

POLDRATE ARTS & CRAFTS CENTRE NEWSLETTER



PACC Newsletter Term 1

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Plein Air Workshop with Iona Molleson

On 17 May eight of our members joined plein air artist Iona Molleson for an Outdoor Painting Workshop near the River Tyne. The Workshop was a taste of the challenges and fun of setting off outdoors with your painting kit to observe and respond firsthand to the landscape and our environment. Iona started with a demonstration of the initial stages of her alla prima painting in oils, with a tonal underpainting in Burnt Sienna, then applying the vivid blue of the sky and interplay of purple shadows and sunlight in lively brushwork. Painters must work quickly and confidently to capture changing light and colours. Students found their painting spot, set up field easels and filled their palettes with either acrylic or oil paint. Iona tutored and supported as their plein air paintings developed. For some it was their first time painting from observation outdoors. A short display and reflection of everyone's delightful alla prima paintings rounded off the workshop! Iona will be running another Plein Air Workshop from the Poldrate on Saturday 23 August 10am to 4pm. Details will be at www.thepacc.org.uk/workshops.



Summer Pottery Workshops

Our pottery classes are always in great demand and our workshop is at capacity in term time. This summer we are delighted to be able to offer something new. Philip Revell from Dunbar Pottery and Rebecca Philipson are offering the chance to learn and hone your pottery skills. Rebecca's beginners workshop and evening classes will introduce learners to the world of ceramics, while Philip's intensive workshop will build existing skills and confidence on the potter's wheel. If they go well then we hope to be able to continue doing this in future over the summer when the pottery isn't being used.



Summer Arts Market

On 28 June East Lothian Council, working with Haddstock Director Beki Dover, organised fantastic market in Haddington's Corn Exchange. PACC saw this as the ideal opportunity to share what we do with our community. We had two stalls showcasing our classes and groups, and spent a lovely day chatting to the hundreds of visitors and other crafts people. Some of our tutors had stalls too. Hopefully there will be more events like this in future.



Dates for your diary

- **1 August** membership registration opens
- **9 August at 10am** class enrollment for all members opens
- **15 September** term 1 starts
- **22 November** term 1 ends
- **5 January– 6 March 2026:** term 2
- **16 March 2026:** Annual Members Exhibition handing-in
- **21 March—29 March 2026:** Annual Members Exhibition
- **20 April—27 June 2026:** Term 3

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CLASS & GROUP TIMETABLE



TERM 1: 15 September to 29 November 2025 for 11 weeks

Class	Tutor/Leader	Day	Date (if not weekly)	Time	Price £
Basket Making (Beginners/ Improvers)	Janice Hall	Monday	22/9, 6/10, 20/10, 3/11, 17/11, 24/11	10am–3pm	167.00
Basket Making (Self-help)	Janice Hall	Friday	19/9, 3/10, 17/10, 31/10, 14/11, 28/11	10am-1pm	35.00
Basket Making (Intermediate)	Sandra Scholes	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Clay Portraiture (Self-help)	Gillian Taylor	Tuesday	Every week	10am-12noon 1-3pm	35.00
Kiln Glass	Mary Frith	Monday	10 weeks (from 22/9)	7-9pm	115.00*
		Friday	10 weeks (not 26/9)	10am-12noon	
Knitting	Helen Donaghue	Tuesday	10 weeks (from 15/9—week off TBC)	7-9pm	90.00
Life Drawing (Self-help)	Kate Hunter	Saturday	20/9, 4/10, 18/10, 1/11, 15/11	1-4pm	80.00
Painting: Acrylic	Ailish Kelly	Wednesday	10 weeks (not 8/10)	10.30am-12.30pm	90.00
Painting: Experiment and Create in Watercolour	Sheena Phillips	Friday	9 weeks (from 3/10)	10am-12noon	81.00
Painting: Oil (Self-help)	Colin Cruickshank	Thursday	Every week	10am-12noon	35.00
Painting (Self-help)	Leonard Mair	Thursday	Every week	6.30-8.30pm	35.00
Painting and Drawing	Iona Molleson	Monday	8 weeks (not 13/10, 20/10)	7-9pm	97.00*
Painting and Drawing	Owen Normand	Monday	Every week	9.30am-12noon	124.00
Pottery	Lorna Chamberlin	Tuesday	10 weeks (from 15/9)	10am-12noon 7-9pm	150.00*
		Wednesday		10am-12noon 7-9pm	
		Thursday		10am–12noon	
Print making	Lyndsay Fergus	Wednesday	8 weeks (from 8/10)	2-4pm	130.00*
				4.30-6.30pm	
				7-9pm	
Silver Jewellery (Self-help)	Victoria Murray	Tuesday	Every week	7-9pm	35.00
Spinning (Self-help)	Grazyna Fremi	Tuesday	Every week	10am-12noon	35.00
Upholstery	Sylvia Norris	Tuesday	Every week	12noon–3pm 3.30-6.30pm	164.00*
		Thursday		10am-1pm 1.30-4.30pm	
Weaving	Kirsty Odds	Wednesday	10 weeks (not 15/10)	10am-12.30pm	
		Thursday	10 weeks (not 16/10)	10am-12.30pm	
Weaving (Self-help)	Marie Henderson	Tuesday	Every week	1-3pm	35.00
Woodcarving (Self-help)	Alex Stewart	Thursday	Every week	10am-12noon	35.00

How to Enroll in a PACC Class

- **Become a member of PACC.** It costs £15 for a year. You can do this online at www.thepacc.org.uk
- **Choose your class and enroll** online by going to the “Classes List” section of the website www.thepacc.org.uk
- **All classes** have full details on the tutor pages of the website

*These prices include a charge or charges for materials, firing, equipment and/or cleaning, details in the class description