

Sculptors celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Surrey Sculpture Society

The Surrey Sculpture Society (SSS) will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary by presenting a wide range of sculpture and arts events throughout Surrey from early spring to autumn 2019.

To celebrate this important year the Society will be exhibiting at a number of prestigious locations, with their first event at the Surrey Hills Sculpture Garden and Art Festival, in partnership with Surrey Hills Enterprises, from 4th May until 2nd June. Other SSS exhibition venues throughout this special year will include the National Trust's Hatchlands Park at East Clandon from 18th June - 14th July, followed by the Society's 22nd year creating a sculpture trail throughout the world renowned RHS Garden Wisley from 17th August - 22nd September, and concluding the year at The Savill Garden, part of the Crown Estate at Windsor Great Park on the Surrey Berkshire borders, from 25th September - 24th November.

Further exhibition venues, lectures, demonstrations and attractions will be added to the 25th Anniversary schedule throughout the year and a special celebration party for the Society's members and supporters.

Henriette van der Does, the current Chair of the SSS commented:

'I became a member of the Society in 2002 and at that time was an emerging artist, needing help to understand the market, a support group and exhibition opportunities. Being a member of the SSS has helped me in so many ways - meeting and working with other sculptors at the events, our social network, education and workshops and helped me to develop as an artist.'

'The Society isn't just for sculptors, we are also open to non-exhibiting member who love sculpture and art and who want to volunteer and be part of our events. We started 25 years ago with just 14 members and we current have a membership of over 300, from new and emerging artists, to some of the most renowned sculptors in the country. Our members benefit from the great opportunities the Society can give them to show their work at a range of very high profile events.'

The original idea for the Surrey Sculpture Society came from sculptor Crispen Rayner, who was the first Chairman and inspiration behind forming the Society in 1994.

Another founder member, Carol Orwin, commented on her involvement with the Society over the last 25 years:

'I joined the SSS in the first year when we had around a hundred members. Friendship is the main thing I have gained over the 25 years, with a chance to meet fellow sculptors who gather together from across the country. Wonderful exhibition venues enticed to allow us into their hallowed grounds and to show our sculptures in their amazing gardens. This extended my sculpture exhibiting opportunities, with chances I would never have had if I had continued to exhibit alone.'

For more information on the Surrey Sculpture Society and the 2019 programme of events visit: www.surreysculpture.org.uk

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About Surrey Sculpture Society

From small beginnings the Surrey Sculpture Society has grown into a major force, now attracting considerable interest from the media and has been featured on the BBC Radio 2 Arts Show and on BBC One TV. The SSS now has over 300 members spread across Surrey and the South East of England, encompassing both professionals and talented emerging sculptors. It aims to promote interaction between sculptors, to organise exhibitions and to encourage an appreciation of sculpture.

The society stages major events annually in prestigious venues including RHS Wisley, RHS Hyde Hall, the National Trust's Hatchlands Park, The Surrey Hills Sculpture Garden, The Savill Gardens on the Crown Estate at Windsor Great Park, as well as previously at other renowned locations such as Beaulieu, Guildford Cathedral, Denbies Vineyard and Fulham Palace.