

POLDRATE ARTS & CRAFTS CENTRE NEWSLETTER



PACC Newsletter Term 3

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Fond farewell to Alastair Fiddes-Watt

We were all so sad to hear that one of our longest serving tutors, Alastair Fiddes-Watt, had died in January.

Alastair has been associated with Poldrate for many years, and has been tutoring the Monday Painting and Drawing classes since 1996. He was brought up in an artistic family; his grand father, George Fiddes Watt, was a well known portraitist and engraver. Alastair was also a crofter and spent part of the year in the north-west, looking after his croft and his garden. In his painting Alastair often focused on ever-changing landscape and sea. He was a recognised artist whose works regularly sold at auction.

Teaching and empowering his students brought him much satisfaction and a sense of artistic community. His dedication endured as he continued to work with his students as much as he could despite being ill. He was well-liked and he will be missed by those who regularly attended his classes and by his fellow tutors and committee members.



The Great Wheel takes to the road...

The Tuesday morning self-help spinners group, in their outreach guise as Haddington Spinners and Weavers, have had two very successful library visits to share their skills with the general public.

Last term they visited Haddington Library during the half-term break, and this term they went to Dunbar Library in mid-February. Both visits generated a lot of interest. Grandparents, parents and children participated in peg loom weaving, spinning on a great or walking wheel, friendship bracelet making, spindle spinning and weaving on a rigid heddle loom. Dunbar library have promised to display the finished weaving sampler which incorporated the first attempts in weaving from a very varied audience, including several children.

It is a lovely way to engage in a dialogue with all ages on the benefits of crafts, 'slow clothing' and natural fibers. It also raises the profile of the PACC amongst the local community. Spring term they are planning to be in North Berwick Library.

Dates for your diary

- **15 March:** term 2 ends
- **6 April:** re-booking for members opens
- **13 April:** general booking opens
- **15 April:** members exhibition handing in
- **19 April:** exhibition private view
- **20-28 April:** members exhibition open
- **29 April:** term 3 starts
- **21 June:** term 3 ends

Raising our Profile

You may have seen one of our new committee members, Pete Harper, taking photographs at our wonderful Christmas lecture. He's also been popping into some of our classes to capture what our members have been up to. Pete is a professional photographer, and is helping us to raise our profile. Keep an eye out for more of his fabulous pictures!

We'd also like you to get to know our committee a bit better. To this end Pete has photographed us all, and soon you will be able to see what we look like and learn a bit about us on the PACC website. If there is anything you'd like to share with us please let us know in person, or by emailing socialmedia@thepacc.org.uk.

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CLASS & GROUP TIMETABLE



TERM 3: 29 April 2024 for 8 weeks

Class	Tutor/Leader	Day	Date (if not weekly)	Time	Price £
Basket Making (Beginners/Improvers)	Janice Hall	Monday	6/5, 13/5, 3/6, 10/6	10am–4pm	122
Basket Making (Intermediate)	Sandra Scholes	Tuesday	14/5, 21/5, 28/5, 11/6	10am-4.30pm	130.50
Clay Portraiture	Gillian Taylor	Tuesday	10 weeks from 23/4	10am-12noon	105*
				7-9pm	
Experiment and Create—Watercolour Plus	Sheena Phillips	Friday	Every week	10am-12noon	68
Kiln Glass	Mary Frith	Monday	Every week	7-9pm	84*
		Friday		10am-12noon	
Knitting	Helen Donaghue	Tuesday	10 classes starting 12/3. No class on 26/3 and 30/4	7-9pm	68
Life Drawing (Self-help)	Kate Hunter	Saturday	4/5, 18/5, 25/5, 8/6, 22/6	1-4pm	60
Painting-Oil (Self-help)	Colin Cruickshank	Thursday	Every week	10am-12noon	28
Painting and Drawing Painting Group (Self-help)	Owen Normand	Monday	Every week	9.30am-12noon	85
	Leonard Mair	Thursday	Every week	6.30-8.30pm	28
Pottery	Lorna Chamberlin	Tuesday	Every week	10am-12noon 7-9pm	112*
		Wednesday		10am-12noon 7-9pm	
		Thursday		10am–12noon	
Print making	Lyndsay Fergus	Wednesday	Every week	2-4pm	96*
				4.30-6.30pm	
				7-9pm	
Silver Jewellery (Self-help)	Victoria Murray	Tuesday	Every week	7-9pm	28
Spinning (Self-help)	Grazyna Fremi	Tuesday	Every week	10am-12noon	28
Weaving	Kirsty Odds	Wednesday	Every week	11am-1.30pm	85
		Thursday			
Weaving (Self-help)	Marie Henderson	Tuesday	Every week	1-3pm	28
Upholstery	Sylvia Norris	Tuesday	Every week	12.30–3.30pm 4-7pm	114*
		Thursday		10am-1pm 1.30-4.30pm	
Woodcarving (Self-help)	Alex Stewart	Thursday	Every week	10am-12noon	28

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