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EASTERLY ARTISTS LAUNCHES SUMMER EXHIBITION *HERITAGE!* IN OLD HIGH STREET, LOWESTOFT

Art exhibition breathes new life into historic Old High Street



Presenting a face-to-face exhibition in Lowestoft for the first time in two years, Easterly Artists' Summer Exhibition *Heritage!* opens on Friday 10 September at The Art Gallery in the Old High Street.

Housed in the much missed and recently reopened historic mid-16th Century Merchant House Gallery, now given a new lease of life as The Art Gallery, *Heritage!* is part of this year's national Heritage Open Days celebrations.

Visitors will see work by 16 of East Suffolk's most talented and creative artists, covering a fascinating range of mediums: everything from portraits to print-making, landscapes to leporello, digital illustration to Dorodango, ceramics and artistic woodturning will be on show.

Ideally situated at the top of London Road North in Lowestoft's growing cultural quarter, *Heritage!* offers the perfect opportunity to spend a pleasant morning taking in both floors of the exhibition and

chatting to the artists, browsing the shelves in Paperworks bookshop and admiring the latest wall-hangings in Art & Craft in Wood, before finishing with a quick stroll up the High Street for a coffee and a bite to eat in JoJo’s Kitchen & Bar at No. 93.

Miles Barry, Easterly Artists Chairman, commented: “All our members are delighted to be returning once more to physical exhibitions and the chance to present their work directly to their audience. Virtual shows have their place, but nothing matches actually standing in front of a piece of art to fully experience its impact.

“For many years, Lowestoft has been overlooked in the art world and regarded as something of a cultural desert – which is shameful, as a large number of highly talented artists live in the town and surrounding area whose work deserves better recognition.

“Recently, there’s been a welcome resurgence of interest in the arts, starting with the creation of the Heritage Action Zone and continuing with the opening of two new galleries and the joint bid with Great Yarmouth for 2022 City of Culture.

“It’s a pleasure to be a part of this movement and be able to contribute to its growth.”

Earlier this month, three graffiti artworks appeared across Lowestoft – these have since been confirmed by the world's most famous street artist Banksy, as his.

Heritage! runs from **Friday 10 till Sunday 19 September (closed Monday 13 September)**. Opening times are **10am - 5pm and entry is free. The Art Gallery is at 102 High Street, Lowestoft NR32 1XW.**

Easterly Artists members are all practising artists living or working within a 20-mile radius of Ness Point, the most easterly part of the UK. Members of the group will be on hand throughout the show to meet visitors and answer questions about their practice.

16 Easterly Artists members are participating in *Heritage!*:

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| 1. Amy Stock | Illustrator using multiple media: digital, collage and print |
| 2. Bill Haward | Collage based on line drawing |
| 3. Darren Breeze | Artistic woodturner |
| 4. Eileen Coxon | Fine art painting: oils and watercolours |
| 5. Fiona Shreeve | Sculptural ceramics |
| 6. Harvey Bradley | Porcelain pieces featuring expressive brushwork |
| 7. Hilary Barry | Figurative fine artist and painter |
| 8. Malcolm Cudmore | Fine art painting and drawing |
| 9. Marilyn Jackson | Mixed media and mono printing |
| 10. Mark Ross | Dorodango |
| 11. Ni Gooding | Fine art screenprinting |
| 12. Nina Roffey | Sculptural assemblages with found objects |

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| 13. Paul Zawadzki | Oil and acrylic contemporary landscapes |
| 14. Simon Wilde | Fine artist specialising in painting and drawing |
| 15. Tricia Davidson | Fine art painter and printmaker |
| 16. Vivienne Burns | Landscape-inspired decoration on a sculptural form |

Visitors can learn more about the exhibition and participating artists on the Easterly Artists website at <https://easterly.org.uk/heritage-exhibition/>.

More information is available on the Easterly Artists [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts or [Facebook page](#).

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Editor's notes

Easterly Artists

Run by its members, Easterly Artists is a group of visual artists based at the easternmost edge of the UK mainland. The group formed in 2018 as a mutually supportive collective to promote the practice of local artists, and encourage awareness and appreciation of their work. Members are all practising artists living and/or working within a 20-mile radius of Ness Point, the most easterly part of the UK.

For more images, further information or to arrange an interview with an artist in your area, please contact Miles Barry:

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Artist profiles (Note: [Click here to download images in larger file sizes](#))

Harvey Bradley – Porcelain pieces featuring expressive brushwork (Lowestoft)



The Bowl of Hope – Harvey Bradley

Harvey got clay under his fingernails in 1966 and still responds strongly to “the call”. Working in his Lowestoft garden studio he delights in clean lines and creating subtle, simple forms – big spaces for textural brush work. His cryptic markings play themselves across the pristine porcelain with great sensitivity, producing frozen characters stretched upon gentle white contours.

He comments: “Gentle rhythmic clicks of the kick wheel, clay rising from the wheel-head shaped by the potter’s hands. This slippery connection with elemental sources drives a creative process which resonates across time and cultures.”

Eileen Coxon – Fine art painting in oils and watercolours (Brampton)



Red Trailer – Eileen Coxon

Eileen’s work is rooted in the natural world, which is the heritage of us all. For this exhibition, and with this theme in mind, she wanted to create works which show something of the diversity of the local

landscape.

She comments: “From my studio window I see ancient trees in an old orchard, with varieties of apple and pear now rarely seen. My walks take me to the surrounding fields and lanes which are now largely given over to the monoculture of modern farming practice – the heritage of the last 60 years or so.

Malcolm Cudmore – Observational drawing and painting (Bungay)



Norwich Show – Malcolm Cudmore

Malcolm is an observational artist and tutor, researching and working with traditional painting and drawing techniques. He specialises in drawing directly from life with pencils and other dry media, and paints in oils.

Based at his studio outside Bungay, Malcolm regularly travels across the UK providing demonstrations to and workshops for a wide variety of art groups. As an observer of life, he aims to capture something of the “spirit of place” wherever he sets up his easel in the unique and subtle East Anglian landscape.

More details:

- Web: www.easterly.org.uk
- Instagram: [@easterlyartists](https://www.instagram.com/easterlyartists)
- Facebook: [@easterlyartistsuks](https://www.facebook.com/easterlyartistsuks)
- Twitter: [@artistseasterly](https://twitter.com/artistseasterly)

The Art Gallery

Located a stone's throw from Britain's most easterly point, The Art Gallery champions contemporary art in Lowestoft through the promotion and delivery of high quality contemporary art. It invites collaboration, exchange and opportunities with local, national and international artists, arts organisations and institutions.

The gallery is open 11am - 4pm every Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and by appointment.

More details:

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Heritage Open Days

Heritage Open Days is England's largest festival of history and culture. It is coordinated and promoted nationally by the National Trust with support from players of People's Postcode Lottery, and run locally by a large range of organisations (including civic societies, heritage organisations, and local councils, community champions and thousands of enthusiastic volunteers).

Heritage Open Days is England's contribution to European Heritage Days, taking place across 50 countries. Other events in the UK are Doors Open Days in Scotland (www.doorsopendays.org.uk); Open Doors Days in Wales (www.cadw.wales.gov.uk/opendoors); European Heritage Open Days in Northern Ireland (www.communities-ni.gov.uk/articles/european-heritage-open-days); and Open House London (www.openhouselondon.org.uk).

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