

# MARKET MAKERS

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### CHRISTMAS FAYRE



Saturday 3rd December saw our group of local artists and creative enterprises hold our third exhibition – this time, a Cornish Christmas Craft Fayre – at the town’s Public Hall.

The event featured the work of a range of local artists and craftspeople, including paintings by Ann Kinahan, Lee Rendle, Claire Briault, Karen Burden and Melanie Beer, mosaics by Kirsty Freeman, glassware by Dee Knight and Abi Alister, prints by Dawn Curtis, and fabric art by Gail Cory and Laura Welsh.

There were also cards, gifts and treats from local enterprises Woodhill Studio, The Scented Temple, Unique Crafts Cornwall, Darcie’s Reading Den and DAK Art.

Liskeard Mayor Simon Cassidy was among those who visited the event. ‘It’s amazing as always to see such creativity in our community. Big thanks to all those who’ve organised this and taken part,’ he said.

MP for South East Cornwall Sheryll Murray also attended the show and met the makers. ‘It’s superb to see so much hidden talent in southeast Cornwall,’ she said. ‘I’m

amazed at the professional paintings, glasswork and other crafts that I’ve seen today, and I think Market Makers have a lot to offer to the Duchy. It’s also interesting to learn that many small businesses have started in this way.’

Ann Kinahan was one of the painters whose work was on display. ‘We’ve gone all out to get Christmas underway with this exhibition,’ Ann said.

‘I’m very grateful to be part of the Market Makers group. It’s a wonderful creative network and a great way to badge my work,’ she added.

Karen Burden was also showing her paintings, Christmas cards and jewellery at the fair. ‘I’ve been busy for the last couple of months preparing cards and gifts for the festive rush,’ Karen said. ‘I’m delighted to be part of this. This group has given me the knowhow confidence to start exhibiting.’

Kirsty Freeman’s modern take on mosaic art also attracted a great deal of interest from visitors to the fair. ‘This is a fantastic platform to show the range of handmade seasonal gifts and unique artworks which our town has to offer,’ Kirsty said.

Market Makers is managed by Alec Charles on behalf of Liskeard Town Council and supported by Cornwall Council and European Structural and Investment Funds.

‘It’s brilliant to see such a range of local talent on show. And, with Christmas coming up, it’s great to be able to showcase this array of high-quality, handcrafted, special and affordable treats,’ said Alec.



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