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Summer Willow Newsletter 2023

Hello Willower's, you are receiving this newsletter either because you have attended a workshop with me or signed up for updates, if you have done none of those things then please disregard this newsletter or take a peek anyway !

Summer is flying by at HQ so before it's over here's the latest update on what's been happening and a few things that may be of interest to you before it slips away!

Well, this year I've been out and about more than usual at events and taking my workshops a little further afield which means I've been meeting more lovely creative people and it's been such a whirlwind of fun. Willow continues to be a very popular choice as a new craft to learn this year.

Creating is never a wasted activity, you might find your next favourite hobby or you might just satisfy a curiosity and that's enough, whatever happens it's always worth taking some time out to try something new, I've even managed to do this myself this year, I've always wanted to try paper collage pictures, so I did! Even though I didn't feel like it on the day I went, created and it was amazing! I learnt so much under expert tuition and made a picture that includes some personal words and also slipped in my age as I celebrated a new decade (50) the day before ! So if you've been thinking about doing something just go ahead and book it in, have some play time, you won't regret it.

Workshop Updates.

I've been teaching at several new sites this year as well as my regular haunts around Warwickshire and my home studio. I've also introduced some new makes so here's a selection of those if your looking for something new to do…

Giant Willow Toadstool

Using various sculpting techniques and colours of willow you will make a giant toadstool measuring approx 80cm high for your garden. A popular and fun piece perfect for autumn. All materials, delicious buffet lunch, Tea and Cake included.

Learn More

Willow Swallows

As the swallows fly away for winter join me to make some willow ones to keep ! You will be able to make different sizes and styles using beautiful willow from Somerset. This is a lovely workshop for any ability and will be a small group of just 4 held at my home studio.

Learn More

Swedish Willow Stars

Spend a festive afternoon making intricate Swedish stars, using different colours of willow, you will be able to make several sizes and combinations to make these traditional natural decorations for Christmas.

Learn More

Dates For Your Diary…

Here are a few events that I will be at if your free to pop by :

Art In The Park - Leamington Spa

5th & 6th August

Leamington Spa Art in the Park festival. This is a fabulous event celebrating everything arty, it always has a great atmosphere with music, food and a plenty of art for every taste. You can find more details on their website, click the link below…

10 YEARS ART in the PARK FESTIVAL

The Creative Craft Show
Birmingham NEC

2nd - 5th November

a great event for all crafters with mini workshops, make and takes and plenty of shopping to fill up on bits and bids for your hobbies. I will also be running 2 hr workshops each day to make willow Christmas trees and Swedish stars. Bookings will be available shortly but in the meantime you can view their website here, click on the link below…

I think that's enough for now 😂, have a lovely Summer and I hope to see you soon. Rachel xxx

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