

Claire Moynihan CV

Claire lives and works in rural Hertfordshire she graduated in 2008 with a BA Hons in Applied Arts. Her current work is a 'freestyle' form of 3D embroidery which can loosely be described as stumpwork. With an appreciation of the natural world and love of drawing Claire has been inspired to study insects and reproduce these as tiny embroideries on felt. She enjoys the humour in producing insects that are realistic and presenting them as traditional entomological collections. Her work is a celebration of insects that are ironically described, by man, as 'pests'.

Current and Forthcoming Exhibitions

Christmas Crackers Mixed Exhibition, Byard Art, Cambridge, 26 November 2011 – 22 January 2012

London Art Fair, Business Design Centre, Islington, 18 – 22 January 2012

Mixed Summer Exhibition, Byard Art, Cambridge, 20 July – 2 September 2012

ABC Byard's Alphabet, Byard Art, Cambridge, 6 September – 7 Oct 2012

Previous Exhibitions

Portraits in the Making, Group Exhibition by Crafts Council Hothouse Award Winners at Pitzhanger Manor House and Gallery, Ealing, London, 21 September - 12 November 2011

Mixed Summer Exhibition, Byard Art, Cambridge, 25 June – 4 September 2011

East Wing Collection, The Courtauld Institute of Art, London, 23 January 2010 – July 2011

Summer Exhibition 2010, The Royal Academy, London, 14 June – 22 August 2010

Winter Warmth 2009, The Park Gallery & Callendar House, Falkirk. 31 Oct – 31 Dec 2009

Brighton Artists Open Houses The Old Forge, Newhaven, E.Sussex. May 2009

The Bug Bazaar

group exhibition – The Millennium Gallery, Sheffield. 17 Jan-26 April 2009

Re-creation: artists and the animal kingdom.

group exhibition – Presented by Fife Contemporary Art & Craft (St Andrews)Ltd, Kinburn Gallery, St. Andrews. 17 Jan-8 March 2009

Designer Crafts 2009

The Mall Galleries, London. 9-17 January 2009

The Knitting and Stitching Shows 2009

Embroiderers Guild Graduate Showcase, Alexandra Palace. 9-12 Oct and Harrogate International Centre 22–25 Nov

Art and Insects

group exhibition – Cube 3 Gallery, Portland Square, University of Plymouth. 3 Sept-18 Oct 2008

New Designers 2008

Business Design Centre, Islington, London. 3-6 July 2008

Faculty for the Creative and Cultural Industries Degree Show

University of Hertfordshire, Hatfield. 23-30 May 2008

Press and Journals

'Design Notebook', D. Nicholls, Telegraph Magazine, p. 47, 22 August 2009

'Moth Balls' Hertfordshire', Felt Matters, 95, June 2009, International Felt Makers Association.

'Design Inspired by Nature', Horizon, 81, June 2008, University of Hertfordshire

'Personnel taste', Selvedge, Issue 25, p. 25, Sept/Oct 2008

Publications

Felt – All Techniques, K. Schinkowskaya, AST Press, 2011 (Russian book)

Bugs Britannica, P. Murren & R. Mabey, Chatto & Windus, p283, May 2010

Awards and Achievements

Selected by the **Crafts Council** to take part in the Hothouse Makers Programme 2010

Selected by the **Embroiderers Guild** to be part of their Graduate Showcase at the Knitting and Stitching Show 2008.

Selected by the **Society of Designer Craftsmen** as a Merit Licentiate and awarded a Distinction following the Mall Galleries Exhibition.

Supplied **Paul Smith** with 'Bug Balls' for sale in the Albermarle Street store, London

Supplied **Liberty** with 'Bug Ball' and 'Moth Ball' Collections for sale in their Regent Street Store, London

Commissioned work held in international private collections.

Availability of Work

By commission, exhibitions & Byard Art (Cambridge).

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