

DIANA HEEKS NEW WORK

**APRIL 9th to
JUNE 4th**



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New abstract work by the Ceredigion based painter **Diana Heeks** goes on show in April at **St Dogmaels Gallery** in West Wales.

Diana originally trained at Birmingham College of Art and Design, and recently gained an MA in Fine Art from Aberystwyth University.

The work in this new show ranges across a spectrum of abstraction - from large, vertical colour-fields in wood, paper and linen to smaller work in oil or watercolour which express her love of the decorative arts and allusively point to figuration.



It makes use of a range of techniques including printing, collage, folding and pleating in paper and fabric, which refer to her ongoing relationship with textiles and her interest in three-dimensional surfaces. Her pieces featuring drawers with pleated contents can at one level be seen as horizontal variations of her vertical work.



Diana has lived in Ceredigion for two decades. Her early work in West Wales was a semi-abstract response to its inspirational landscapes. She has exhibited three times at the National Eisteddfod and was the 1997 winner of the "Aspects of Wales" prize at Pontardawe. She has shown regularly at **MOMA Wales** in Machynlleth and been active in the Cardigan Open Studios group. In recent years she has exhibited at the 'Art At' summer arts festival at Rhos y Gilwen, Cilgerran.

Says Diana: *"This is an excellent opportunity to show the range of developments that have taken place in my work over the last three years, in the light, spacious and contemporary environment of **St Dogmaels Gallery**."*



St Dogmaels Gallery

Run by **Tricia McParlin and Peter Taylor-Wood**, the gallery is sited on the main street of St Dogmaels village, with its 12th-century abbey and estuary views just a stone's throw from wide-open beaches and the majestic bulk of Cemmaes Head.

Tricia McParlin said: "The gallery is gaining a reputation as a unique contemporary space, dealing mainly with abstract painting, but also sculpture, film, dance, performance art and installation. Diana's work is ideal in this space and we are delighted to be able to offer her a solo show".

The "**New Work**" exhibition will run from **Saturday 9 April to Saturday 4 June**, a period that includes two Bank Holiday weekends.

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Work by **Diana Heeks** can also be seen at

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