

Paper-making and Marbling Workshop for Adults with Sam Mace

Saturday, 16 September

10.30am – 3.30pm

The workshop will introduce you to basic paper-making techniques including a brief history of papermaking and the equipment needed to make your own paper. You will make your own deckle and mould and go on to use these to make paper from recycled paper pulp. Natural materials will be used as you learn how to embed and emboss into your own hand-made paper. Finally you will have the opportunity to try marbling techniques. By the end of the workshop you will have a collection of hand-made and marbled papers and creative ideas for using the hand-made paper once it's dry.

£30 (includes all materials). Booking essential.

Willow Basketry Workshop for Adults with Sue Kirk

Saturday, 21 October

10.30am – 4.00pm

Spend the day weaving your own basket using different coloured willows grown in Somerset. You can choose to make either a frame basket or a round stake and strand basket. In the past frame or 'ribbed' baskets were often made by gypsies or farmers and used for harvesting food. Stake and Strand baskets were made by trained craftsmen and women, who followed patterns and often used peeled willows to achieve a neater finish. These baskets would have been essential in everyday life, as cardboard boxes and plastic bags were not available. Throughout the day learn new skills such as paring, waling, randing and slyping. Suitable for beginners.

£35 (All materials included). Booking essential.

Creepy Crawlies Drop-In workshop with Ruth

Turnbull

Tuesday, 24 October

10.30am – 12.30pm & 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Come and make your own creepy crawly creature to scare your friends.

50p – no need to book.

Haunted Houses with Rob Conway

Wednesday, 25 October

10.30am – 12.30pm & 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Make your own 3D haunted house with artist, Rob Conway.

£2 – Booking essential. Suitable for 5 – 12s.

Murder Mystery Evening

Friday, 27th October

7.30pm

A riotous evening of fun is assured when the actors from Murders Incorporated take to the stage once more bringing tales of murder and intrigue to the museum.

£22.50 (includes buffet)

What else can the Leather Museum offer?

- We have an extensive schools' programme which offers a wide variety of hands-on activities for children of all ages. Our sessions aim to support and enrich the school curriculum in subjects such as history, science, design and technology and even citizenship.
- The curatorial team are available to give illustrated talks and lectures to groups out in the community.
- We offer a range of badge-friendly hands-on activities for Brownies, Guides, Cubs and Scouts.
- The Leather Museum offers children's birthday party packages which include hands-on leathercraft activities and party food.

If you are interested in finding out more about any of these please contact us for more details on 01922 652288 or leathermuseum@walsall.gov.uk



Events and Activities

May - October 2017

How to find Walsall Leather Museum



Opening times

Tuesday – Saturday 10am – 5pm (Nov – March 4pm)

Walsall Leather Museum

Littleton Street West

Walsall

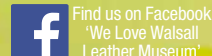
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Stitchers and Skivers Craft Club

This monthly Craft Club is an opportunity to meet people and have a go at all sorts of different crafts and experiment with different materials and techniques. We will supply some starter ideas and materials plus a cup of tea or coffee – you just need to bring a willingness to have a go! £5 per session includes all materials. Booking essential.

- **Wednesday, 10 May**
10.30am – 12.30pm
Glass-painting
- **Wednesday, 14 June**
10.30am – 12.30pm
Pincushions
- **Wednesday, 12 July**
10.30am – 12.30pm
Barge ware painting
- **Thursday, 10 August**
10.30am – 12.30pm
Embroidery
- **Wednesday, 13 September**
10.30am – 12.30pm
Working with wool
- **Wednesday, 11 October**
10.30am – 12.30pm
Felting

Made in Walsall – Exhibition

16 May – 17 June

We are proud to present a fabulous array of creative work by Art and Design students from the Foundation Learning Cluster at Walsall College in their popular annual show. The exhibition will include textiles, prints and jewellery.

Leather Purse Making Workshop with Keith Parker

Saturday, 27 May, 10.00am – 4.00pm

Leatherworker Keith Parker will guide you through the process of making a handstitched leather purse. The purse will include a gusset and will have internal dividing sections.

£40 (includes all materials). Booking essential

Toy Stories - Exhibition

24 June – 30 December

Remember your favourite toy? This colourful exhibition will have you thinking “I had one of those!” as toys from 1900 – 1999 take over the museum. Early toys had either been expensive, miniature works of art; or home-made from whatever spare materials could be found. Mass-production in the twentieth century meant that toys were easier and cheaper to make, and more affordable to buy. From rag dolls to Pokémon, toys have evolved over the years but their charm remains the same. Must-haves, such as Star Wars figures, Care Bears, Muffin the Mule, and Gameboys can be found in the exhibition alongside personal and much-loved favourites.

“Blossom” – An Introduction to Raised Embroidery Workshop for Adults with Ann Howden

Saturday, 22 July

10am – 3pm

An introduction to raised embroidery techniques exploring decorative surface stitches using an array of materials including silk ribbon, wires, beads, leather and various threads. These will be combined in a floral wreath design which can be framed or mounted.

£30 (includes all materials). Booking essential.

Tuesday Leathercraft Drop-In Sessions

10.30am – 3.30pm

- 25 July – Mini book keyring - £1
 - 1 August – Drawstring pencil pouch £2
 - 8 August – Pom Pom bookmark - £1
 - 15 August – Decorated wristband - £1
 - 22 August – Embossed and decorated purse £2.50
- No need to book.

Wednesday Club

10.30am – 12.30pm & 1.30pm – 3.30pm

- 26 July – Matchbox robots drop-in with Ruth Turnbull
50p – no need to book
- 2 August – ‘Ship Ahoy!’ – fun boat-building and story making with Jim Morris
£2 – Booking essential. Suitable for 5 – 12s
- 9 August – Perfect Pinwheels!
50p – no need to book
- 16 August – Peg Doll Creatures with Ruth Radcliffe
50p – no need to book
- 23 August – Pirate rod puppet workshop with Sam Hale
£2.50 – booking essential. Suitable for 5-12s



Half –Term Holiday Activities

Flower Quilling Drop-In with Jim Morris,
Wednesday, 31 May, 10.30am – 12.30pm & 1.30pm -3.30pm

Bend and fold, twist and stick paper into fabulous quilled flowers and insects.
50p – no need to book.

Animal Masks Drop-in

Thursday, 1 June, 10.30am – 12.30pm & 1.30pm -3.30pm

Create your very own creature mask.
50p – no need to book.

Summer Holiday Activities for Children

There will be plenty of fun activities on offer at the museum this summer with special workshops and drop-ins on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and quizzes, trails, badge and key-ring making throughout the summer. We'll also be running our prize draw again – just drop your details into our special box every time you attend one of our workshops or drop-ins, and at the end of the holidays we'll draw a winner who will receive a special prize. The more times you enter, the greater the chance of winning!

Bookbinding Workshop for Adults with Nick Wells

Saturday, 2 September

10am – 4pm

An opportunity to learn the traditional skills of bookbinding under the expert tuition of Nick Wells. You will learn the sewing of a block book, endpaper attachment, rounding and lining of the spine and to case in. The finished notebook will be half-bound in leather.

£40 (all materials included). Booking essential.