

## Arts & Crafts exhibition focuses on 'Women's Work'

Nearby Ditchling Museum of Art & Craft will be housing a major new exhibition on the work of craftswomen who turned their craft into successful businesses between the two World Wars. Women's Work focuses on pieces made by textile artists, weavers, ceramicists and silversmiths, many of whom were informed by the experiences traveling during the First World War. Often overshadowed by their male counterparts, these pioneering women achieved success by looking to past techniques to create contemporary designs, which went on to inform future generations of crafts people.

Featuring over 100 pieces the exhibition will focus on a core group of makers including Ethel Mairet (inset), Alice Hindson, Phyllis Barron & Dorothy Larcher and Enid Marx – some of whom are relatively unknown yet hugely significant to the development of the Arts and Crafts movement.

Women's Work draws on the museum's own and other specialist collections to demonstrate the importance of women in the crafts revival in the early part of the 20th century. The exhibition will run until 13th October. Ditchling Museum is opening between 10.30am and 5pm Tuesday-Saturday, and 11am-5pm on Sundays and Bank Holidays.



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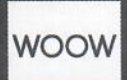
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