



Made in Clerkenwell

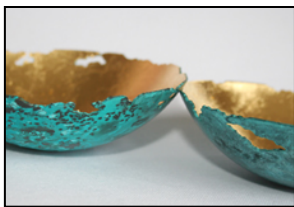
Summer Open Studios at Craft Central

The ultimate shopping treat! Meet with over 70 designer-makers, gain an insight into their working practices and be inspired by exceptional craft and design...

Dates: Thursday 15 May 5 - 8pm, Friday 16 - Sunday 18 May 12noon - 6pm

Venue: Craft Central, 33-35 St John's Square, London EC1M 4DS

Admission: £2.50 per person, under 16's free



Sally Elizabeth



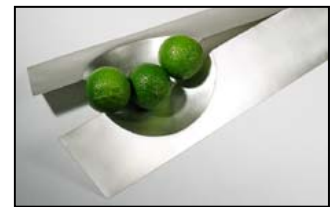
Michelle Mason



Product of Your Environment



Zoe Catherine Kendall



Rebecca Johnson

Pop into Craft Central and unearth an oasis in the city; a hot bed of cutting-edge craft and design. Make the most of this intriguing 'behind the scenes' chance to mingle with the community of renowned designers in the studios where they work their magic!

Whether selecting a unique gift or browsing for personal pleasure, prepare to be tempted by distinctive jewellery, fashion and accessories or contemporary ceramics and products for the home. Wow your friends by commissioning your own piece or discover a bespoke design service that will make you the envy of the street!

'Made in Clerkenwell' is renowned for jewellery design and this summer is no exception! **Passionate About Vintage** present fascinating pieces, lovingly constructed from carefully selected vintage beads, which convey a true passion for antique costume jewellery. Continuing the vintage fashion theme, **Sonia Guzzo** will be introducing stylish new handbags in antique effect leather.

Once you have finished decorating yourself, why not focus on your home? You will be spoilt for choice, with **Sally Elizabeth's** sophisticated copper bowls, **Emily Jo Gibbs'** intriguing 'nature table' display of delightful silver and felt boxes and **Pam Dodds'** stunning organic porcelain vases. Known for her bold and beautiful designs, interior product designer **Michelle Mason** will also be presenting her exciting new Botanic fabric range.

Discover the studio of new Craft Central silversmith **Alex Ramsay**, who is best known for her original approach to combining silver with glass. Her contemporary range of boxes and tableware explore the contrasting qualities of these materials. Go back to the roots of making and discover the fascinating processes!

Further information on participating designer-makers and high quality visuals are available from Sarah Hewett at Craft Central: 020 7251 0276 sarah.hewett@craftcentral.org.uk

Special Feature Exhibition

Maxine Sutton, Textile Artist



Having satisfied your shopping urges perusing the open studios, why not visit the stunning exhibition of new textile works from talented newcomer Maxine Sutton in the Craft Central Showcase. Beautiful contemporary embroidered pieces offer a fascinating study on domestic rituals, narratives and home-crafts from the past.

Tea drinking, Victorian patchwork and embroidered objects, home manuals and 'how to' books, doilies, dainties, whimsies and fancy work; the Geffrye Museum archives provided plenty of starting points for this contemporary collection. The everyday domesticity of the past is brought into new light with this surreal and irreverent look back at generations past and their homemaking activities.

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Notes to the Editor

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Craft Central is an oasis in the city providing access to the freshest craft and design products, direct links to designers and inspiring audiences with cutting-edge creative processes. A pioneering not-for-profit organisation established over 25 years Craft Central is dedicated to supporting crafts people and designer-makers in the most appropriate ways to achieve success.

Craft Central's dynamic Network currently connects over 400 UK designer-makers, helping them to discover valuable opportunities and benefit from really practical and well thought-out services and resources. Craft Central takes time to understand makers and encourages them to develop groundbreaking new work. Craft Central promotes the work of its designers to the public through an exciting yearly programme of innovative exhibitions, events, talks and behind the scenes tours.