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EVENTS AT THE CITY ART CENTRE

Jo Barker (b.1963), *Resonance*, (detail) 2008
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Events for **Reflection**

Contemporary Visual Arts and Crafts in Edinburgh

and

That was then: This is NOW

40 years of tapestry in Scotland

We have events for the whole family in our exciting autumn/winter exhibitions at the City Art Centre. There are adult talks, adult craft workshops, family craft events and professional training days.

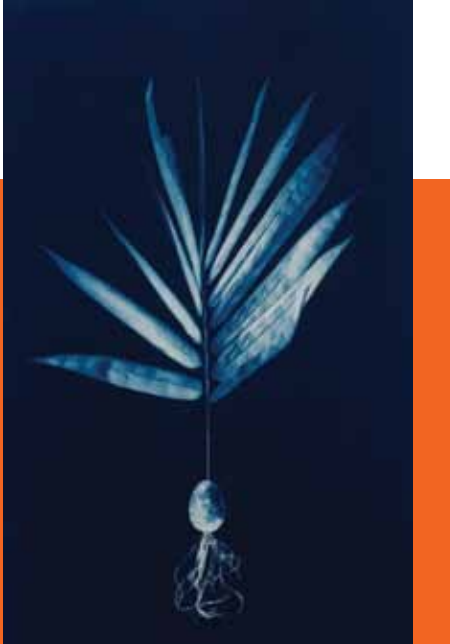
Rebecca Wilson, *Dirty Rotten Peaches* (detail), 2010. Photography by Alan Laughlin

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Autumn/Winter at the City Art Centre

Reflection is an innovative contemporary visual art and craft exhibition, which highlights the work of 22 artists and makers. Selected through an open call for entries, the inspiring and diverse work showcases the talent of a dynamic group of individuals. The exhibition brings together a range of artforms, including ceramics, glass, printmaking, textiles, photography, jewellery, painting and new media.

In *That was Then: This is NOW*, sixteen prominent tapestry artists with international reputations present the best of current practice in an ambitious, visually exciting experience, which revels in the meticulously crafted. This retrospective exhibition by Scottish Tapestry Artists Regrouped (STAR*) includes work from the 1960s up to the present day in strong colour and a multiplicity of themes and features tapestries from the impressive City Art Centre collection.



Nicola Murray, *March*, 2010

Reflection

Saturday 19 November 2011 -
Saturday 12 February 2012

ADULT PROGRAMME

Saturday 3 December
10.30am - 3.30pm **£15**

Flowers and Foliage

A Christmas Printmaking Class. Taking inspiration from magical prints of botanical subjects by Nicola Murray, we will use a variety of printmaking techniques to explore the forms of holly, ivy and other festive greenery to create unique Christmas cards. With artist Tessa Asquith-Lamb.

Saturday 10 December
10am - 3pm **£15** Suitable for complete beginners.

Knit and Knot

Learn to knit from scratch or become more adventurous with your knitting skills. Taking inspiration from the *Reflection* exhibition, you will be encouraged to

experiment with colour and structure as you knit an art work with beautiful yarns, ribbons and threads. With artist Kerry Kimber from Knitting for All.

Saturday 17 December
11am - 12pm **Free**

Hearing Impaired Tour

Free tour of the *Reflection* exhibition with portable loops, for the hearing impaired. Led by artist Tessa Asquith-Lamb. Please note that while this tour is especially directed to the hearing impaired, it is open to the general public, numbers permitting.

Saturday 7 January
10am - 4pm **£15**

Old, New, Recycled and Blue

Explore the structure of contemporary tapestry weaving. You will create a small tapestry exploring colour, surface and texture, using a wide range of materials, from recycled paper and plastic to traditional cotton, linen and wool. You will be encouraged to create a work in response to the sea/landscape of Scotland. With artist Fiona Hutchison.



Gemma Coyle, *Bonnie Biro Caravan 3*, 2010



Saturday 14 January

11am - 12pm **Free**

Visually Impaired Tour

Free descriptive tour of the *Reflection* exhibition for the visually impaired. Portable loops are also available. Led by artist Jo Arksey.

Saturday 14 January

10.30am - 3.30pm **£15**

Memories and Treasured Trinkets

Jewellery making day. Taking inspiration from the beautiful jewellery of Clare Hillerby, we will explore the use of ephemera, old letters, photos and vintage printed materials to create a very special piece of jewellery. With artist Tessa Asquith-Lamb.

Saturday 21 January

10.30am - 3.30pm **£15**

A Bird's Eye View

Printmaking Workshop. Exploring the unusual viewpoints of Edinburgh in the work of Jane Hyslop, we will experiment with creating our own fascinating prints of favourite places using press-print, Rhenalon etching and monoprinting. With artist Tessa Asquith-Lamb.

Saturday 11 February

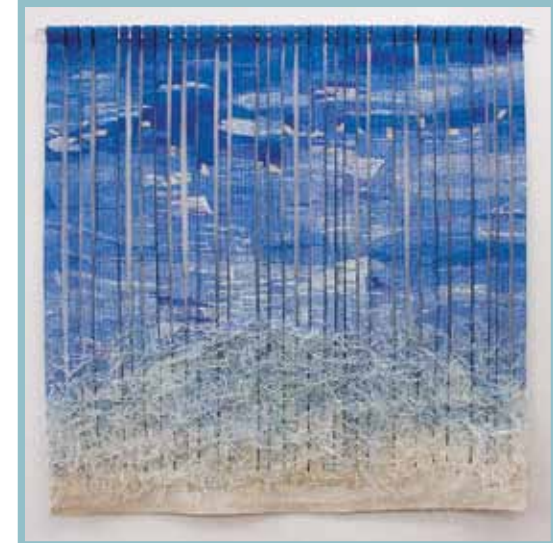
10.30am - 3.30pm **£15**

Teacups and Vintage Treasures

Pottery Painting and Mini Canvas Painting Workshop. Inspired by the fascinating sculptural ceramics of Rebecca Wilson, we will use vintage ceramic patterns to create a beautiful hand-painted teacup and saucer in the morning, and a quirky decorative canvas on a teatime theme in the afternoon. With artist Tessa Asquith-Lamb.



