



Somerset Art Weeks 2009

Exhibitions & Events
19 September to 4 October

Welcome to Somerset Art Weeks 09

For the first time since 'going annual' in 2008 with the Open Studio Event, Somerset Art Weeks 09 is now focussed specifically on Group exhibitions and Events. The specialness of this year, is that these represent the culmination of the creative collaborations of the artists themselves. SAW 09 has provided an opportunity for them to take control of the experience of showing and promoting their work as well as forming partnerships and networks. We hope that you, our visitors, will enjoy this new approach and be able to engage with and appreciate the work of the artists and organisations involved in exciting and fresh contexts.

SAW is delighted that so many Somerset based organisations, schools and artist's groups are taking part this year, with well over 450 artists/participants showing their work in more than 100 venues across the county. Venues vary in size, character and style and range from private homes and gardens, studios, sites in open countryside, public areas, schools, shops, village halls and much more, as well as the many; more well-known art venues, museum and gallery spaces.

SAW's new 'Hub' in Langport will be open to visitors during the Art Weeks. As well, there will be a number of other venues in town, including an exhibition of the work by SAW graduate artist Laura Rouse, and a charity art project and works that invite the public to take part. Do visit our new base in action.

One of the most exciting aspects of this year's event is the range of work on view, from art projects done by groups of children in schools working alongside artists in residence and the individual art of disabled groups, to that of both new and well established Artist's groups, including a good number of national and internationally known professional artists and makers.

Art can and should be available to everyone, either to participate in or be part of, whether it be through a 'hands-on' experience or simply one of looking, seeing and enjoying.

We hope you all have lots of fun visiting as many locations as possible and take pleasure in the sheer variety of visual delights along the way. I am sure, also, that somewhere along your journey you will find something very special to take home and treasure.

Pauline Watson
SAW Chairperson

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Somerset Art Weeks 2010: Open Studios Event

Date 18 September to 3 October 2010

Open for Registration November 2009

In 2010, Somerset Art Weeks will be Open Studios Event with a maximum of 3 artists in each venue. It will be about artists as individuals, how they make their work, their inspiration and creative processes. It aims to support artists who want to work professionally and promote their creative business. Somerset Art Weeks 2010 Open Studios Event is drawing the open studios event back to its roots, focusing on individual artists in their working environment.

SAW09 Special

This year's Somerset Art Weeks offers an opportunity for SAW as an art organisation to present the following work alongside the exhibitions and events organised by our member artists and organisations

SAW Projects - Working in Partnership

Since 2002 SAW has worked with a wide range of partners to provide opportunities to take contemporary artists out to the community, to develop new audiences for the visual arts in Somerset.

The core of SAW's philosophy is to provide opportunities for artists and makers to make new work and in the process to engage with a variety of organisations, landscapes, communities, and to network with other artists. Equally important is for artists to have access to support, training and mentoring throughout their project.

Some of the SAW Projects shown during the SAW09, include:

Triparks, Exmoor National Dress: Works by Karen Guthrie (Venue 3, West Somerset)

Triparks at The Brewhouse (Venue 14, Taunton Deane)

SAW HUB (Venue 41, South Somerset)

River Parret Trail re(Visited) (Venue 42, South Somerset)

Safe Routes (Venue 90, Sedgemoor)



About SAW

Somerset Art Works (SAW Ltd.) exists to promote the visual arts and creates opportunities for visual artists in Somerset by advocacy, promotion and development. SAW is an artists-led organisation and Somerset's only countywide agency dedicated to developing the visual arts. The organisation has run the Art Weeks since 1994 and initiated projects with partnership organisations throughout the years. Since 2008, SAW has decided to run Art Weeks every year. Supported by the Arts Council England and other public funding, SAW has re-branded, re-developed its website and in 2009, SAW Hub was created in Langport to provide a central point and multi-function space for its team and members.

SAW membership

SAW membership is open to all Visual Artists/Makers and organisations/groups in Somerset. By joining SAW you will receive regular newsletters, have a web presence on the SAW website, invitations to SAW events and other benefits for members.

For information about how to join SAW please visit our website at: www.somersetartworks.org.uk

'Reveal' Emerging Artists Award 09

During SAW09, **The Brewhouse Visual Arts, Somerset Art Works** and **Somerset Film** will award a solo exhibition to an emerging artist who is either launching their professional career or taking their established career in a new direction. The successful artist will be offered an exhibition hosted by a Somerset venue.



The award forms part of the 'Reveal Somerset' agenda. See www.revealsomerset.org for further details.

