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The Blue Duck Gallery April Newsletter

Quote of the month

It can hardly be a coincidence that no language on earth has ever produced the expression "As pretty as an airport..." – Douglas Adams

We love April. April usually gives us Easter. It often gives us sunshine. Every now and again we get a tiny bit of unexpected sunburn. We have our first BBQ's of the year in April and even get to sit outside to eat them. April is the month Clare gets to go to Harrogate to go big-style shopping for new gallery stock. Oh yeah, we love April!



Traditionally, of course, April is thought of as a showery month and although we don't agree, we have taken precautions just in case, stocking up on wellies and raincoats for those of you who can't pass a puddle without jumping into it. Wellies come in an extremely cute little backpack so once the accoutrements are in place, kids have got something to carry their sandwiches in.

As well as wellies, raincoats, sleepsuits, pyjamas, dresses, t-shirts & trousers and all the usual games and toys we have also recently had a new delivery of Crafty Kids puppet kits. We have all sorts from dragons, princesses & knights to lions, tigers & giraffes. The kits contain absolutely everything you need to make up your puppet, including paint, glue, fire, fur, swords and a proliferation of toilet roll style tubes. And, of course, for all dads out there, there are detailed instructions on how to put your puppet together. I have a dragon flying from my ceiling if you'd like to experience the wonder in person.



Helen Rhodes and Kirsten Jones are always firm favourites with us at The Blue Duck Gallery but at this time of year their prints really come into their own. Helen's pictures are full of blossom and bloom, in colours to suit all kinds of different decorative schemes. Over and over again Helen is proving to be popular with both men and women – even those couples who

normally can't agree on artwork.

Whether you're looking for a foodie print for the kitchen/dining room, a still life for the living room / bedroom or a bright and funky bikini for the bathroom Kirsten Jones has it all and again, because of her wonderful pallet and creative thinking her work is just as appealing to men as it is to women.

On the subject of our artwork, there are some very definite advantages to me getting married for you guys, the most immediate being that I can't afford to buy the new Paul Gunn that is hanging in the front window. I have completely fallen for the fishing boat in it but alas it cannot be mine. I would really appreciate it if one of you Gunn fans could come and take it off my hands so I don't have to keep looking at it – come on – you know you want to. Please don't torture me otherwise I might crack!



We haven't had the Designate button clocks in for a little while now but they are back with a vengeance and the designs have changed slightly. Rather than the whole clock being coloured they are now a natural wood finish with colour just on the faces. The colours are subtle so they'll go in a variety of places and make great presents for adults and children alike.

I have made the most wonderful discovery – Emma Bridgewater wrapping paper is double sided. How fantastic is that?! It's like a BOGOF – buy 1 design, get the reverse design free. We've got hearts, stars, stripes, dots and flowers and we also have a lovely new range of gift boxes and bags – with all that and our brilliant, ever changing range of cards we are even more of a 1 stop shop than ever before.

Look forward to the May newsletter because not only am I going sailing again, which should provide more photographic entertainment for you, but also, after my Harrogate shopping experience, I'm going to have lots to tell you.