



FRIENDS OF THE GARDEN

PRESS RELEASE

Contemporary Art and Historic Garden Combine

A Wiltshire manor garden featuring terraces originally set out in the 17th century is today experiencing a redesign of its topiary enclosures and a deck is being added by the lake. The statues which once featured there and in surrounding areas will shortly be home to a major exhibition of contemporary sculpture. One of the artists whose work will feature in a series of colour themed gardens is Johannes Von Stumm. Johannes was president of the Royal British Society of Sculptors from 2009 – 2012 and is a founding member of Sculpture Network Europe. His work is inspired by opposites, taking concepts such as light and dark, fragility and strength to make sculptures in technically daring combinations of glass, steel and stone. Work by twenty other artists will be displayed throughout the garden.

The exhibition at West Lavington starts on 5 June and is open Thursdays – Sundays until 22 June. Full details are available at www.friendsofthegarden.org.uk

Ends

Note to Editor

This is the fourth biannual exhibition staged by voluntary organisation Friends of the Garden. We are committed to showcasing the work of emerging and leading contemporary sculptors in a garden setting. All work is for sale and a small commission of 20% is designed to maximise income for participating artists, cover exhibition costs, and raise additional funds for initiatives to support 3D arts in Wiltshire. West Lavington Manor is privately owned and the owners wish to use the exhibition to support local charities especially those working with young people. We are working with four local charities each of which will use the exhibition to raise funds for its own activities.

The attached image labelled von stumm pyramid.jpg is of a piece titled 'Pyramid', bronze, glass and granite in an edition of 6. Image copyright of the artist. Other pieces are organics by Peter M Clarke, Two Heads by Paul Vanstone and God Rod by Lucy Strachan. All images copyright of the artists.

Contact for further information;

Lesley Andrews, MA, FRSA
01672 540180
Lesley.andrews@virgin.net