



## COURT BARN MUSEUM PRESS RELEASE: AUGUST 2009

### Inspired Expertise: A celebration of work from the current designer-makers of the Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen

8 August – 27 September 2009

This summer Court Barn Museum will present a survey exhibition of recent work from the members of the Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen.

*Inspired Expertise* will bring together around 30 new pieces both artistic and useful ranging from colourful textiles to exquisite book bindings. The pieces, all produced within the last year, highlight the continuing creativity and skill produced by the Guild Members. Set up in 1933, it is the longest surviving craft guild in England and has gone from strength to strength supporting up and coming makers.

Pieces on display include:



#### **Cuff: Blue Lagoon by Uschi Arens Price**

My jewellery design is inspired by materials and techniques. My favourite silversmithing techniques are fusing and reticulation, using heat and layers of silver to pattern and shape. All my jewellery is made from sterling silver.

**Slipper by Jenny Ford**

I use hand dyed velvets in rich colours and metallic organza for contrast, incorporating tubing and cables into the fabrics to provide a 'skeleton'. Through intensive hand and machine stitching I gradually shape the fabric into organic textile sculptures.



**Bowl by Annie Hewitt**

Working with slipware allows me the scope to use a drawn line in combination with freely painted colour and to indulge myself on the pleasure of making patterns.

Mary Greensted, Trustee of the Guild of Handicraft Trust and Chair of the Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen comments: "In the introduction to the Exhibition of Cotswold Art and Craftsmanship in 1935 Ashbee wrote that the crafts have 'a definite place in the new order' and these words once again ring true today. More and more people are finding fulfillment through the making process - as amateurs as well as professionals. This exhibition showcasing the work of a talented and innovative group of makers will inspire all who visit."

Mary Greensted will open the exhibition at 11am on Saturday 8 August. Members of the Guild will be on hand to talk about their work. All are welcome to attend.

**Ends.....**

## **Contacts**

For information about Court Barn Museum please contact Carole Reynolds, Administrator:  
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## **Notes to editors:**

## **COURT BARN MUSEUM**

### **1. How to find us**

Court Barn Museum is by St James's church in Church Street, Chipping Campden,  
Gloucestershire, GL55 6JE

### **2. Admission charges**

Adults £3.75; Concessions (students, senior citizens) £3.00; Children under 16 are free; Children under 12 should be accompanied by an adult.

### **3. Opening times**

April - September: Tuesday - Saturday 10.30 - 5.30, Sunday 11.30 - 5.30

October - March: Tuesday - Saturday 11.00 - 4.00 Sunday 11.30 - 4.00

Closed Mondays (except Bank Holidays) and Closed 24 Dec - 1 Jan inclusive

### **4. About Court Barn Museum**

Court Barn Museum, which opened to the public in July 2007, is an independent museum and the brainchild of a group of local enthusiasts called the Guild of Handicraft Trust. The museum was created through the generous support of the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Guild of Handicraft Trust raised the £1.3 million needed to create the museum.

This groundbreaking new museum is situated in the beautiful old town of Chipping Campden and tells the story of how a small town, in a beautiful setting, became a gathering place for creative people from the Arts and Crafts movement onwards. The museum has been created to celebrate these talented designers, craftspeople, artists and architects, such as C.R.Ashbee and Gordon Russell, who have worked in Chipping Campden and the north Cotswolds since about 1900.

## 5. Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen

The Guild is dedicated to promoting contemporary designer crafts and is a resource for those seeking high quality British contemporary designer crafts, whether it be for education about the crafts and design, or be exhibition curators, or be public art consultants, or be those inspired to purchase or commission specially designed and made items. A permanent Gallery in Painswick provides the opportunity to buy members work all the year round:

Guild Gallery  
The Painswick Centre,  
Bisley Street,  
Painswick,  
Gloucestershire GL6 6QQ

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Open : Tuesday - Saturday 10am - 5pm