

**Project Workshops** is a vibrant centre for the visual arts in Quarley near Andover, Hampshire. It is home to over a dozen artists who create a unique range of sculpture, furniture, ceramics, pottery, glass vessels and paintings.

### Christmas Open Studios Weekend 2011

The artists and craftsmen at Project Workshops, Quarley will be opening their studios to the public for their ever-popular annual Christmas Sale on Saturday and Sunday 10th and 11th December from 10am to 4pm. It's a great opportunity to visit and chat to the artists, browse their work, explore the bronze foundry and watch live glassblowing in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere, far away from the busy high street, whilst enjoying a free glass of wine and a mince pie or two.

It's harder than ever to resist Mark Taylor and David Hill's beautiful handmade glass, which now includes exquisite Georgian baluster goblets ready for the Christmas table, or the elegant pitchers and bowls from Jennie Gilbert's seasonal 'Autumn' range of tableware.



'Autumn' range of ceramic tableware by Jennie Gilbert

The new studios at Project Workshops are now fully occupied, and visitors will find plenty to see, including a huge statue of footballer Arthur Wharton under construction, and the breathtaking Pieta from Bulawayo Cathedral being made in the Foundry

Soraya French's new paintings of the South of France will help ward off the winter chill, and Elaine Peto will be showing a selection of her ever popular ceramic animal sculptures.



'Pieta' by Gill Kaufman

Regular visitors should make a point of meeting new resident artist Marek Woźnica, who casts and carves minute sculptures in pewter, and who will be exhibiting a selection of his pewter pendants, trinket boxes and exotic goblets - not to be missed!

Many of the Project Workshops artists now offer lessons and demonstrations for groups, including pottery, glassblowing, stone carving and painting - a voucher for a day or weekend course can make an original and popular Christmas gift idea. Activities such as Yoga, Pilates, and Life Drawing in the new 'Life Studio' activity space can also be booked in advance.



Giraffes by Elaine Peto

Entry to Project Workshops is free, and there is ample free parking and disabled toilet facilities. Large parties and children (under supervision) are very welcome.

For further details of the Christmas sale, creative activities in the Life Studio, or lessons and courses, visit the Project Workshop website: [www.project-workshop.co.uk](http://www.project-workshop.co.uk)

## New Resident Artist - Marek Woźnica

We are very pleased to welcome Marek to Project Workshops this autumn.

Marek's work is based on a variety of themes including astrology, power animals, myth, magic and endangered species. He was born in London, and grew up in a metalworking environment, where his father was a successful pattern maker, and the young Marek spent most of his childhood and early adulthood in a rare kind of apprenticeship in his father's workshop, learning the skills of modelling directly in pewter, making moulds, and intricate castings. He developed his own metalworking style in a natural pewter finish, and for some years focused on



Oak Goblets with Pewter Mounts  
by Marek Woźnica

miniature animal designs, designing, making, and marketing by himself from his own premises. Later, Marek spent eight years in Wales, where he taught himself welding and steel fabricating and developed his engineering skills, attaining a qualification in engineering machining.

In 1994 Marek established Metal Storm to develop his own jewellery centred around themes of magic and alchemy. His work includes Chalice, Goblets, Brooches and Turned Trinket Boxes. He has also added a touch of woodturning into the mix, which has allowed him to combine timber and metal in a perfect blend of Art and Engineering.

Marek has a contract at Whitchurch Silk Mill for one day every week, where he looks after the 100-year old looms and other Victorian machinery, and in the process, has become a weaver of bespoke silks for clients such as Winchester Cathedral. Now, at his new premises at Project Workshops, Marek is set to realise his most imaginative and ambitious works of art to date, in cast pewter and a combination of pewter and wood. You can find out more about Marek at his website: [www.metalstorm-uk.com](http://www.metalstorm-uk.com)

## Amy Goodman - artist and sculptor

A Maple tree was planted to mark The Light Theatre's fifth birthday, and a new piece of public art unveiled, a stainless steel tree guard created by Amy Goodman, and commissioned by Test Valley Borough Council.



Tree Guard by Amy Goodman

Amy also ran a very popular workshop with children from the Anton Junior School in connection with this commission, some of whom were present at the unveiling along with the Mayor of Andover Zillah Brooks, Amy and Lights Director Heather Whittam.

## Mark Taylor and David Hill - glassmakers

In October, Grayson Perry's sculpture 'Tomb of the Unknown Craftsman', and the accompanying exhibition curated by him was unveiled at the British Museum, featuring a large number of 'Roman' glass bottles blown especially by Mark.

Mark and David are now working full-time on reproducing 18th century English table glass. See their new website at [georgianglassmakers.co.uk](http://georgianglassmakers.co.uk)



'Tomb Of The Unknown Craftsman'  
(detail) by Grayson Perry  
- bottles made by Mark and David

## Soraya French - artist

Soraya has taken part in a number of prestigious art fairs this year including Battersea Affordable Art Fair, Chelsea and Bristol, NEC, Guernsey and many more. She has also exhibited with The Society of Women Artists at the Mall Galleries, London and completed five paintings commissioned at Project Workshops Open Studios in May.



