



**News Release,        8<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

**Subject:                Peak District Artisans' award-winning exhibition**

Peak District Artisans' most prestigious event of the year, the Great Dome Art Fair will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> July in Buxton's Devonshire Dome.

The award-winning event - part of Buxton's Festival Fringe - showcases the eclectic range of talent within the group including artists, ceramicists, furniture makers, designer makers and artisans.

Throughout the weekend a selection of members will be delivering a range of demonstrations and talks giving insightful examples whilst focusing on their individual styles. The winner of the groups' Young Artist of the Year competition (who will be revealed during the preview event) will also be exhibiting their winning pieces.

The group's Chairman, Jane Cummins said: "The demonstrations are always very popular, whilst the talks are a great opportunity for visitors to meet the artists and appreciate the range of skills we have to offer.

Another popular feature is the silent auction. This year 16 members are donating either a piece of work – some designed and created specifically for the auction – or a place at one of their unique workshops, to raise money for local charity Helen's Trust which supports people with terminal illnesses and their families.

The Silent Art Auction will run exclusively for the duration of the Fair, commencing at 6pm on the special Friday night preview evening and closing at 3pm Sunday afternoon.

The exhibition runs 10am – 4.30pm 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> July. Admission is free.

For more information and to view a selection of members' work visit

[www.peakdistrictartisans.co.uk](http://www.peakdistrictartisans.co.uk)

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### **Note to Editors - About PDA**

Established in 1991, Peak District Artisans is an professional association that represents some the very best artists, designer-makers and artisans based in the Peak District and beyond.

The aim of the group is to promote individual creative businesses through various channels including an annual brochure, joint exhibitions and on-line activity. The group provides a supportive network of contacts and information for established and developing professional practitioners within the Peak District and surrounding areas.

PDA is a registered business and a limited company. They are a co-operative run and funded by members. The Earl of Burlington has been the group's President since 2006.

For more information on PDA please visit [www.peakdistrictartisans.co.uk](http://www.peakdistrictartisans.co.uk) or follow us on Twitter @pdartisans or like us on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/PeakDistrictArtisans?ref=hl>

### **About Helen's Trust**

Helen's Trust is a registered charity 1142370 which helps people with incurable illness to have the choice to stay in their own home at the end of their life.

Helen's Trust fund care and equipment but will also consider all genuine requests for help which are about helping a person to stay at home when they are near the end of their life.

Helen's Trust has a strong reputation for being responsive and flexible, our uniqueness can be seen in the creative ways in which we support people; bringing much relief to beneficiaries, their families and carers.

Helen's Trust support is currently available in North Derbyshire and Sheffield.

Dominic West became the Charity's Patron in 2011 after we helped his mother die at home in 2009. The Duchess of Devonshire is the charity's President

For more information on Helen's Trust please visit [www.helenstrust.org.uk](http://www.helenstrust.org.uk) or follow us on Twitter @helenstrust or like us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Helens-Trust/114261155339552>