

BERGH APTON SCULPTURE TRAIL 2001 MAKES SWEET MUSIC

South Norfolk's renowned Arts village of Bergh Apton (8 miles south east of Norwich just off the A146 towards Beccles) takes to the Sculpture Trail again in May and features music as its supporting theme. Music from local artists, musicians, villagers and city buskers will accompany visitors and mingle with the sounds of their strolling feet.

Attracting more than 10,000 visitors in 1999, this biennial rural Arts extravaganza has become a must-see attraction with visitors from all over the UK and overseas.

The Trail's central concept of sculpture will impact on all the senses of its visitors. The works of well-known Norfolk artists including Vanessa Pooley, Stephen Vince, Verena Murtagh, Ros Newman and Lucy Casson, using wood, stone and other media, will invite touch.

This year the work of some 50 artists is on display throughout the 5 miles of Bergh Apton's winding country lanes, making it one of the largest open air exhibitions in the UK.

Art will be viewed against the backdrop of East Anglia's skies and cornfields. The scent of wildflowers in verges will beguile visitors as they walk, cycle or take free tractor rides from exhibit to exhibit.

For those of a more horticultural bent, the twenty garden galleries hosting the sculptures range from a thirty acre estate to a small but classic country cottage garden.

The Bergh Apton Sculpture Trail is a unique event – a great day out for young and old. You really shouldn't miss it!

Open on Sat & Sun 19 & 20 May, Sun & Mon 27 & 28 May and Sat & Sun 2 & 3 June from 10.30am to 6pm.

Tickets (Adults £5.00; Children under 16 free; Double day week-end ticket £8.00) are sold on the day at the Manor car park where the trail begins.

For further info contact Sally Leigh on 01508 521298 or Hilary Ling on 01508 480439.

OPPORTUNITY

Fancy a chance to exhibit your work in the spacious grounds of Holkham Hall? West Norfolk artists are invited to do so at the

Day Out in North Norfolk

Holkham Hall Friday 30 & Saturday 31 March 2001

'Day Out in North Norfolk' is an annual event organised by North Norfolk District Council's Tourism Department, that brings together under one roof North Norfolk's tourist attractions, accommodation providers, and places to visit.

This year the event takes place over two days, Friday 30 and Saturday 31 March 2001 and will be held at Holkham, the home of the Earl & Countess of Leicester, where a marquee with a wooden floor and heating will be sited in the grounds at the front of the Hall. The first day will be open to the trade (tour operators and the like) and the second to the public.

The novelty this year is that for the first time in the history of the event the Tourism Promotion Officer and Arts Development Officer for North Norfolk are joining forces and offering the opportunity to artists to exhibit at it either on their own or in groups. Brenda Seymour, North Norfolk's arts officer, has told the WNA that she would particularly welcome the

participation of artists from West Norfolk.

In response the West Norfolk Artists Association will be renting a space as a launching pad for itself and offering artists from West Norfolk an opportunity to exhibit work on it. Given that last year's event was attended by 537 trade representatives and over 5,000 members of public, it is an extremely popular event and artists taking part will be assured maximum exposure.

If more spaces are required, the cost of a 6ft x 4ft space (including trestle table and 2 chairs) at £99.87 including VAT could be shared out between three or four artists, and could work out at between £27 and £35 per artist.

The exercise is being coordinated on behalf of the association by **Tim Zoll** and if you are interested, you should contact him as soon as possible. Ring him on 01328 730 663 or e-mail him at tim@timezdesign.com.

NNEP Pilot Exhibition Project at Salthouse Church

Open meeting on 26th February in Cromer

The research project undertaken last year by Jeni Walwin on behalf of the North Norfolk Exhibition Project (NNEP) identified Salthouse Church on the North Norfolk coast as a location that could be turned into an exhibition space. A project is now being set up to fit it out with exhibition equipment (tailor-made screens) and to organise a pilot exhibition in the Church showing work by leading artists from all over the county.

The exhibition entitled "Down to Earth – Norfolk artists working in natural materials" runs from 4th July to 5th August and is being curated by Kathleen McFarlane. From West Norfolk, Andrew Schumann – well known for his Half Fathom Column on the South Quay at King's Lynn – is one of eight artists she has so far selected and is considering executing a new work in the font area of the church.

During the exhibition a programme of related events and workshops around the theme of the exhibition will be laid on covering subjects like kite-making, paper-making, music from natural materials, composition, photography, basket making, etc.

A **public meeting** is being held at **6pm on Monday 26th February** at North Norfolk District Council Offices in Cromer to discuss the development of the project. Artists from all over the county – including West Norfolk – who would like to be involved are warmly invited to attend. Contact WNA on 01485 518 232 for further info.

Deadline for contributions to the next issue

News, comments, suggestions for new categories, feedback, complaints ... not enough this, too much of that ... things you've written and would like other artists to see ... Let us have them by **15th April 2001** at the latest. Send them to :

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