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Sussex Craft Week 2026 Highlights

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Craft Towns

June 20 – 28

Sussex Craft Week is proud to announce two pop-up Craft Towns, where heritage and contemporary craft fill the high street and public spaces, bringing communities together around making.

Craft Town Alfriston

Works by over 30 designer-makers displayed in shops and businesses throughout the picturesque South Downs village. Discover papercraft, woodcarving, ceramics, millinery, textiles, jewellery, sculpture, leatherwork, shoe-making, and original prints by leading Sussex artisans.

Craft Town Arundel

A town-wide programme brings skilled craft into daily life. Pick up a map to explore a window trail and seven contemporary craft exhibitions. Hop on the walking Studio Safari, and head to Tarrant Square on Sunday 21st to enjoy music and drinks at the Makers Social.

Left
Katharine Swailes
Photo by Steve Speller

MarketPlace

Sussex, a home of heritage craft and the hub of the contemporary craft revival, offers exceptional pieces available to collect, or buy for domestic use. Visit our MarketPlace events to find a wide selection of works for sale.

Sussex Guild Contemporary Craft Show

Plumpton College
June 20/21

The prestigious Sussex Guild celebrates 50 years of championing designer-makers with this showcase at the College's AgriFood Centre. Expect outstanding contemporary ceramics, furniture, glass, jewellery, textiles, knitwear, silversmithing and woodwork.

£4 adults, free for children and students.

Farleys Yard Artists & Makers

Farleys House & Gallery, Chiddingfold
June 20 – 28

Throughout their lives Lee Miller and Roland Penrose supported emerging artists and makers and Farleys is proud to honour this legacy. Find a wide selection of ceramics, woodwork, furniture, jewellery, millinery, sculpture, textiles and more in their shop, and the studios of their Yard Artists. **Free.**

Hastings Craft Weekend

The Observer Building, Hastings
June 20 – 21

More than 35 Sussex designer-makers gather for a sensational weekend showcase of ceramics, textiles, jewellery, printmaking and furniture. Certain to cement Hastings' reputation as a hotbed of contemporary art and craft. **Free.**

The Makers Fair: Middle Farm Summer Solstice

Middle Farm, West Firle
June 20 – 21

A Summer Solstice fair celebrating rural craft, folklore and slow making, with curated stands selling ceramics, textiles, jewellery, printmaking and woodwork. **Free.**

Hastings International Ceramics Fair

The Observer Building, Hastings
June 27 – 28

Over 40 ceramicists and potters present their latest work, ranging from raku to wild clay, alongside celebrations marking 40 years of Liz Emtage Ceramics. **Free.**

Exhibitions

Sussex Craft Awards 2026

Newlands House Gallery, Petworth
June 20 – July 20

An exhibition of work by finalists selected by a panel of judges from the public nominations. Winners to be announced during Sussex Craft Week. **Free.**

Display and Function

Gallery57, Arundel
June 6 – July 18

Gallery57's summer exhibition showcases makers working across wood, metal, textiles, ceramics and jewellery, blurring the line between art and utility. **Free.**

Taking Shapes: Mobile Sculptures by Richard Mason

Emma Mason Gallery, Eastbourne
June 11 – 27

Elegant mobiles exploring balance and movement through brass and wood. **Free.**

Summer Exhibition of Contemporary Art

Sullington Manor Farm
June 11 – 21

Sculpture, painting, textiles and ceramics fill two beautifully restored Tudor barns. **Free.**

Strandline

Chintz & Wood, Worthing
June 17 – July 7

Coastal-inspired works by Jubal Prevatte, Wendy March and Sarah Wallace explore shoreline materials and textures. **Free.**

Jubal Prevatte: Tooth & Chisel

Knepp Wilding Shop, Knepp Estate
June 20 – July 20

Wood sculptor Jubal Prevatte presents vessels and forms inspired by Knepp's beavers and wild landscape. **Free.**

Natural and Un-natural Colour in Craft

Continuum Studio, Lewes
June 20 – 28

Seven of Sussex's top makers, including Sussex Craft Award 2025 finalists Tanya Gomez, Ruby Taylor and Kathie Murphy, explore the role of colour across craft disciplines, with input from renowned colour expert Alexandra Loske. **Free.**

WOVEN: Atelier Weftfaced with Zimmer Stewart

Various venues, Arundel
June 20 – 28

WOVEN brings together handwoven tapestry by Caron Penney and Katharine Swailes at The Crypt. Visitors can also tour Atelier Weftfaced's studio near Petworth and join a tapestry workshop at Arundel Museum. **Free.**

Exotic: Amy Matthey

Amy M Gallery, Arundel
June 20 – 28

Mixed-media works in luminous epoxy resin by Amy Matthey, whose vibrant figurative and abstract paintings layer colour to create translucent, otherworldly scenes. **Free.**

20th Anniversary of the Sussex Guild Shop

The Sussex Guild Shop, Lewes
June 20 – 28

The Guild celebrates two decades with an exhibition of work by past and present members, exploring themes of memory, inspiration and shared creative community, followed by a programme of workshops. **Free.**

Lou Taylor: Kaleidoscope

Brighton Art Space
June 20 – 26

An immersive exhibition of marquetry and collage inspired by botanical forms and geometry. **Free.**

The Waldron Gallery & Studio

Waldron
June 20 – 28

Exquisite ceramics, paintings and small works by Maya Hughes, Rebecca Angel, Dave Harrison, Nicola Russell, Thea Thompson, Birgit Underwood and John Higgins. **Free.**

