

Exhibitions & Talks

Apr – Aug 2019

EXHIBITIONS

Free entry to
all exhibitions,
donations
welcome

Cross Pollination

25 May 2019 – 4 April 2020

A celebration of floral art and literature featuring still life and genre paintings. Painters include Duncan Grant and Ivon Hitchens, contemporary art by horticultural installation artists Heywood and Condie and a digital reworking of 17th century Dutch still life paintings by Gordon Cheung.

The Atkinson Development Trust is Crowd Funding for the restoration of an exquisite Chinese skirt that will be part of this exhibition.

To find out more visit:

www.spacehive.com/the-atkinson-trust-empower-our-flowers



Image: Koson Ohara, Siberian Bluechat
above a Flowering Peony Shelter, c.1900



Dr Jekyll's Laboratory: Science and Medicine in the Nineteenth Century

9 February – 25 May 2019

Nineteenth-century medical science produced new life-saving surgical instruments and painkillers, but also inspired monsters like Victor Frankenstein and Mr Hyde.

Come and explore a Victorian doctor's study, experience the wonder and fear of nineteenth-century medicine, and find out if you have what it takes to be a Victorian surgeon!

Edge Hill University

Image: Henry Van der Weyde, Dr Jekyll, 1838-1924, London

Win National Book Tokens in our drawing competition

Sefton Open 2019

13 April – 11 May 2019

A chance for visitors to discover the wealth of artistic talent that we have to offer in Sefton. Whether you make ceramics, sculpture, paintings, textiles or photography, this is your chance to exhibit at The Atkinson. Southport Palette Club will be selecting our open exhibition – and a wide range of local art clubs and groups will be showcasing their artistry.

Artwork is available to buy



Image: Fred Sumner, 2017



Image: Matt Dodd, Southport Lifeboat, 2019

Southport Double Take II (Old Southport through a modern Lens)

18 May – 7 September 2019

Due to its success last year, we are delighted to invite local photography enthusiast Matt Dodd to create another outstanding collection of images of old Southport as well as looking further afield to Churchtown, Crosby, Ainsdale and Hightown. The photographs are blended with new and historical photos taken from our archives.

Inspired by Alice

25 May – 7 September 2019

Step into an immersive experience with art, collectables and craft all inspired by Lewis Carroll's masterpiece. This exhibition features iconic images by Dodgson (Carroll) and his contemporaries and examines the continuing fascination with a story that has inspired artists and craftspeople across the generations.

Image: John Tenniel, Illustrator, Illustration taken from the first edition of Alice in Wonderland



Family Fun Day
Sat 25 May & Sat 6 July
10am – 4pm

Join us for a themed day with craft, costumes and cake all inspired by Alice in Wonderland

Bessie Downes: Flowers of the Southport Coast

1 June – 31 August

Bessie Downes made a unique record of plant species found along the coast from Southport to Formby. Her beautiful watercolour illustrations provide a snapshot of the botany of Southport from the 1890s until the early 20th century.



Image: Bessie Downes, Dandelion, 1901

EVENING TALKS

£5 pay on the door / Free for
The Atkinson Development
Trust members

The Development of Old Norse

Wed 1 May, 7pm

Talk by Kirsten Nielson Welch

This lecture looks at the 'language of the Vikings' and the links between language, culture and the history of Northern Egypt.



Before Egypt

Wed 5 June, 7pm

Talk by Dr Gina Crescenzo-Laycock

Presenting artefacts from as early as 5000BC. Featuring ways in which art, culture and politics were influenced by the unique geography of the Nile Valley.

Please note there
are no evening talks
in July & August

OBJECT OF THE MONTH

Free monthly talks looking
at objects from The Atkinson's
collection



Stylish Lord Street

Wed 8 May, 1pm

Talk by Jill Newsham, Associate
Lecturer University of Central
Lancashire

A visit to the shops and tea
rooms that made Lord Street the
fashionable place to be seen.

Image: Matania, *Winters Day,
Lord Street, Southport*

Oh I Do Like To Be Beside The Seaside

Wed 12 June, 1pm

Talk by Hilary Ambrose

Looking at the development of
Southport as a seaside resort.

The Flower Show

Wed 10 July, 1pm

Alice in Wonderland

Wed 14 August, 1pm



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in many ways by becoming
a member and donating what
you can.

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The Atkinson Development Trust,
a charitable organisation
who fundraise to develop our
collections and our work with
local schools, families
& communities.

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THE LANDING

Gallery showcasing affordable
art work for sale, with regularly
changing exhibitions.

All That Is Left Behind by Sharon Barnes

25 May – 29 June

Manchester Academy of Fine Arts

6 July – 3 August

Art & Craft Guild of Lancashire

17 August – 21 September

Exhibition Opening Times
Mon – Sat, 10am – 4pm

Please note we are closed Sunday and Bank Holidays
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