

May,
2008Aberdeen City and
Shire

North Aberdeenshire

Thursday 28 February to Monday 5 May 2008**Home-Grown Talent III****DUFF HOUSE - EXHIBITION ROOMS**

For the third year running, Aberdeenshire artists who have benefited from the Aberdeenshire Artists Award exhibit in Duff House. This year the main focus is on 3-dimensional work. This exhibition is supported by the Scottish Arts Council and Aberdeenshire Council.

Thursday 20 March - Sunday 11 May 2008**An Era of 'ERS'****DUFF HOUSE – EXHIBITION ROOMS**

Making her debut exhibition is one of Moray's most versatile artists, **Elaine Renée Smith**, a graduate from Glasgow School of Art. This unique and often powerful exhibition takes us on a dramatic journey of pain, bravery and courage. It captures a time, a place and a presence, creating an Era of stunningly atmospheric imagery influential to 'ERS' and her path through life

Saturday, 2 May, 2008**Stovies Night & Concert**

Keithhall Claikers are holding a Stovies Night and Concert on Friday May 2nd 2008 at 7pm (for 7.30pm) in Keithhall Hall, Keithhall. Entertainment provided by Donald and Friends. Tickets are available from Lorraine Forbes 01651 862430 £7

The Polish Play by Farnham Maltings

New Deer Public Hall. 7.30pm
Suitable for families age 7+. Tickets £8 and £5 conc. available from the Chemist and Food for Thought, New Deer, 01771 644217/644366

15th to 18th May, 2008**Longside Gala**

Davidson Park, Longside, Peterhead
For further information contact Secretary, L. Davidson on 01779 821603

15 May – 15 June, 2008**Spirit of the Banffshire Coast at Duff House Tea Room**

The Spirit of the Banffshire Coast is a photographic competition (now in its third year) organised by the Banffshire Coast Tourism Partnership, promoting the local area.

Thursday, 15 May, 2008**Get to know your local woods**

Forestry Commission Rangers will take you out into Aberdeenshire's woods and forests to learn more about them.

www.forestry.gov.uk/active

Special Guest Teller - Nick Hennessey

A singer, songwriter and storyteller Nick is a dynamic and passionate performer with skills that draws an audience in. With a love for the traditional culture of the British Isles his craft draws together the note, the song and the spoken word into a unique and engaging style. Archaeolink Prehistory Park, Oyne, Inch 7.30pm for 8.00pm Ticket Price £5.00

Friday, 16 May, 2008**Among the Crows by Fleeman Productions**

New Deer Public Hall. 7,30pm
New Deer Community Association presents. Tickets £8 and £5 conc. available from the Chemist and Food for Thought, New Deer, 01771

www.neatshows.org.uk

2 – 5 May, 2008

Creating Lighthouses

Museum of Scottish Lighthouses, Fraserburgh
Activities for families to make lighthouses as part of Show Scotland. Places must be pre-booked.

Please call the museum on 01346 511022

www.lighthousemuseum.org.uk

2nd - 4th May, 2008

Gospel Music Convention

Fraserburgh Leisure Centre

Tickets: 01779 490956

www.gmcscotland.com/index.html

Saturday, 3 May, 2008

A Walk in the Woods

Help to celebrate “Walk in the Woods” month with a springtime stroll through Brownsie Woods, situated between Banff and Turriff. Discover how the wood is managed and the wildlife wonders hidden in the woodland. Contact the Banff and Buchan Ranger on 01261 813299. Full directions available when booking

Huntly Farmers Market

Huntly Square - 9.00am - 1.00pm. Producers

Attending: Betty Bell Confectionery and

Childrens Sweets, Huntly Herbs, Sarah's

Heavenly Fudge, Scottish Fresh Foods, The

Devenick Dairy, The Glass Connection.

Jacqueline Pettitt Tel: 01466 720311

Mobile: 07711 794896

E-mail: jaq@scottishfreshfoods.com

Ronald Centre Festival

Huntly

A full day festival with concerts led by Violinist

Emily White and Mezzo-Soprano Sally Garden.

