

QUESTION & ANSWER

A GLASS ACT INSPIRED BY THE COUNTRYSIDE

THIS week we talk to glass artist Verity Pulford, whose work is on display at Mostyn, Llandudno.

Q Tell us about your family:

A My husband Ceri is a musician and teacher and we have two children Isaac - 5 and Martha - 3, we live in a beautiful little cottage overlooking Minera mountain in Coedpoeth. I am very lucky to have a wonderful mum, dad, sister and in laws who are incredibly supportive of my career.

Q What are you best known for?

A Making glass, being a mum and getting on my soapbox after a glass of red or two!

Q Tell us about your exhibition (what's it called, what's it on/ where is it being held?).

A My work is currently showing 'In the Window' at the MOSTYN shop in Vaughan Street, Llandudno.

Q When is it running from/to?

A It will run until August 14.

Q What can people expect?

A Fused and etched glass, one off wall pieces, functional pieces, mirrors and lamps.

Q Tell us five things which make your exhibition great?

A My work is inspired by the North Wales countryside. The work is all for sale with prices ranging from £12.50. My most current work is on display, with every piece unique and starting life as basic window glass.

Q Tell us what's good about the venue

A MOSTYN is simply the best gallery in North Wales, with contemporary art exhibitions and a beautiful shop selling work from local, national and international contemporary applied artists and makers - both established and emerging.



Verity Pulford in her workshop. Courtesy of Cheshire Life & Discover North Wales, photography by Kirsty Thompson

Verity Pulford

How old are you?: 39

Where are you from?: I was born in Chester but grew up in Penyffordd, North Wales

What are your best and worst habits: I am a bit of workaholic - that is probably the best and the worst. I rarely sit down!

Q Who is your favourite artist and why?

A That is an impossible question, I have many. I have recently become fascinated by Augustus John's portraits after seeing them in the National Gallery Cardiff. They took my breath away with their power and beauty. My favourite glass artist of all time is Judith

Schaechter - technically brilliant, dark and beautiful. My most recent purchase is a painting by Di Metcalfe of the Welsh coastline - powerful and atmospheric.

Q What piece of work are you most proud of and why?

A I am always most excited by the pieces

I am currently working on. I am exploring lighting and mirrors at the moment.

Q Tell us a little known fact about yourself:

A I didn't train as an artist and teacher until my late twenties. Before that I had many jobs; gardener, cleaner, working for a custom bike magazine, hiring

out loungers on a beach in Barbados and being a truck driver!

Q What's next for you? What are you currently working on, or what do you plan to work on?

A I am working on pieces for my member's showcase in Craft in the Bay, Cardiff which will be on show from July onwards. I have recently been accepted as a guild member into the Guild of Makers in Wales which is definitely the highlight of my career so far. I am hugely honoured and proud. Today I have been working on 'The Birth of the Wood Nymph' a framed piece using inks and old papers behind layers of fused and etched glass.

THE PUB GUIDE



what's on where in your local

FRIDAY

The Plough Inn, Old Colwyn 01492 515387
Event: Hourglass
Time: 9pm
Cost: Free entry
Details: Duo - Zak & Katie, and don't forget it's cocktail night from 8pm. Two cocktails for £8.

Details: Fun music quiz

The Cob & Pen, Rhyl 01745 350446
Event: Quiz night
Time: 8.30pm
Details: Jackpot at £100 guess the number.

The Old Whitehouse, Conwy 01492 573133

Event: Haydn's music quiz
Date: Every Friday
Time: 9.30pm
Cost: NA
Details: Bar open till one at weekends. No entry after 11.30pm

TUESDAY

Y Giler Arms, Rhydydan 01690770612
Event: Bingo
Time: 8.30pm
Cost: £1.50 per game

The Plough, St Asaph 01745 585080

Event: Cellar Dwellers
Time: 10pm
Cost: Free
Details: Live music

The Cross Keys, Llanfynydd, Wrexham 01978 760333

Event: Folk Night
Date: Every Tuesday
Time: 8.30-11.15pm
Cost: Free

Details: Live music by local artists, all unplugged, really chilled atmosphere, come along to listen and if you feel up to it, bring a guitar and join in!

SATURDAY

LMRCA, Holyhead 01407762612

Event: Tudur Wyn
Time: 9.30pm
Cost: £1 non members
Details: Brilliant bilingual male entertainer

The Old Whitehouse, Conwy 01492 573133

Event: General Knowledge quiz
Date: Every Tuesday
Time: 9.30pm
Cost: n/a
Details: Drinks are the prizes with an open the box jackpot that can go as high as £100.

Buckley Working mens Club, 01244 630036

Event: Live music every Sat & Sun
Time: Doors open 8pm
Cost: £2 members; £4 non members Sat only; Free on Sunday
Details: buckleyworkingmensclub.moonfruit.com

The George & Dragon, Abergele 01745 403184

Event: Quiz Night
Date: Every Tuesday
Time: 9pm
Cost: £1
Details: A great night of entertainment with your host Mr Lee Murphy. The quiz will be followed by the famous HI or LO also free snacks to every game player. £1 stake winner takes all

Departure Lounge, Abergele 01745 826226

Event: Nik Turner
Time: 9pm
Cost: Free
Details: Popular male vocalist

The Plough, St Asaph 01745 585080

Event: Sam Wise
Time: 10pm
Cost: Free
Details: Local singer

Rhos Ffynach, Rhos on Sea 01492 548185

Event: Quiz night
Time: 9pm
Cost: £1 per person
Details: Why not dine then quiz and receive 10% of your food bill.

SUNDAY

The Blue Bell, Conwy 01492338137

Date: Every Sunday
Event: Open Mic with Gaz and Craig
Time: 8-10.30pm
Cost: Free
Details: Supportive appreciative crowd. Great chance for first time players and experienced musicians alike!

WEDNESDAY

Red Lion, Old Colwyn 01492 515042

Event: Quiz night
Date: Every Wednesday
Time: 9.30pm
Cost: Free
Details: Winner receives free drink vouchers, also bottle of wine to 'Nearest to' question

The Blue Bell, Conwy 01492338137

Date: Every Sunday
Event: Folk Sing around
Time: 2-5pm ish
Cost: Free
Details: Warm, friendly atmosphere. All welcome to join in to lend an ear!

THE GEORGE & DRAGON, CONWY 01492 592305

Event: Quiz Night
Date: Every Wednesday
Time: 9pm
Cost: £1
Details: A great night of entertainment with your host Mr Lee Murphy. The quiz will be followed by the famous HI or LO also free snacks to every game player. £1 stake winner takes all

The Liverpool Arms, Menai Bridge, Anglesey 01248 712453

Event: Quiz night
Date: Every Sunday
Time: 9.30pm
Cost: £2 per team

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