

2015 Another Great Year at the South House Silver Workshop Trust- Shetland-Rod Kelly



Six Young Bishopsland graduates arrived in Shetland in two groups for a chasing project.

Manasi Ravatia-Depala, Lucinda Nims, Anna Rennie, Anna Buger-Martindale, Errin Quinn and Dominic Simon. They worked very hard learning lots of new techniques and producing some fine work.

Anna completed a silver chased bowl that she later sold at a Craft Fair in Cornwall. Both Lucinda and Manasi completed pieces of chasing as well as making a chased bowl and a constructed fruit dish. Errin soldered together a complex three sided vase and Anna (BM) made a wonderful octagonal box that was chased with a geometric design on top.

Dom raised a three sided beaker and completed some lovely engraving. The annual peat gathering took place up on the hill and we managed to cut and stack enough peats to fuel the workshop for the coming winter. Peats are cast with a tusker and then raised to dry outside by the peat banks.



In May we were joined by five friends who had not before made or completed a piece in silver.

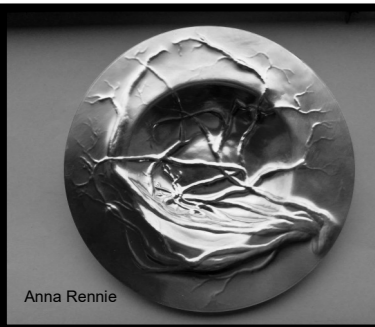
David Beasley, Librarian, The Goldsmiths' Company, Arthur Drysdale, Liveryman and silver enthusiast, Tim Schroder, Silver Consultant and current Prime Warden of The Goldsmiths' Company, James Rothwell National Trust. Sheila McDonald Enameller Jeweller and Francesca Vanke, Curator Norwich Castle Museum.

They all produced amazing pieces of silver using various techniques.



Two of The Trusts sponsors also joined us for a workshop and worked alongside the Bishopsland silversmiths. We covered techniques from raising, soldering, chasing and repouse, engraving, plate sinking, and various pieces of hammer work.

It was a very successful project and enjoyed by all. Charitable Trust No 1151646



Anna Rennie



Errin Quinn



Manasi Depala