

QUESTION & ANSWER

Creative surprises to be found around town

THIS week we talk to artist Pea Jayne Restall, whose work is on display at Mostyn, in Llandudno until February next year.

Q Tell us about your family

A As well as gorgeous people, it includes four cats and a rabbit.

Q What are you best known for?

A My art, which includes sculpture, drawings, paintings and installation. I also run the Peculiar Gallery in Rhos-on-Sea.

Q Tell us about your exhibition

A I'm one of the artists showing in 'Miles of Creativity' at Oriel MOSTYN Gallery in Llandudno. The exhibition combines work by artists with pieces from creative people working in trades not normally shown in a gallery. Everyone in the exhibition is based in the town.

Q When is it running from/to?

A The exhibition runs until the middle of February next year. It's open every day except Monday.

Q What can people expect?

A An eclectic mix of works, the result of the exhibition curator's self-imposed restriction to limit the exhibition to people living and working within the area surrounding the gallery.

Q Tell us five things which make your exhibition great

A My pieces are ever changing. 'Pointless chandelier', is a light/shadow sculpture which changes with the light source, and best seen in a darkened room as the ceramic fingers create pointing hand shadows. The other 'Preacher' can be repositioned to change the expression of the piece. The exhibition celebrates the wealth of creativity around the gallery. It surprises you, and includes some random objects you would not expect to see in a gallery. Admission to the exhibition is free.



Pea Restall

Where are you from? I'm from Stockport originally. I've lived in Abergele for 15 years, hidden behind the wall of Gwrych Castle

What are your best and worst habits? Best habit – always busy and on the job, worst habit – always busy and on the job

Q Tell us what's good about the venue

A It's a beautiful historic building full of space and light, in a great location in the centre of Llandudno. There's a fabulous shop that supports independent makers and small businesses.

Q Who is your favourite artist and why?

A I can't help but love a bit of Grayson Perry. I love his outspoken nature, and his shoes! I love how he shows his developed skills in working with materials through his work. I love

that he doesn't judge or 'trendify' his art; he makes and creates what he wants to and throws his opinions blatantly over everything he does!

Q What piece of work are you most proud of and why?

A I'm most proud of a ceramic and mixed media installation called '26 feet'. It was selected and exhibited in Greece, in the Santorini Biennale of 2012. It looked fabulous hanging in the ancient village of Pyrgos with the beautiful Grecian sky above.

Q Tell us a little known fact about yourself

A I've achieved two Masters of Arts. The first is in Artists' Books/Illustration from Manchester Metropolitan University, the second is in Ceramics from University of Wolverhampton.

Q What's next for you? What are you currently working on, or what do you plan to work on?

A I am currently working on sculptures for an exhibition in Cardiff in January - zoomorphic forms. Next, I'm thinking about another interactive sculpture I want to create, using stitched fabric with ceramic additions, and which I am hoping to exhibit in Amsterdam.

THE PUB GUIDE

what's on where in your local

FRIDAY

Tyn-Y-Capel, Minera, nr Wrexham 01978 269347

Event: Jam night
Time: 9pm
Cost: Free entry
Details: Mostly Blues, Soul and Jazz.

Bank of Conwy, Conwy 01492 573741

Event: Live music
Time: 9pm
Cost: Free entry
Details: Chester Weiss and Jonbass

SATURDAY

Buckley Working mens Club, 01244 630036

Event: Live music every Sat & Sun
Time: Doors open 8pm
Cost: £2 members; £4 non members Sat only; Free on Sunday
Details: buckleyworkingmensclub.moonfruit.com

LMRCA, Holyhead 01407 762612

Event: Kelly Wilmore
Time: 9-30pm
Cost: £1 non members
Details: Fantastic female vocalist

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Gwalchmai Hotel, Holyhead 07763273365

Event: Traed Moch
Time: 9pm
Cost: Free
Details: Fabulous Celtic band

The George and Dragon, Abergele 01745 826050

Event: DJ Steve Hay
Time: from 9pm
Cost: Free entry
Details: Northern Soul/Motown, 70s,80s disco classics...

Bank of Conwy, Conwy 01492 573741

Event: Live music and party
Time: 7pm
Cost: Tickets £15
Details: Live music from Andrew Welsh, canapes served throughout the evening, glass of fizz at midnight.

DPL Wine & Grill Bar, Abergele 01745 826226

Event: Live music
Time: 7.30pm
Details: Tickets available from behind the bar, with a free buffet provided and Misterfunk & The Dead Beats performing.

Saith Seren, Wrexham 01978 447006

Event: Party with 5th Element
Time: 9pm
Cost: Tickets £5 - food included in price
Details: 5th element will be bringing in the new year with Saith Seren - what a start to 2018!

The Blue Bell, Conwy 01492338137

Date: Every Sunday
Event: Open Mic with Gaz and Craig
Time: 8-10.30pm
Cost: Free

Details: Supportive appreciative crowd. Great chance for first time players and experienced musicians alike!

The Blue Bell, Conwy 01492338137

Date: Every Sunday
Event: Folk Sing around
Time: 2-5pm ish
Cost: Free
Details: Warm, friendly atmosphere. All welcome to join in to lend an ear!

The Liverpool Arms, Menai Bridge, Anglesey 01248 712453

Event: Quiz night
Date: Every Sunday
Time: 9.30pm
Cost: £2 per team
Details: Fun music quiz

TUESDAY

Bank of Conwy, Conwy 01492 573741

Event: Acoustic Jam
Time: 9ish
Cost: Free entry
Details: Every Tuesday Night, Bring Your Own Instruments.

The Cross Keys, Llanfynydd, Wrexham 01978 760333

Event: Folk Night
Date: Every Tuesday
Time: 8.30-11.15pm
Cost: Free
Details: Live music by local artists, all unplugged, really chilled atmosphere, come along to listen and if you feel up to it, bring a guitar and join in!

The George & Dragon, Abergele 01745 403184

Event: Quiz Night
Date: Every Tuesday
Time: 9pm
Cost: £1
Details: A great night of entertainment with your host Mr Lee Murphy. The quiz will be followed by the famous HI or LO also free snacks to every game player. £1 stake winner takes all

WEDNESDAY

Bank of Conwy, Conwy 01492 573741

Event: Live music
Time: 9pm
Cost: Free

The Mulberry, Conwy Marina 01492 583350

Event: Quiz
Time: 9pm
Cost: £1
Details: £1 per person to enter

Red Lion, Old Colwyn 01492 515042

Event: Quiz night
Date: Every Wednesday
Time: 9.30pm
Cost: Free
Details: Winner receives free drink vouchers, also bottle of wine to 'Nearest to' question.

THURSDAY

Bank of Conwy, Conwy 01492 573741

Event: Jam Night
Time: 8pm
Cost: Free
Details: Janie's fab jam night. Bring your instruments and play and sing amongst friends with great beer and good fun.

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