

## CRAFTSENSE

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### BILSTON CRAFT GALLERY

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**FROM 18 SEPTEMBER 2012**

#### Get hands-on with craft at Bilston Craft Gallery!

Explore 300 years of craft through fine historic examples of applied arts produced in the Black Country in our Craftsense gallery, including the famous Bilston enamels. Compare and contrast these with exciting new works by some of the UK's leading contemporary craft makers, many of which visitors can touch!

New exhibits in Craftsense this Autumn are glass pieces by Julie Light, Rachel Elliott and Laura Birsall, ceramics by Ros Perton, Jon Williams and Victoria Shaw, jewellery by Dilyana Evtimova and Zoe Robertson. Also on show will be leather work by Tugba Kop, and enamels produced by John Grayson and Roberta Bernabei; inspired by the gallery's collection of historic pill boxes.

Jon Williams' ceramic work is purpose made to excite the senses through touch, sound and smell. His *Chocolate Rolo* and *Lemon* pieces are embedded with fragrant oils to evoke the scent of the foods they mimic.

Roberta Bernabei has created a set of contemporary enamel necklaces. Whilst the colour and form of the work is inspired by the Gallery's historical collection, using specialist production techniques Roberta integrates modern day technologies into her work using QR codes to convey hidden messages. Visitors can get interactive and use their smart phones to scan the code to reveal the message behind each *Souvenir*.

Rachel Elliott delicately manipulates glass to form honeycomb like structures in her *Fragile Entomology* series. She is inspired by the intricate details of life and the world that surrounds us.

This sensory exhibition welcomes visitors of all ages and hopes they will take away an understanding of how these contemporary craft items are made and what our local industries produced in years gone by.



Chocolate Rolos by  
Jon Williams ©



Souvenir 3 by  
Roberta Bernabei ©



Fragile Entomology by  
Rachel Elliott ©

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## **NOTES**

### **Exhibition**

Craftsense is a permanent exhibition by Bilston Craft Gallery. Contemporary loans change every Autumn.

Free Entry

### **Venue**

**Bilston Craft Gallery, Mount Pleasant, Bilston WV14 7LU**

Bilston Craft Gallery is open: Tuesday 10AM-4PM, Wednesday 10AM – 7PM, Thursday 10AM – 4PM, Friday 10AM – 1PM, Saturday 11AM – 4PM

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For more information go to [www.wolverhamptonart.org.uk](http://www.wolverhamptonart.org.uk)

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