

The Maker's Mark

Original work by Craftsmen & Artisans making their mark on clay, glass, metal, paper, textiles and wood.



Thornham Village Hall, High Street, Thornham, Norfolk PE36 6LX
Saturday 4 – Sunday 5 May 2019, 10am – 4pm | Free Entry | Café

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PRESS RELEASE

The Maker's Mark returns to Thornham Village Hall at the beginning of May. This annual sale of unique hand-made work has established a well deserved reputation for high quality craftsmanship. Not only a showcase for local talent, it is a celebration of skill and technical expertise.

'The invited makers work directly from raw materials, and there are no quick-fix solutions as seen on TV' explains Melanie Venes, the event co-ordinator, 'You may think it only takes a couple of minutes to raise a pot on the wheel, but it needs years of practice and a thorough understanding of the process to make a success of it. Our seven selected potters work with stoneware, terracotta and porcelain, and use a variety of glazes but even if we gave them identical materials they would each produce a unique item.'

Indeed between them they produce everything you need; tableware by Michelle Daniels, and Rob Dunster, garden planters by Dee Hunt and Mo Baker (the nearest thing to a take-away garden) and, brim-full of personality, birds and animals by Debbie Davis, Jane Bygrave and Phil Arthur.

Local makers are at the heart of this show. 'This is our sixth year and I'm so grateful for their continued support' says Melanie 'we've built our reputation around their skills and visitors keep coming back to see their new work, but there are a few new faces too (see the full list on www.thornhamvillagehall.co.uk)'. Like Marta Kwasniewicz who uses a form of Japanese braiding called kumihimo to construct striking, architectural jewellery in pure alpaca yarn. And printmakers Erica Appleton (screen printing on fabric) and Sarah Bays (hand tinted drypoint and hand cut lino prints). As an added bonus, MM2019 sees the introduction of the first gallery stand. To celebrate 10 years since they opened the doors to Gallery Plus in Wells, Trevor and Joanna Woods will show some of the finest contemporary glass jewellery and ceramics, and Trevor's own distinctive paintings.

A fabulous selection of crafts plus refreshments provided by The BagLadies of Thornham who will also be selling their delicious homemade jams and chutneys. Not to be missed! The Maker's Mark is open Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th May, 10am – 4pm. Entry is free.

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