
Add some spice for colour and depth

Little Buckland Gallery is offering the perfect antidote to the encroaching nights and colder days, this autumn. Featuring work bursting with colour and contrast, SPICE is a contemporary art exhibition that evokes hotter climes. Explosions of instant heat alongside equally intense, yet slow-burning, works of depth and subtlety will leave you with a warmth that lingers well into winter.

Among the highlights are pieces by printmaker Antonio Romoleroux. This is a rare opportunity to see his work in the UK, work that has been awarded National Heritage Status in his native country of Ecuador. His prints sit beautifully with the intensely patterned and vibrantly coloured pieces of printmaker and painter Sandra Porter, as do Emma Ling's richly exotic colour gardens.

Intensifying the heat are the hot-fusion makers — jewellers Laure Filho and Susan Wilkinson, award-winning enameller Penny Gildea, and glass artists Stuart Aykroyd and Niki Crew — while hot from the forge there is bronze sculpture from Beth Forrester. The 'potter', Ann Sohn-Rethel, lends lingering warmth with her high-fired red earthenware clay vessels. By contrast, the ceramicist Linda Bloomfield's work brings subtle cool notes to the exhibition — her elegant and tactile hand-thrown porcelain offering a master-class in the purity of simple form.

The exhibition is completed with new work from Rod Ashman, Judith Barker, Richard Bideau, Elizabeth Cowell, Lee Crew, Chris Hoggett, Arabella Kiszely, Tricia Torrington and Jaynie Tricker.

An altogether more civilised approach to Christmas shopping

As has become customary with Little Buckland Gallery's autumn collectives, the exhibition will be complemented, on the final weekend, with a sale of unique and gorgeous artist-made gifts, including glass, jewellery, textiles and ceramics.

There will also be the products of local artisan makers, like Emma Heathcote and her award-winning Little Soap Company, and basketry and willow sculpture from weaver Susan Early, plus locally produced Cotswold Gold Extra Virgin Cold Pressed Rapeseed Oils. Although, sadly, there will be no book-signing, this year, there will, once again, be a selection of magical, children's illustrated books by the award-winning illustrator and author, Jackie Morris — who grew up in Broadway.

Artist-made decorations, a charming listed-barn location, and plenty of free parking make this one of the more enjoyable Christmas-shopping experiences you'll have this year.

SPICE runs from 9 – 17 November and is open daily, 10am – 5pm. Entry is free, as is parking.

Contact

Niki Whitfield

T: 07821 098171

E: niki@littlebucklandgallery.co.uk