May Events



Artweeks in Charlbury

Charlbury, Oxfordshire

13-21 May

More than 30 artists are exhibiting in cottages, gardens, studios and churches throughout this Cotswold town, all within easy walking distance of each other. Charlbury is lucky to have several well-known, as well as lesser known but highly accomplished artists taking part in this special county-wide arts festival. Among those exhibiting are renowned RHS garden photographer and painter Andrew Lawson.

www.charlbury.info/events

Shoreham Art Gallery

Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex

13-28 May

While the Chelsea Flower Show is taking place, the gallery at Shoreham will have a flower theme. It will include everything from floral paintings to sculptures including flowers, combined with decorations of tissue paper and wire, made by children from the local junior school. A locally-made, flower-flavoured gin will also be launched on the day.

www.adurartcollective.co.uk





Wild Food Forage

Nailsworth, Stroud, Gloucestershire

14 May

Head out and harvest wild plants for food. Spend the day learning how to identify edibles from the woodland, hedgerow and pastures, and when and where to look. Discover edible greens, roots, flowers and fungi alongside nuts and berries. Participants will harvest a selection of ingredients and cook them with seasonal wild game for a woodland lunch.

www.handson bushcraft.co.uk

Collectives Fair

Lansdown Hall, Stroud, Gloucestershire

20-21 May

Meet creatives who design and make original work. The fair features a selection of textiles, ceramics, made-to-measure clothing and books. It includes work contributed by the fashion students of the University of Gloucestershire, and Herefordshire College.

www.sitselect.org/ collectivesfair



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Capture the Castle

Southampton Art Gallery, Hampshire

26 May-2 September

The first-ever large-scale art exhibition on British castles. The view of a medieval castle can be an exceptional sight, and this exhibition at the gallery, within the civic centre, aims to channel this by combining history with art. The display will include famous work from both public and private collections from the late 18th to 20th centuries.

www.southampton.gov.uk/ libraries-museums/art-gallery

Sandon Spring Fair

Sandon Hall, Stafford, Staffordshire

27-28 May

Back for its second year, the fair includes craft and food stalls, with demonstrations on craft and cookery. Visitors can enjoy tastings of artisan food and drink, and explore the 50 acres of formal garden in its colourful glory. Families are well catered for with food, farm animals to meet, fairground rides, face painting, a treasure trail and live music.

www.sandonspringfair.co.uk

Spring Plant Fair and Artisan Market

Helmingham Estate Office, Stowmarket, Suffolk

28 May

With specialist nurseries, new artisan and conservation zones, entertainment and children's activities, there will be something for every taste and age here. The Suffolk Plant Heritage propagation group will also be on site, selling rare plants which are not easily found elsewhere.

www.helmingham.com

St Ives Antiques Fair

Burgess Hall, St Ives, Cambridgeshire

28-29 May

Chance to browse the antique and vintage pieces at this collectors' fair. There will be approximately 50 stands, with a range of products including china, glass, books, paintings, jewellery, clocks and watches, militaria, accessories and quality furniture. The fair is a real treasure trove for lovers of antiques.

www.stivesantiquesfair.co.uk