Forest Inspired

Farleys House & Gallery, Chiddingfold
May 28 – July 19

A celebration of Ashdown Forest, including site-specific pieces commemorating the ancient wilderness of tree, bush and heathland. Highlights include oil paintings by Denise Fisk, a new wood engraving by Keith Pettit, and a new collection of poems by Derek Adam. **From £10.**

Elaine Sheppard Bolt and Friends

Ditchling
June 20 – 28

See inside Bolt's working ceramics studio, with various craft by Ali Stringell, Jo Watters Powlowski, Marija Bichan, Patrick of Sussex, Penny Sanderson, Rachel Galbraith and The Old Cottage Framing. **Free.**

Open Studios

Unfinished: Maya May Jex, Julie Howells and Cynthia Powells

3 Swallowfield Close, Mannings Heath
June 20 – 28

Three generations of a family explore colour, form and making through ceramics, sculpture, textiles, mixed media and painting. Private View: June 20, 6-9pm. **Free.**

David Cruickshank: Nature's Gallery

19 Church Square, Rye
June 20

Biomorphic wooden and bronze sculptures hidden among roses and peonies. **Free.**

Keith Pettit Open Studio

East Hoathly
June 24 – 28

An opportunity to see renowned sculptor and printmaker Keith Pettit's work in progress, plus a wood engraving workshop. **Free.**

Woodland Open Studio with Native Hands

Dernwood Farm, near Heathfield
June 25

Sussex Craft Awards finalist and renowned author Ruby Taylor harvests and weaves wild plants in ancient woodland, using heritage techniques to make beautiful baskets. **£15.**

Woven Mairi Open Studio

Edburton
June 25 – 28

Traditional machinery transforms South Downs yarn into woven fabric. **Free.**

Workshops, Talks and Courses

West Dean Short Courses

West Dean, Chichester
Various dates

A packed programme of short courses and masterclasses includes furniture making, throwing, blacksmithing, silversmithing, ceramic glazes, marbling, portrait sculpture, Indian block printing and silver clay, all held at the world-famous college for the arts and conservation. **Check online for prices.**

South East Craft Collection Tour

Hove Museum of Creativity
June 25, 2pm

Curator Lucy Faithful leads a fascinating tour of the most important contemporary craft collection in the South East, featuring dazzling displays ranging from traditional textiles to fine ceramics and paper sculpture by famous makers. **£10**

Jewellery Workshop Tour: Pruden & Smith

Ditchling
June 20 – 27

Explore how heirloom jewellery is transformed into contemporary bespoke pieces at Pruden & Smith's historic workshop. **Free.**

Fish Smoking in Hastings

Hastings Contemporary
June 20

Lively stories, demonstrations and tastings celebrating Hastings' fish-smoking heritage. **Free, booking required.**

Midsummer Life Drawing in a Forest Garden

Friston
June 21

A day of outdoor life drawing in a sylvan setting with Silvia MacRae Brown. **£50.**

Building and Firing a Fastfire Wood Kiln

The Waldron Gallery & Studio
June 22 – 25

A practical masterclass in kiln building, firing and wood-firing techniques. **£430.**

Colour Making Course with Polly Bennett

Rolvenden, Kent
June 25 – 26

Learn to make pigments, inks and watercolours from natural materials. **£245.**

Silicone Mould Making and Casting Course

Cement Arts, Newhaven
June 27 – 28

An introduction to silicone mould-making and casting techniques. **£180.**

Traditional Tin Embossing

Community Garden, Shoreham
June 21, 10am – 12pm

A hands-on workshop exploring traditional tin embossing. **£38.**

Rush Foraging Baskets with Native Hands

Dernwood Farm Nr Heathfield
June 27

An immersive day in the woods weaving the popular foraging baskets from wild English rush, with Ruby Taylor. **£145.**

Wilderness Wood events

June 21 – 28

Everything from green woodworking, traditional French framing, and hedgerow brushmaking courses, to a Father's Day & Summer Solstice day out for families with wood-fired pizza, local beer, cider and woodland games. **Check online for prices.**

Studio Safaris

A mini-bus and guide take you on an exclusive tour of the region's top craftspeople's rural workshops. The makers give demonstrations and there is a stop for lunch. You will be dropped back at the meeting point at 5pm. Hosted by The Makers Directory in partnership with Sussex Craft Week. **Lunch is not included in the price.**

Ceramics & Basketry

Meet at Charleston in Lewes
June 21 at 10am

Rare access to Sophie Coryndon, Thea Thompson and Dominic Parrette, with lunch at The Gun Brewery Tap. **£45.**

Walking Studio Safari: Arundel

Meet at Arundel War Memorial
June 24 at 10am

A guided walking tour of Arundel's galleries and craft spaces, with lunch at Juniper. **£20.**

Stone, Jewellery & Ceramics

Meet at Plumpton Station
June 25 at 10am

Discover the studios of Will Spankie, Pruden & Smith, and Elaine Sheppard Bolt, with lunch in Ditchling. **£45.**

Stone, Wood & Metal

Meet at Artelium, near
Plumpton Station
June 27 at 10am

Visit Thomas Sargeant, Laurence Moracchini and James Price, with lunch at Artelium Wine Estate. **£45.**

Ceramics, Wood & Furniture

Meet at Charleston in Lewes
June 28 at 10am

Behind the scenes at Ash & Plumb, Tanya Gomez and Marc Fish, with lunch at the riverside Marine Workshops, Newhaven. **£45.**

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