

RECYCLING: IT'S A WALK IN THE PARK!

...In fact it's a very special walk on 14 June in Pinner Memorial Park for local textile artist **Samantha Harvey** – and her dressmaker's dummy – and you can follow the procession...

So here's the story! On Wednesday 14 June at 1pm, Sam Harvey will be bringing her famous dressmaker's dummy to the Heath Robinson Museum to take part in our brand new "Rejuvenated Junk" exhibition that opens on 17 June.

Why the park parade for the dummy? Well, as Sam says, "It's the greenest way to bring her to the museum!"

Sam believes recycling is vital for many reasons: "As a geography graduate of the early 80s I'm a proper greenie – and as a textile artist it's also really important in my work, primarily for protecting the planet and to challenge my creativity and secondly for the aesthetic. I am very much looking forward to a local exhibition which tunes into this."



As a textile and mixed media artist, Sam chooses materials for their contrast and contradiction, to create a result that she hopes will mean the viewer is drawn in for a double-take. She says "I work organically: constructing as a response to the materials I pick up."



Although the materials Sam sources in urban Pinner are perhaps "less exotic" than those she used to find in her native Australia, our local area is still "a mine of natural and man-made inspiration, with lots of bits and pieces which can be incorporated into my work."



Ann Kopka, curator of the Rejuvenated Junk exhibition at the Museum, says "We are thrilled that Sam will be bringing her dressmaker's dummy to the Rejuvenated Junk exhibition. Having the dummy 'walking' through the park to the Museum seemed to me such a fun idea – a brilliant way to promote our fun new Summer exhibition."

Sam will be setting off through the Park from the Chapel Lane entrance from 1pm on 14 June. Our talented filmmaker volunteer Beverly Peter will be filming the dummy's parade for all our social media and everyone is welcome to follow the procession and join in the fun!

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Photos © Samantha Harvey. For more about Sam Harvey and her work, go to samatha-harvey.com

Notes to Editors

The Heath Robinson Museum is open Thursday-Sunday 11am-4pm.

About the Rejuvenated Junk exhibition at the Heath Robinson Museum

From 17 June to 3 September 2017, at the Heath Robinson Museum in Pinner, north-west London, come and visit “Rejuvenated Junk”, our vibrant, colourful and fun new Summer exhibition for all the family. This exhibition features some of William Heath Robinson’s 1935 series of original drawings depicting new uses for unwanted objects, together with a stunning collection of recycled and upcycled artefacts from 33 countries around the world, provided by *knowtrash*.



From hats made from tin cans, bags made from ring-pulls and a cheese platter made from a flattened bottle, to woven rolled newspaper baskets and boxes, scoops made from food cans and ear-rings from bottle tops...every object in the exhibition used to be something else. Through ingenuity, imagination and innovation these junk materials have been given a new lease of life....



The “Rejuvenated Junk” exhibition is a collaboration between Heath Robinson Museum and *knowtrash*.

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We are also delighted to have received a donation from Viridor in support of this new exhibition.

About the Heath Robinson Museum

heathrobinsonmuseum.org

The first purpose-built museum in Greater London for over 40 years, dedicated to showcasing the work of the world-renowned artist, illustrator, humorist and social commentator William Heath Robinson (1872-1944), opened in October 2016 in Pinner Memorial Park, north-west London. Heath Robinson lived in Pinner from 1908-18, some of the most productive years of his life.

The Heath Robinson Museum is delivering:

- A permanent home for the Heath Robinson collection of original artwork and other artefacts
- The only museum dedicated to Heath Robinson, hosting the largest collection of his original works
- In addition to the permanent exhibition chronicling Heath Robinson’s life and works, a rolling programme of special themed exhibitions
- For schools, colleges and people of all ages, a comprehensive programme of formal and informal learning: thought-provoking and entertaining, reflecting the style of the man himself.



Heath Robinson Museum – Notes to Editors continued/....

The West House and Heath Robinson Museum Trust is a registered charity which restored West House in Pinner Memorial Park for community use. The Trust is a partnership between local Pinner people and the William Heath Robinson Trust, custodians of the artist's work. To develop the new Museum, Trustees received funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund of £1.3m.

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Background to the William Heath Robinson Trust

When Heath Robinson's daughter Joan died, her husband wanted her collection of her father's work to be kept in public ownership. As a result the William Heath Robinson Trust was formed in 1992.

The original collection included about 500 pieces of original art work together with an archive of letters, association copies and special editions of the books that he illustrated, proof prints, advertising booklets and ephemera.

The National Heritage Memorial Fund and the Art Fund grant-aided the William Heath Robinson Trust in 2015 to purchase some 400 additional important works for the Museum, bringing the collection to nearly 1,000. It is the only substantial collection of the artist's work in public ownership.

Use of icons and images

A range of authorised Heath Robinson images are available in jpg format.