylvia Norris	Tuesday	Every week	12noon–3pm	142.50*
				3.30-6.30pm	
		Thursday	Every week	10am-1pm	
				1.30-4.30pm	
Weaving	Kirsty Odds	Wednesday	No classes 14-18/10	10am-12.30pm	96.50
		Thursday		10am-12.30pm	
Weaving (Self-help)	Marie Henderson	Tuesday	Every week	1-3pm	35.00
Woodcarving (Self-help)	Alex Stewart	Thursday	Every week	10am-12noon	35.00

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