01466 794494 for more information

www.deveron-arts.com

Karaoke

@ The Park Hotel, Macduff

01261 832265

<http://www.parkhotel-scotland.org.uk/>

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www.neatshows.org.uk

Bailies of Bennachie – Doric Night

Chapel of Garioch Hall. 7.30pm. An evening of ballads, poems and music from Bennachie and the north east of Scotland. Booking essential as places are limited.

Cost: £2 for non Bailies, free for members

Contact the Bennachie Centre 01467681470

bennachie.warden@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

16 – 18 May, 2008

Cinema at the Museum

Museum of Scottish Lighthouses, Fraserburgh

As part of Museums and Galleries Month, the

Museum of Scottish Lighthouses is showing one

of the famous Wallace & Gromit films. To book

please call the museum of 01346 511022

www.lighthousemuseum.org.uk

Sunday, 17 May, 2008

Opera on a shoestring at Duff House

Opera on a Shoestring presents ‘Espana!’ – a programme of opera scenes set in Spain. From Carmern to The Barber of Seville via Mozart, Massenet and more, four versatile singers and one pianist present a varied evening of drama, comedy, Spanish passion and of course wonderful music. Tickets £16. Concession £13 available from the Duff House Shop

www.duffhouse.org.uk

Brando

Live Music at The Park Hotel, Macduff

01261 832265


<http://www.parkhotel-scotland.org.uk/>

Sunday, 18 May, 2008

Three Deers Walk

This is a leisurely circular walk for a Sunday afternoon. The first “Deer” being a visit to the “Book of Deer Project” at Aden, followed by a walk via “Old Deer” along the Formartine and Buchan Way to “Deer Abbey” and back to Aden. Contact the Senior Ranger on 01771 622857

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Sunday, 4 May, 2008

Birds O' the Broch

Why not drop in on the Seashore Centre and help to record the birds and other wildlife within the area. All species recorded will be listed and details passed on to NESBReC. For more information contact the Fraserburgh Seashore Centre on 07786 021786.

Beltane Fire Festival at Archaeolink

A fun packed day of Beltane themed activities for the whole family, including Beltane themed fire show, circus skills workshop, fire building, mask making, Celtic knotwork leathercraft, celtic knotwork temporary tattoos, face painting, fire procession, and much much more. Cost: Adults £5.75, Children £3.70, Family tickets available 01464 851500

<http://www.archaeolink.co.uk/>

Tranquility Wild West Town's Open Day

It's Tranquility Wild West Town's 3rd Annual Round Up. A must for all wild west enthusiasts! The afternoon will include gunfights, fast draw fun, air rifle shooting and old west games for all the family including horseshoe pitching, knife and tomahawk throwing, buffalo hunt, tin can alley etc. Prizes and certificates will be awarded to the best child in each contest. Light refreshments available. Raffle. Tranquillity Wild West Town is located less than a mile south of the Glen Dronach Distillery, off the B9001. 1pm – 4pm

http://www.geocities.com/tranquility_wildwesttown/

Monday, 5 May, 2008

May Day in Turriff

May Day in Turriff is a carnival day in town and a great day out for all the family.

Peterhead Local Holiday

6 – 15 May, 2008

Exhibition from Fraserburgh Academy Museum of Scottish Lighthouses, Fraserburgh For more information phone the museum on 01346 511022

www.lighthousemuseum.org.uk

Blue Light Festival

Experience at first hand, by means of exhibition and display, the valued work of the emergency services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Leisure Centre, Fraserburgh. 12 noon – 4pm.

http://www.visitfraserburgh.com/events/blue_light.htm

Crimond Stock Car Racing

Contact and non contact short circuit motor racing. 7 Formulae. Runs from April - October. 17 meetings per year, check website for dates of meetings.

Cost: Adult £6, Children £2, family (2 adults + children) £15.

