

Hello my fellow art and heritage enthusiasts. My, it seems May is going to be a very busy month; both for us and within the art community of the local area. Now that you've all recovered from dancing around the pole at Mayday, prepare yourself for more festivities as we have a whole selection of events featured in this month's newsletter for your enjoyment.

Firstly though, we have the news you have all been waiting for and I feel we have kept you in suspense long enough.

Art with a Heart is relocating to 82-84 George Richards Way, WA14 1RF. Where is this you may ask? Why is it only the old Superdrug Unit on the main shopping district of the Stamford Quarter in Altrincham. It is double the size of our previous location and because of this we are looking to expand both our exhibition programme and our Heritage area so expect big things in the near future.

Editorial.

There is still time to apply for our OPEN CALL's for the Wish you were Here: postcard exhibition in June and our annual Altrincham open 2014: Aurora Borealis in July. However we also have another opportunity that we are encouraging everyone to pass around to the younger generation.

This month's issue is dedicated to the annual Trafford Schools Open 2014. This opportunity is open to students in their final year of GCSE, AS and A2 (or equivalent BTEC) in Visual Arts from all schools within Trafford. Although the exhibition is taking place in November, we are encouraging students to register their interest now. (This doesn't mean the work has to be done by then, it just means you need to say you will be involved by this stage). This gives the students the summer holidays to create a new piece of work for the exhibition if they desire to do so, or they can submit pre-existing work created on their course. The exhibition is an Open theme, however we are also hosting an 'Inspired by....Regeneration' Award for A level students; which means that students creating work on the theme of regeneration will be eligible for this additional award.

We need your help to spread the word; if you have a relative, neighbour or know a student who may be interested then please pass this into them and get them to spread the word. It is a great opportunity for them to get their work seen outside the school, it's free to enter and there are a number of awards on offer to be won so why not give it a go?

Please see our website for further details:

<http://www.artwithaheart.org.uk/trafford-schools-open-2014/>

Now that we have the venue, there is much work to be done and if anyone would like to assist in helping us spruce the place up then please don't hesitate to get in touch. The more the merrier and it is a great opportunity to meet other members of the community with an interest in the arts and heritage. Once we have got the place looking it's best, we will be informing you all of our grand relaunch so keep your eyes peeled on your inbox and our social media for current updates.

On May 31st we are also participating in a Fundraising plant sale to support the Altrincham in Bloom 2014 campaign. We would encourage the local community to come along and support this event as the more support we gain, the better our chance of winning gold this year. The event will run from 10am in the square at the Stamford Quarter.

Keeping with the Easter spirit, the White Rabbit and the rest of Wonderland have taken over our New Look display this month. Yes, we present to you Alice Through the Looking Glass; An ambitious exhibition that will explore how something as simple as paper can be transformed into a wonderland of amazing creations. Based on the famous story by Lewis Carroll, Alice Through the Looking Glass is an exhibition filled with fantasy, fragmentation and a play on familiarity evoking in the audience a sense of the uncanny whilst tantalising the imagination.

For this exhibition, we aim to play upon perception; both in the perception of what constitutes art and the perception of where art should be viewed. Paper is typically seen as being something to create art on and not with, so we have encouraged our artists to take the simple medium of paper and modify it into something beyond its stereotypical function. Techniques include quilling, origami, paper clay and sculptural forms that will transform a window display into another world. The glass provides a barrier, like the mirror in Alice's tale, that draws the public towards it to see the fantasy land that lies beyond. The exhibition features the work of Julia Brunning, Abigayle Coghlan, Andrea Hamer, Enya Koster, Steve Marsden, Agnieszka Matyjaszek, Paula Sandham and Rebecca Wild and is on until the 21st June.



Local News and Upcoming Events

Curators Choice

Sanctuary from the Trenches
Dunham Massey Hall and Gardens

Dunham Massey was transformed during the First World War into the Stamford Military Hospital and became the home of almost 300 soldiers during their stay and recovery. In commemoration of the centenary, Dunham Hall has once again been transformed back into the military hospital for visitors to discover what life was like for the patients, staff and members of the household during this time. The exhibit is particularly immersive as parts of the once familiar rooms of the house have been utterly transformed; such as the Great Hall has changed into the soldiers recreation room and the billard room is now the nurses station. Each visitor is given a hospital administration ticket on arrival and become they become intertwined with the personal and highly emotive stories of the patients treated over 100 years ago as they explore the hall which is further enhanced by the real-life characters acting out short scenes. The transformation is on until 11 November so you have plenty of time to visit and go back in time to experience first hand the atmosphere of that era.

Highly recommended

New Mills Art Trail Festival 2014
New Mills
17th May-1st June

The Town centre becomes a gallery with the New Mills Town Trail, featuring over 70 artists from across the UK in pop up spaces, windows and unusual places. Alongside this there are numerous other exhibitions and events taking place, including music, Spoken word, workshops and theatre. See all the events at: <http://www.newmillsarts.co.uk/>

BUPA GREAT MANCHESTER RUN
18th May 2014

With over 40,000 participants (including our very own Project Director; Karen Wroe), the Bupa Great Manchester run weekend also includes the Bupa Junior and Mini Great Manchester Run. Filmed live for the BBC. If you would like to sponsor Karen please donate via JustTextGiving by sending the text AWAH00 £x to 70070. (Replacing the x with the amount you wish to sponsor)

Chorlton Arts Festival
16th -25th May

The annual Chorlton Arts Festival is back with over 150 events of music, comedy, art and performance running over 10 days. Including events such as the Smallest Sculpture Park in the world, Paper Piano, Chorlton Chuckles and many more. Please see <http://www.chorltonartsfestival.com/> for full details of the events taking place.

Do you have an event you would like us to promote?

Would you like to be our featured artist in the next issue?

Or would you like to become part of our dedicated team of volunteers?

Please send your details at contact@artwithaheart.org.uk with either the title EVENT, ARTIST or VOLUNTEER.

Coming Up...

21st May
to
21st June

**Alice through the
Looking Glass**

31st May

**Altrincham in Bloom
Plant Sale**

Other things to see

Random Visual poems, Charlie Holt
5th April-6th July

Salford Museum and Art Gallery

This exhibition brings together a number of related series of works by artist Charlie Holt. Charlie created collages that have their roots in both Pop Art and Surrealism, preferring to work with an attitude similar to the game of chance or the exquisite corpse. All the works on show are either traditional cut and paste collages or digital montages influenced by both Manchester and Salford <http://www.salfordcommunityleisure.co.uk/culture/salford-museum-and-art-gallery/exhibitions>

Come Closer: Winners of the Wellcome image awards 2014

12 March- 7 September: 10am-5pm

Museum of Science and Industry

An exhibition from the Wellcome Image Awards 2014- from an xray of a bat, to a cross section of a flower bud-showcasing the scientists, medical professions and image makers traversing science and art.

<http://www.mosi.org.uk/whats-on/wellcome-image-awards.aspx>

Text Festival

2nd May- July

Bury Sculptural Centre

The Text Festival in Bury is an internationally recognised event investigating contemporary language art (poetry, text art, sound and media text, live art).

<http://www.textfestival.com/>

Screenfields

8th May- 5th June every thursday. £3

Spinningfields, Manchester

Open-Air cinema is back in Spinningfields this summer showing a selection of classic films for your viewing pleasure. Stretch out on the lawns, grab a drink and eat a movie while the sun sets.

www.spinningfieldsonline.com