

MuseumsMonthly

The latest news and announcements from Southend Museums Service.

This month...

**Twitter exhibition
'S C E N E S' showcases
landscapes from the
collection to ease
anxieties.**

**'Behind the Scenes'
Store tours and objects
in focus across our
social media platforms.**

**Downloadable activity
packs exploring our
collections and cultural
heritage sites.**

Southend Museums

Southend Central Museum

The Beecroft Art Gallery

Prittlewell Priory

Southchurch Hall

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'Cutlers Green', by Tristram Paul Hillier, (1905 - 1983)

'S C E N E S' to ease isolation anxieties.

After the closure of all Southend Museum venues, it became clear we needed to move our activity online! Our social media channels have been filled with 'Object In Focus' posts, behind the scenes digital tours, and even an online Twitter exhibition showcasing some beautiful artworks from our collection called 'S C E N E S'. The works on virtual display have been chosen to evoke a sense of wellbeing and calm during this time of isolation. Landscape painting has been proven to reduce anxiety and stress, and is often used in hospital settings to promote healing both physically and psychologically.

You can follow this exhibition on our Twitter page @BeecroftGallery.



Bellarmino Jug, excavated from the London Shipwreck. Photography by Tessa Hallmann.

Behind the Scenes

We have moved our collections engagement work online and have some really exciting content coming your way. From 'Objects in Focus', digital store tours and some 'Collections Close-up' there is something for everyone to enjoy! Keep an eye on all our social media channels for more collections content, simply follow @southendmuseums and @beecroftartgallery on Twitter and Instagram, and give our Facebook pages a like!

BBC's Museums in Quarantine

We have some beautiful garments from our Fashion and Textiles collection on loan to the Sainsbury Centre in Norwich for the exhibition *Art Deco by the Sea*. This exhibition has been selected to be part of the BBC's Museums in Quarantine, a four-part series allowing access to exhibitions while they are closed, as part of the BBC's Culture in Quarantine programme. The film will be broadcast on Monday 27th April and will be available on iPlayer thereafter!

59th Essex Open

In light of the current situation, the 59th Essex Open due to take place this summer has been postponed. We plan to engage in a different way, offering participants the chance to take part in the first Essex Open Twitter exhibition! Many people have been using the current social distancing measures as an opportunity to get creative, so we want to invite everyone to submit works to this Essex Open show online, using this Twitter Open Show as a platform to showcase your creations. Keep an eye out across our social media channels for more info!

Activity Packs

Following on from the incredible engagement we have received across our social media channels, we are developing some downloadable activity packs to entertain those at home who are social distancing. We are excited to provide packs using our collections and beautiful historic properties as inspiration to encourage creativity, learning and sharing, by posting on our social media your experiences and creations for others to see!

Image on the right: Scratton children's newspaper 'The Priory Times'