<http://www.crimondraceway.co.uk/>

Wednesday, 21 May, 2008

Spirit of the Deveron

Wordfringe at Duff House. Huntly Writers launch their first anthology. 7pm. Details of all Wordfringe events can be found on

www.wordfringe.co.uk

Thursday, 22 May, 2008

Get to know your local woods

Forestry Commission Rangers will take you out into Aberdeenshire's woods and forests to learn more about them.

www.forestry.gov.uk/active

Thursday 22 May – 27 July, 2008

Coastal Boy (Fishing Boat: A534) at Duff House

The late artist Ian Hamilton Finlay's work is a unique and complex fusion of poetry, graphic art and sculpture. 'Coastal Boy' refers to the name of a fishing boat.

www.duffhouse.org.uk

Thursday, 22 May - 27 July, 2008

The Lines are Fallen to me in Pleasant Places at Duff House

An exhibition of paintings by former Banff Academy pupil, Jonathan Robertson inspired by his recollection of fisherfolk and coastal life during the 1950s and '60s in the area he grew up

Wednesday, 7 May, 2008

Homewords

Wordfringe at Duff House

Music, poetry and stories from George Gunn, Tom Bryan, Angus Dunn and Magi Gibson. Details of all Wordfringe events can be found on www.wordfringe.co.uk

Castle Fraser Concert

Castle Fraser, near Inverurie
The Morven Singers will take you through a varied programme from traditional Scottish music to Broadway shows. Refreshments included. £9 per seat and booking is essential. 01339 833463
www.nts.org.uk

Thursday, 8 May, 2008

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Saturday, 10 May, 2008

Five Farms and Troup Head Walk

Crossing farmland and following paths for most of the way we'll start at the site of a coastal fort near Pennan. Then heading west through Troup House policy woodlands and onto the clifftops we'll visit Scotland's only mainland Gannetry. Come eye top eye with a gannet and take a closer look at the natural history of the area while we explore the farmland and coast of this stunning part of the Northeast. Find out more about Scottish Outdoor Access Code and responsible access as we go. A packed lunch and suitable outdoor wear is necessary.

Meet at Cullykhan car park, off the B9031.
Contact the Access Ranger on 01339 887453

Beside the Seaside, Beside the Sea – Cruden Bay

Meet at the Ladies Bridge, Cruden Bay for some fun exploring the fantastic beach. Who will be best at beachcombing?
Contact the Buchan Ranger on 01771 622857

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www.duffhouse.org.uk

Friday, 23 May-Sunday, 26 May 2008

Coast Art Festival

Various venues in Banff & Macduff will be hosting an Art Market, Food Fair, Music Events, Demonstrations & Workshops.
www.coastfestival.org.uk

Saturday, 24 May, 2008

Sand Dune Safari

A morning of fun for all the family as we take part in the Local Nature Reserve celebrations. Why not drop in at Philorth and discover the inhabitants of this LNR, through a range of activities including bug hunting and river dipping. Contact the Banff & Buchan Ranger on 01261 813299

Hooked by Emerald Froth

The museum of Scottish Lighthouses is joining in with the Wordfringe festival for the first time.
<http://www.lighthousemuseum.org.uk/> An evening of poetry, images, music and dance from the Blue Salt Collective. 7pm

Buchan Heritage Society - Prize Winners Concert

Ritchie Hall, Strichen. 6.30pm
Followed by a Ceilidh Dance with Nicol McLaren and the Glenraig Scottish Dance Band

Karaoke

@ The Park Hotel, Macduff
01261 832265
<http://www.parkhotel-scotland.org.uk/>

24-25 May, 2008

Gallery in the Garden, in association with Touched by Scotland

A large range of locally produced art will be displayed throughout the gardens. Leith Hall. 11 am – 4pm Exhibits will include sculpture, painting, photography, furniture, jewellery, glass and much more! In addition on Saturday 24th May, there will be demonstrations by some of the artists exhibiting, as well as music in the garden.

