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Spring Workshops Exploring Arts & Crafts

The South West Heritage Trust has teamed up with artists and makers from across the county to create a programme of workshops that will take place at Somerset Rural Life Museum in Glastonbury and the Museum of Somerset in Taunton.

At Somerset Rural Life Museum, on 21 March, North Somerset-based artist Alison Jacobs is leading a unique workshop that will introduce participants to digital art. Alison's paintings and iPad art are currently on display at the museum for her exhibition 'My Somerset'.

On 25 April Somerset Rural Life Museum welcomes stained-glass artist Richard Pelham from Glastonbury. Richard has taught stained glass making for over 20 years and he will guide participants through the process to create a finished stained-glass bee.

On 28 March the Museum of Somerset will host a workshop inspired by its current exhibition 'Landscapes of the Mind: The Art of Tristram Hillier.' 'Looking at Art: An Introductory Workshop' will give participants some guiding principles to help open doors into the fascinating world of looking at art.

Susie Simmons from the South West Heritage Trust said: "Our museums have long been places to exhibit the work of makers and artists both through our historic collections and contemporary exhibitions. We are delighted to be extending this further by providing opportunities for visitors to get hands-on and learn from Somerset's talented makers and artists."

Somerset Rural Life Museum and the Museum of Somerset are part of the South West Heritage Trust, an independent charity committed to protecting and celebrating Somerset and Devon's rich heritage.

Booking is required for all the workshops. For more information visit swheritage.org.uk.

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Glastonbury stained-glass artist Richard Pelham at work.

A visitor to the 'Landscapes of the Mind' art exhibition.

Notes to editors

1. The South West Heritage Trust

The South West Heritage Trust is an independent charity committed to protecting and celebrating Somerset and Devon's rich heritage. As well as the widely-praised Museum of Somerset and the redeveloped Somerset Rural Life Museum, in Glastonbury, the Trust manages state-of-the-art facilities in Taunton and Exeter to care for the extraordinary archive collections of the two counties. The Trust also provides essential advice about the historic environment and manages historic sites. Visit swheritage.org.uk #SWHTdiscovery

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