'Cornish Clifftop' by Soraya French

She conducted a one week course in the South of France and has been invited by the West Norfolk Art Centre to take a group to Venice in September 2012.

Soraya is very much enjoying working and running her workshops at Project Workshops, and has several scheduled for 2012. You can view details at [www.sorayafrench.com](http://www.sorayafrench.com)

## Henry Gray - artist and sculptor in stone

During 2011, Henry has mainly been involved with the designing, construction and overall project managing of a large memorial for members of UK Special Forces, which was opened by Prince William and his new wife at the beginning of August.

In addition to this Henry has taken on private work with clients and fellow artists on a variety of projects. He accepts commissions for representative portraiture in stone and bronze, capturing likeness, essence and character. Together with Robyn Golden-Hann, he has been running carving courses at the studio, catering to all levels of ability.



Owl by Henry Gray

## Life Studio at Project Workshops

The Life Studio programme of events is now well established, and we are now receiving regular enquiries for the space to be used as the venue for a number of stimulating classes.

We have weekly classes of Yoga, Pilates and Life Drawing, as well as a wide range of workshops to choose from, including Calligraphy with Viv Brett and Tile Making with Iris Millward.

Back by popular demand, we are holding another Yogabeats day with David Sye on the 29th January. Book early to ensure your place on this popular workshop.

Facilities for the Life Studio include: ample parking space, running water, tea and coffee-making, and several toilets.

For further information see our website, or contact Mandy [mandy@project-workshops.co.uk](mailto:mandy@project-workshops.co.uk) to book your place.

## Teaching and Demonstrations

Life Drawing for Beginners - Drawing and Painting the Canine and/or Equine - Sculpture Workshops. All are available as evening classes, with Sculpture also as a two day workshop - **Amy Goodman**

Drawing and painting workshops - **Soraya French**

Landscape, portrait and still life classes - **Peter Jaques**

Pottery lessons: one-to-one tuition, or for small groups (with a maximum of four participants), where pupils can learn how to throw on the wheel or use other handbuilding techniques - **Jennie Gilbert**

Glassblowing lessons for one or two individuals at beginner level and glassblowing demonstrations for groups of up to 30 people - **Mark Taylor** and **David Hill**

Studio workshops for all ages, but with a main aim to enable young people in the local rural area to gain the Arts Award (certified by the Arts Council) - **Liz Hodgson** (Arts Award Advisor)

Refreshingly different art courses - **Tanya Dalley**

For full details, artists can be contacted individually through the Project Workshops website, and all of the studios are open to visitors by arrangement.



## Soraya French Workshops 2012

25th-26th February - Harbours and Seascapes  
14th-15th March - Experimental Landscapes in Mixed Media  
24th-25th March - Introduction to Dynamic Acrylics  
17th-18th April - Harbours and Seascapes  
16th-17th May - Dynamic Pastels and Acrylics  
19th-20th May - Landscapes and Flowers in Mixed Media

All of Soraya's workshops will involve working with mixed media, and will last two days, from 10.30 until 16.30 each day. Places are limited to eight artists to ensure maximum individual attention and tuition. If you are interested in booking places on these workshops, please apply immediately to avoid disappointment. [www.sorayafrench.com](http://www.sorayafrench.com)

## Life Studio 2012 Programme

**Calligraphy for Cards** with Viv Brett  
28th January

**Yogabeats** with David Sye  
29th January

**Calligraphy Next Steps** with Viv Brett  
25th February

**Make a Willow Platter** with Judith Needham  
17th March

**Tile Making** with Iris Millward  
24th and 25th March

**Pilates** with Sam Pratt  
Tuesday evenings 18:30 and 19:30

**Yoga** with Jane Borley  
Mondays at 09:30, Thursdays at 19:00

**Life Drawing** with Amy Goodman  
Five-week courses on Wednesday evenings 18.00 - 20.00  
16th November - 14th December 2011  
1st February - 7th March 2012 (no class on 15th February)  
Book classes directly with Amy: [www.amygoodman.co.uk](http://www.amygoodman.co.uk)

## Resident Artists Exhibitions 2011

**Tim Chadsey**  
Dulwich Craft Fair at Dulwich Village, London  
26th November 2011  
Made By Hand, Tredegar House, Newport, South Wales  
2nd - 4th December 2011

**Mark Taylor and David Hill - Georgian Glassmakers**  
National Glass Fair at the Motorcycle Museum, Solihull  
13th November 2011  
Parsonage Farm Christmas Market, Upton, Hampshire  
4th December 2011

**Jennie Gilbert**  
Art in Clay, The Maltings, Farnham  
19th - 20th November 2011  
Christmas Crafts, Blackthorpe Barns, Rougham, Bury St. Edmunds  
26th - 27th November and 3rd - 4th December 2011

**Elaine Peto**  
Christmas Crafts, Blackthorpe Barns, Rougham, Bury St. Edmunds  
26th - 27th November and 3rd-4th December 2011

Stag by Elaine Peto

