

## flora

19 September – 31 October 2015

On tour from **Oriel Davies** in Newtown, *flora* is a spectacular contemporary art exhibition bringing together work by national and international artists that focuses on the importance of flowers within contemporary art.

Artists: **Emma Bennett, Michael Boffey, Ori Gersht, Owen Griffiths, Jacques Nimki, Yoshihiro Suda, Clare Twomey.**

*Flora is a National Touring Exhibition curated by Oriel Davies and supported by Arts Council of Wales*

### Oriel Myrddin Gallery *flora* Events:

- **19 September – 31 October 2015**  
**Back Wall Series: Toril Brancher - *I picked flowers instead...***

Originally from Oslo Norway, photographer Toril Brancher lives and works in South Wales. The title of the series she is showing at Oriel Myrddin Gallery "...comes from a terrible accident I had; so much could have gone terribly wrong that day, but ... *I picked flowers instead.*"

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**Featured Maker: Jo Willis**

Milliner and textile artist Jo Willis is based in Bath and best known for making theatrical hats for the film and TV industry. Jo is showing a range of finely crocheted flower jewellery at Oriel Myrddin Gallery to complement the *flora* exhibition in the main gallery space.

- **Friday 25 September 2015 6pm**  
***All Blues* - Gallery talk with textile artist, Lucille Junkere**

There is a shrub which grows up to two metres high and is often mistaken for a weed. It has tiny light green leaves and small delicate pretty pink flowers. This plant produces one of the most culturally significant and complex natural dyes.

Lucille Junkere joins us to talk about this plant and her recent residency 'All Blues' at the William Morris Gallery in London. The theme for Lucille's residency was inspired by the indigo dye relationship between William Morris and dye chemist Thomas Wardle. She also explored the association of indigo dye with slavery and imperialism and its cultural significance today.

Lucille will be sharing the pages of her own indigo dye sample book which was displayed at the gallery.

Free event – all welcome.

- **Saturday 26 September 2015 11am – 3:30pm**  
**Natural Indigo Dye Workshop – Lucille Junkere**

Learn how to make a natural indigo dye vat and create your own uniquely patterned fabric to take home. Led by Lucille Junkere, this one day workshop looks in depth at the art of adire, resist dyed textiles traditionally made by people in Yorubaland, Nigeria.

Age 16+ (supervised under 16's by arrangement)  
Booking essential £25.00

- **Saturday 10 October, 2 - 4pm**  
**The Flora Social**

Introduced by **Dr Rosie Plummer**, Director of the National Botanic Garden of Wales.

Join us in the gallery to meet, chat and enjoy the *flora* exhibition.

Delicious floral drinks will be served by west Wales artist, **Jacob Whittaker** and professional forager, **Jade Mellor**. A selection of **Jacob Whittaker's short art films about brewing with flowers** will be showing in the gallery studio between 2-4pm.

- **Saturday 24 October 11am – 1pm**  
**Carmarthen Flora Sketchbook Walk with artist, Anne-Mie Melis**

Discover the flora of Carmarthen Town in the fourth of our series of walk and talk drawing events (or in the gallery studio if the weather is unsuitable).

Free event. Sketchbook and pencil provided or bring your own materials.  
No need to book – meet at Oriel Myrddin for an 11am start.

- **Wednesday 28 October 2015 11am – 3pm**  
**The Big Draw – Fantasy Garden Worlds with artist, Richard Monahan.**

Join in with the **National Big Draw Campaign** and join Swansea based artist **Richard Monahan** to imagine and draw a fantasy garden world.

Create past and future spaces for growing plants, invent bubble worlds and weave stories.

Suitable for all ages. Bring a grown up.....  
Free, drop-in event. No need to book.

