

Beyond the Book Symposium

To accompany an exhibition of artists who use books as their medium

Symposium: Thursday 15 May 2014

10am – 5.30pm (registration & coffee from 9.30am)
Queen's Building, Queen's Drive, University of Exeter,
Devon, EX4 4QH, UK

Price: £21 (£16, Guild Members & Friends)

Booking essential: Please call Devon Guild shop on
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Organised by Devon Guild of Craftsmen, with support from the University of Exeter Arts and Culture, this day-long event will discuss and expand on the premise of artists using books, both as a cultural and symbolic object, and as containers of history, narrative and memory.

Symposium Chair: Dr. Nicola Thomas (University of Exeter)

Keynote speakers:

Barrie Tullett (Independent Publisher, The Caserom Press) - *the form of the book*

Ellen Bell (Beyond the Book exhibitor) - *form and poetics*

Su Blackwell (co-curator Beyond the Book) - *poetics, memory, narrative*

Susan Kruse (visual artist) - 'The Library of Lost Books', *reuse and recycling*

Dr. Misha Myers (Performance Researcher/practitioner, Falmouth University) - 'Stories from the Walking Library', *the future of books*

Tom Bevan (book artist) - 'Considering the Position of the Traditional Form of the Book in the Digital Age', *the future of books*

Tom Sowden (Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Fine Print Research, U.W.E.) - 'Click, Swipe, Download Share', *the future of books*

The accompanying exhibition **Beyond the Book** seeks to examine the question: What happens when artists consider the matter of books? It showcases a broad spectrum of work by UK talent, demonstrating the diversity of the UK Book Art movement as well as illustrating the notions behind the making process. Selected artists and designers deconstruct and explore aspects of the book, both aesthetic and conceptual, using a range of materials from photography and jewellery to paper and mixed-media. All share an interest in memory, language and narrative and use the book form as a way of filtering their ideas.

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