If you would like to nominate an artist for selection please email: artweeks@somersetartworks.org.uk

All nominated artists must be exhibiting in SAW09. The winner of the award will be selected by representatives from each organisation together with an independent curator. The winner will be announced at a 'Reveal Somerset' event after the Art Weeks.

If you wish to know more, please join us at the event 'Afterglow' on Thursday 1st October at The Brewhouse.

Afterglow: A talk by the first 'Reveal' Emerging Artist Award Winner, Jon England

FREE EVENT

Date: Thursday 1st October 2009

Time: 7 to 9pm

Venue: The Brewhouse Gallery, Coal Orchard, Taunton, Somerset TA1 1JL

A talk by the first Reveal Emerging Artist Award Winner, Jon England, about his forthcoming commissioned exhibition at the Brewhouse Theatre and Arts Centre.

This event will also launch SAW's new Emerging Artists Group, an artists' network for recent graduates.

If you would like to join the group or to find out about the 'Reveal' Emerging Artists Award, please come along. Informal networking in the bar afterwards.

To book a place contact SAW on 01458 253800 or email info@somersetartworks.org.uk
See the SAW website for full details.

Artists-in-school Programme

Continuing on from the success of Somerset Art Weeks 08 educational programme for schools, SAW and SPAEDA (Somerset's Arts Education Partnership), teamed up again to develop an education programme for this year's Somerset Art Weeks.

This year the focus has been on building close working relationships between artists, schools and their local communities. Five artists were selected to work in five schools in Somerset; one in each district. During June and July each artist conducted a short residency in one of the schools working with the students to develop art works to be exhibited during Somerset Art Weeks.

Please make a visit to their exhibitions and see the excellent work that has been produced:

Gordon Field & St. Dubricius C of E First School (Venue 5, West Somerset)

Scott Walker & Selworthy School (Venue 18, Taunton Deane)

Kate Lynch & South Petherton Junior School (Venue 35, South Somerset)

Andrew Bolton & St. Vigor and St. John Junior School (Venue 56, Mendip)

Ingrid Hesling & Elmwood School (Venue 97, Sedgemoor)



'Taking the Imagination for a Walk'

A practical training workshop for primary teachers and HLTAs with artist Gordon Field. Approaches for making the most of our imaginations using the visual arts, Gordon will present a range of practical ideas to take back to the classroom.

Date: Wed 30 Sept

Time: 4.30 to 7.30pm

Cost: £65 Spaeda non - member schools, £50 members; to include light buffet.

Venue: Great Bow Wharf, Bow Street, Langport, TA10 9PN

Please contact Christine at the Spaeda office to book your place: 01458 254262 or email info@spaeda.org.uk

SPAEDA is the Arts Education Development Agency for Somerset.

- It aims to create more opportunities for children and young people to get involved in high quality arts activities.
- Provides a web of information and support for the arts and education sectors.
- Advocates for best practice in arts education, placing the arts and creativity central to children and young people's development.

To find out more about SPAEDA's services to schools please call 01458 245262 or email info@spaeda.org.uk



Win a Don McCullin print!

By filling in the Visitor Feedback Form which is available at all venues, you will be entered in our Visitor Prize Draw, a chance to win a photographic print by **Don McCullin**.



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2nd Prize

Dinner for Two at **AT THE CHAPEL**

Drinks on arrival, three course dinner with wine

About **AT THE CHAPEL**

Previously a 17th century former coaching inn and later a congregational chapel, now features a bakery, with artisan breads baked in a huge stone beehive wood-fired oven, a well-stocked winestore, a bar, café and restaurant which altogether form a stunning exhibition space showcasing local artists.

Open all day, **AT THE CHAPEL** offers locals and visitors a warm and friendly place to shop, meet, drink and eat the very best seasonal, local food.

Visitor Prize Draw is sponsored by **BRUTON SCHOOL FOR GIRLS** in association with **AT THE CHAPEL** and kindly supported by **Don McCullin**

Visitor
Prize Draw

1st Prize worth £3,000

'A Dew Pond Near My Village'

Printed, signed and dated
by **Don McCullin** (Framed)

About **Don McCullin**

Don McCullin is recognised as one of the greatest war photographers, and throughout the 1960's and 1970's he covered events of global importance for the *Sunday Times Magazine* including the Vietnam war. Don turned his interest to landscape and still-life works, in particular around Somerset, where he is currently living.

Don McCullin's work is exhibiting during Somerset Art Weeks at **Venue 48, AT THE CHAPEL**



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