

2016 CRAFT MONTH August



Remulus & Remize
by John Keadiness at Down County Museum

Welcome to the **tenth anniversary** of August Craft Month: the largest celebration of contemporary craft in Northern Ireland. In a time of austerity and funding cutbacks for the arts it is wonderful to see the rich and diverse programme of events on offer this year. It encompasses exhibitions, workshops, demonstrations, talks, craft fairs, and much, much more.

I would encourage you to embrace the events on offer and help make this year the most successful ever. Your feedback is really important to us, so

please let us know what you think by completing one of our audience surveys, available online or at our partner venues. More detailed information on all the events can be found on our website and social media platforms.

With your support and enthusiasm for craft we can make this a tenth anniversary to remember.

Experience the best that craft has to offer this year.



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10 years of august CRAFT MONTH

Craft NI is proud to mark the 10th anniversary of our annual region-wide celebration of craft.

Back in 2007, the August Craft Month guide was launched to help promote 25 amazing craft events occurring throughout August, including established signature events Creative Peninsula and Craft Fest, and we're delighted they are still central to the programme of activity.

Little did we expect that it would grow to encompass the huge number and variety of events and activities that it does today.

Since its launch, August Craft Month has grown year on year, and we're

delighted to work with a diverse range of wonderful August Craft Month partners - thank you for your enthusiastic engagement.

And of course, a massive thank you to audiences who explore, engage and participate in August Craft Month year after year. Without your continuing support August Craft Month simply would not exist.

We hope, as always, that this guide will help you to explore and experience the vibrancy of the crafts sector in Northern Ireland.



Catherine Keenan & Adam Frew at Flowerfield Arts Centre

Festivals & Events

- FOLK TOWN MARKET** 04/08 - 25/08
Bank Square Belfast FREE
Every Thursday in August we'll be highlighting the best of handmade craft through workshops and demos, alongside an extended craft section at our artisan market. 11am-4pm
- COLLAGE COLLECTIVE** 01/08 - 31/08
The Buttermarket Enniskillen FREE
A community of artists, designers and makers based in Fermanagh and beyond. Our retail space in the heart of Enniskillen brings together a vibrant collection of work as well as a programme of workshops.
- KIDS' SUMMER ACTIVITY PROGRAMME** 05/08 - 14/08
Banbridge
Arts and crafts workshops for children aged 5-11, at various locations. Please check website for full details.

- THE CREATIVE PENINSULA** 05/08 - 14/08
Throughout Ards & North Down
Northern Ireland's premier Craft and Art Open Studio event. Featuring Craft Fairs, Open Studios, Tours, Exhibitions, Workshops, Demonstrations and more, taking place throughout the picturesque Ards and North Down Borough. For detailed information on all Creative Peninsula events, pick up an event brochure or visit our website.

- OUT OF THE SHADOWS CRAFT FAIR** 06/08
Colthurst Hall, Richhill FREE
Featuring homemade crafts ranging from jewellery, woodturning, papercraft, accessories, and food. Out of the Shadows is a Charitable organisation providing support in the community in Co. Armagh. 10am-4pm

- OUR BIG MARKETPLACE** 06/08
High St Mall, Portadown FREE
Loads of fun for the whole family! Come along to our big market to see and buy a range of crafts, and take part in our drop in workshops. Organised by Danann Crafts as part of their August Craft Month celebrations. 10am-4pm

- HELEN FAULKNER OPEN STUDIO** 06/08
Down Arts Centre
Visit artist-in-residence potter Helen Faulkner and have a FREE go on the potters wheel! Have your pot fired to be collected at a later date for only £8, or pick up a bargain at Helen's seconds sale. 12pm-5 pm

- CREATIVE COAST** 08/08 - 19/08
Portballintrae Village Hall & The Designerie
Causeway Coast Arts presents a week of craft activities inspired by the Causeway Coast.
CREATIVE COAST FOR KIDS £20
A special programme of fun craft activities for kids to coincide with Creative Coast. 11am-12.30pm

- CCA AUGUST CRAFT FAIR CREATIVE COAST** 20/08
Featuring the work of artists and makers from, and inspired by, the Causeway Coast. 10.30am-4.30pm FREE

- SCHOOLHOUSE GLASS**
Come and learn a new skill with glass artist Alison Lowry this August at her purpose built studio in Saintfield. Classes available for all ages and abilities.
- OPEN STUDIO DAY** 09/08
Drop by for a cup of tea and create a fused glass tile (£5 for firing) 4-7pm FREE
- FAMILY DAY** 13/08
Glass portrait workshop, using pieces of glass to create unique lasting mementoes! 10am-1pm £10

- CONNECTIONS** 11/08
Café Nosh
An evening celebrating the connections between local craft and food. Dinner at Café Nosh, tableware by Andrew Cooke. 6:30pm-11pm Check menu for prices



Eamonn Higgins at Hot Milk Forge (image: Brian Little/Presseye)

DIGITAL TEXTILES SUMMER SCHOOL 10/08-13/08

AmmA Centre £20
Explore technology such as 3D printing, wearable electronics and laser-cutting to expand textile design processes. For ages 15+ 10am-3pm every day

STUDIO E ALFRESCO ART 13/08

Ards Allotments FREE
Studio E's 2nd annual alfresco art and craft celebration, in conjunction with Ards Allotments. 11am-4pm

NORTH DOWN CRAFT COLLECTIVE MARKET 13/08

Hollywood Old School £1 ADULTS, CHILDREN FREE
Craft demos and workshops with the North Down Craft Collective and guests. All proceeds will go to Flourish NI. 10am-4pm.

CRAFT FEST 2016 13/08 - 14/08

Castle Ward Normal Admission
Now in its 13th year, the Craft & Design Collective's Annual Celebration of Craft, Applied Art and Design at Castle Ward, featuring a Craft Fair, Craft Demonstrations and an Exhibition 'In The House'. 10.30am-5.30pm

NEW BEGINNINGS: STUDIO MOVING SALE 16/08

Flowerfield Arts Centre FREE
New work and reduced price seconds from Adam Frew (ceramics) & Catherine Keenan (glass).

NUMBER 19 CRAFTY CELEBRATION 19/08

Number 19 Craft & Design Derry-Londonderry FREE
Join the makers from Number 19 Craft & Design for their crafty 1st birthday celebrations. Workshops, demos, talks, music and more! 2pm-5pm

BENRAW CREATIVE CONVIVIAM 27/08 - 29/08

Turnip House, Castlewella FREE
The 4th annual creative weekend in the Dromara Hills, hosted by Turnip House. Featuring work by local craftspeople and artists, including ceramics, felt making, knitwear, jewellery, wood turning, and sculpture. 10am-5pm each day

ISLANDMAGEE ART TRAIL 27/08 - 28/08

Throughout Islandmagee FREE
Featuring local artists and craftspeople exhibiting their work in various locations around Islandmagee. Maps available from local shops, Larne Museum & Arts Centre and Larne Visitor Information Centre.

THE FINE & DANDY MARKET 28/08

Crescent Arts Centre Belfast FREE
Showcasing the work of independent artists, designers, illustrators and crafters alongside quality local produce. Join us for a special Meet The Maker Day with Make & Take workshops and demos. 11.30am-3.30pm



Ciara Campbell Ceramics at Artspace, Oxford Island

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