

## PORTHILLY GALLERY & SCULPTURE GARDEN

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New Sculpture Garden opening at Porthilly Gallery, Cornwall

Launch Weekend :

**6th April** - VIP & Press preview with opening by BBC presenter Jo Whiley - from 1.30pm (invite only)

**7th April** - Public opening with coffee & cake served all day - from 10.30am

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*Jill Clarke . 'Windfall' . Corten steel . installation view*

The new Sculpture Garden at Porthilly Gallery will open with an inaugural exhibition of works in corten steel by Cheshire sculptor Jill Clarke. The exhibition will be officially opened by BBC presenter and keen gardener, Jo Whiley on Saturday 7 April 2019.

The intimate space has been designed by London and Devon-based garden designer Tom Simpson. Tom won a gold medal at the RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show 2018 for The South West Water Green Garden. The judges commended the garden for its 'originality, ambition and flair', all features which are echoed in his elegant design for the sculpture garden at Porthilly Gallery.

## ***“A destination for the arts in North Cornwall”***

Inspired by this unique location, the surrounding landscape and the function of the space, the sculpture garden will ensure that Porthilly becomes a destination for the arts in North Cornwall.



*Jill Clarke 'Balance' . Corten Steel . installation view*

### **About Jill Clarke :**

Jill Clarke creates artistic metalwork and sculpture for outdoor spaces. With her family, she runs a bespoke design service for organic sculptures and made-to-order items including planters, fire pits and screens. Jill uses metal to create works that tell stories, especially human ones such as overcoming adversity or being true to ourselves through mindfulness.



*Jill Clarke . 'Flow' . corten steel . installation view*

***“When you invest in a Jill Clarke sculpture, you get more than just a physical product. Every piece represents a proud hand-fabricated design with craftsmanship which is as old as the hills.”***

Jill Clarke's trade stand at RHS Hampton Court Flower Show 2018 received the prestigious Royal Horticultural Society's '5 Star award'. The stand featured Jill's corten sculptures 'Resilience', 'Flow' and 'Balance' amidst planting from Hortus Loci and was a background for a Gardeners' World segment from radio personality Jo Whiley, which is where the duo met and formed a friendship. Jo now has two of Jill's sculptures in her Northamptonshire garden, sharing photos of them with her 130,000 Instagram followers.

### **About Porthilly Gallery & Studio of Jethro Jackson :**

Porthilly Gallery is situated in the quiet hamlet of Porthilly in Rock, North Cornwall. The expansive coastline and panoramic views of the Camel Estuary provide an ever-changing pallet of inspirational colour and texture for resident artist and gallery owner Jethro Jackson.

Porthilly Gallery first opened in 2010 to show new work by Jethro and his father, the potter Paul Jackson. Nine years on, this tradition continues with the addition of artworks and objects by a roster of internationally renowned artists and makers.



*Jethro Jackson . Watergate Winter . oil on board*

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**Notes :**

**VIP & press preview** : Saturday 6 April (from 1.30pm) with Jo Whiley opening the space

**Public Preview** : Sunday 7 April (from 10.30am onwards) coffee & cake served all day

**Where :**

Porthilly Gallery & Studio  
Rock, Cornwall  
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**More information :**

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