Clare Hillerby, *Brooch - 'with love to all from all'*, 2009
Photography by Shannon Tofts



Friday 27 January 2011

10.15am - 3.30pm **Free**

Make Your Creativity Pay: Development Day for Emerging and Mid Career Artists/ Makers

Are you struggling with approaching galleries? Not sure how to price your own work? To coincide with the *Reflection* exhibition, this development day provides advice on making your creative practice work for you. Key speakers are: Carol Sinclair, Creative Business Adviser and Ceramicist; Kate Gray, Director of the Collective Gallery; Designer and illustrator Alice Melvyn and Emma Walker, Chief Executive of Craft Scotland.

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Anna Ray, *Knot* (detail), 2007



Rachel Elliott, *Fringe* (detail), 2010.
Photography by Simon Bruntell

FAMILY PROGRAMME

Saturday 19 November

10.30am - 12.30pm or 1.30pm - 3.30pm **Free**

A Lot of Allotments!

Tiny Paper Gardens to Treasure. Be inspired by the amazing glass allotment by Rachel Elliott to create your own tiny paper garden with greenhouses, rows of carrots, cabbages, flowers and bunnies. With artist Tessa Asquith-Lamb.

Saturday 26 November

10.30am - 12.30pm or 1.30pm - 3.30pm **Free**
Age 8+

Illuminated Patterns

Join artist Michael Craik in this exciting workshop inspired by work in the *Reflection* exhibition. Create imaginative patterns using stencils and experiment with torches to capture your designs in light on digital camera. With artist Michael Craik.

Sunday 15 January

2pm - 4pm **Free**

In, Out, In, Out, Shake it all about!

Have woolly fun as you weave a crazy picture for your room! You'll learn proper tapestry techniques while you get adventurous with colour and texture. With artist Kerry Kimber from Knitting for All.



Art Cart

Free

The City Art Centre Art Cart will also be in the gallery during the autumn/winter. Come along for some family art fun. Our cart will be brimming with activities and textures for you to explore.

Professional Workshops in partnership with the Cultural Enterprise Office.

Friday 25 November

12.30pm - 4.30pm

Starting Out

Workshop in partnership with Edinburgh College of Art

This workshop focuses on operating, financing and making a living from a creative practice and the practicalities of starting a business.

Thursday 12 January

1.30pm - 4.30pm

Making Applications and Proposals

Discover how to write applications and proposals for funding, commissions and residencies.

Thursday 19 January

12.30pm - 4.30pm

The Next Step

Workshop in partnership with Creative Edinburgh

To help creative businesses and practitioners take stock of their established business, review their achievements, consider options for development, kick start new plans, and renew motivation. For individuals who have been running their business for 3 or more years.

All workshops are free. For more information or to reserve a place, please call Cultural Enterprise Office

on 0844 544 9990

or events@culturalenterpriseoffice.co.uk



That was then: This is NOW

Saturday 12 November 2011 -

Saturday 8 January 2012

ADULT PROGRAMME

Saturday 19 November

2pm **Free**

Meet the Artists

Jo McDonald, Joanne Soroka and Maureen Hodge will guide viewers around the exhibition and explain their approaches, themes and why they weave. About 45 minutes with time for questions.

Sunday 27 November

1pm - 4pm **Free**

Tufting

Jo McDonald will teach you the Turkish knotting technique she uses in her own work. Explore and create texture, using materials such as newspapers, books, plastic bags, clothing and photos to produce a six-inch square sample. Prepared cardboard looms will be provided, along with all other materials.

Monday 28 November

1.30pm **Free**

The History of Contemporary Scottish Tapestry

From its beginnings 100 years ago with the Dovecot Studios, through the founding of the Tapestry Department at Edinburgh College of Art, to present-day practitioners, this lecture by Joanne Soroka will give an overview of the best historical and current practice. About 45 minutes with time for questions.

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Sunday 4 December

1pm **Free**

In Conversation With

Chaired by Dr Ruth Pelzer, four of the *That was then: This is NOW* artists (Amanda Gizzi, Fiona Hutchison, Linda Green and Jo McDonald) discuss their diverse approaches to their tapestries, why they weave and themes in their work. About 45 minutes with time for questions.

Monday 5 December

10am - 4.30pm **£30**

WORKSHOP

Contemporary Tapestry Approaches

Linda Green will lead this course, which is aimed both at beginners and those who already have basic skills in tapestry weaving but who would like to develop those further, with beginners completing a sampler and the more experienced focusing on creating a small tapestry. By the end of the course you will have gained sufficient confidence and ability to work independently with a variety of materials and techniques.

Saturday 10 December

2pm **Free**

Book Signing

Joanne Soroka is the author of the recently published *Tapestry Weaving: Design and Technique*, which details the theory and practice of tapestry weaving. It includes the definition and history of tapestry, with the work of many of the participants in *That was Then: This is NOW* highlighted in the contemporary section. In conjunction with gallery shop.



Maureen Hodge (b.1941), *Winterwood IV*, 1964



William Jefferies (b.1953), *Dream Collage* (detail), 1985

Booking is essential for all events. For booking and further information, please contact Margaret Findlay at the City Art Centre on 0131 529 3963 or margaret.findlay@edinburgh.gov.uk

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