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Inverurie Farmers Market

Market Place, Inverurie 9am- 1pm

Producers Attending: Burngrains Nursery, Cairnhill Country Fare, Crannach Coffee Shop & Bakery, Ella Drinks Ltd/Bouvrag, Huntly Herbs, Ingrams Homecure, Maryfield Farm Poultry, Risen Bakery, The Devenick Dairy, The Soap Shack, The Store, Tilquhillie Fine Foods
Ron Reid 01467 621195

Hungry Mongrels

Live Music at The Park Hotel, Macduff
01261 832265
<http://www.parkhotel-scotland.org.uk/>

Sunday, 11 May, 2008

Explore Bennachie

A circular route taking us up onto the lesser walked high tops of Bennachie. This walk takes you past places where people lived and worked in times gone by, areas of natural interest and even a little piece of planet Mars. Please bring a packed lunch.

Contact the Garioch Ranger on 01467 681470

Food and Fun Day

Food and Fun Day in Udney Green, celebrating all that is good about local food and promoting health & wellbeing. Cookery demonstrations, a gourmet BBQ, a Pimm's Bar, Wine Tasting and a local Farmers Market are just a few of the confirmed attractions!

There will also be activities for youngsters (and the young at heart!), including Football Skills coaching, a Bouncy Castle, Bobby the Playbus, a Sausage-making competition and much, much more.

01651 842337

<http://www.eatonthegreen.co.uk/charity.html>

To book please call: 01464 831216

<http://www.nts.org.uk/Property/42/>

Sunday, 25 May, 2008

The Black Feather Jacket Gang

Come and take a look around a blossoming broadleaved wood, hear the birds' songs, and visit the wood's own rookery (this year rook "teenagers" should be hanging about in their own black feather jackets) and learn more about these much maligned, intelligent corvids.

Contact the Formartine Ranger on 01358 726417

The Neuk Wedding Exhibition

You don't have to be planning a wedding, you might just want to enjoy the afternoon take in the fashion show and enjoy listening to the British Legion Pipe Band. Fraserburgh Leisure Centre. Telephone 01346 516663 for more information

29 May – 17 August, 2008

The Ena Baxter Collection at Duff House

Ena Baxter makes a return visit to Duff House. This year's exhibition of around 40 of her paintings includes sketches from school days to her beautifully composed flower paintings of the present time. It will also provide some insight into the life and work of an extraordinary local lady. Business woman, television presenter, hostess and accomplished artist.

www.duffhouse.org.uk

Saturday, 31 May, 2008

Macduff Farmers market

Fishmarket at Macduff

Producers Attending: A A Gatt, Allathan Dairy, Burngrains Nursery, Muirden Homebakes, Nordic Fishing Ltd. Sarah's Heavenly Fudge
Pat Coutts Tel: 01771 644369

Peterhead Choral Society's Spring Concert

Old Deer Parish Church. 7.30pm

The programme consists of Dvorak's Mass in D major and works by Elgar. Organist - George Chittenden. Tickets £5 (including refreshments) are available from choir members or by phone from Anne Watson on 01779 812473. New members would be most welcome and rehearsals are held on Tuesday evening at 7.30 pm in the Music room at Peterhead Academy. The ability to read music is helpful though not necessary and there is no audition. The choir is on holiday from 11th May 2008 and resumes in September.

Tuesday, 12 May, 2008

FJAS bring Shopping for Shoes by Visible Fictions

Dalrymple Hall and Arts Centre, Fraserburgh
7 pm

Book of Deer Project - AGM

Aden Museum & Country Park, Mintlaw

Including 'The Harrying of Buchan' with Fred Crawford of Ellon - 2008 is the anniversary of the 1308 battle when Robert the Bruce defeated his enemies (The Comyns, the Earl of Buchan and supporters). For more information contact Cecilia Penny on 01771 624459 or Andrew Kellock on 01346 532309

www.bookofdeer.co.uk

Miserable Sinners

Live Music at The Park Hotel, Macduff
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