

Sara Lee – Winner of the South Downs Open 2024



Artist Sara Lee with her winning work,
Restore, 2024.

We are delighted to announce that **Sara Lee** is the winner of the South Downs Open 2024. This inaugural Open attracted over 300 submissions, showcasing the enduring inspiration of the history and landscape of the South Downs for artists.

The exhibition was selected by a panel of judges – Alison Crowther, sculptor, Tiffany Francis-Baker, author and illustrator and Louise Weller, curator – and together they selected nearly 150 works by over 120 artists.

The selected works are currently on display at Petersfield Museum and Art Gallery until 1 February 2025.

Sara Lee won for her work *Restore*, 2024. Lee predominantly works with drawing, pastel and print. She often works from site-specific landscapes, followed by extended studio-based work. Her images are a response to the ephemeral nature of the land and our relationship with it. Of her work *Restore*, Lee writes, 'Restore is both a reference to the often-reassuring nature of being in outdoor environments and a reminder for us all to be aware of our need to take responsibility for its' care.'

The prize is a solo exhibition at Petersfield Museum and Art Gallery and we look forward to working with Sara on her future exhibition.

See more of Sara Lee's work on her [website](#) and following [@saraleeartist](#) on Instagram.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Press images are available from Molly Schmidt (Marketing and Communications Officer):
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NOTES TO EDITORS

About Petersfield Museum and Art Gallery

Petersfield Museum and Art Gallery is housed in a rare example of a restored Victorian Justice Heritage site comprising the town's former police station and courthouse. Our collection displays include archaeology, social history, and photography relating to Petersfield and the surrounding area. Art, fashion, poetry, and literature are celebrated through exhibitions of items from the Flora Twort Art Collection and the Fashion and Textiles Collection, alongside a temporary exhibition programme. We are also home to the Edward Thomas Study Centre. Through our exhibitions and events, we believe in creating a cultural space for all, bringing people together and offering everyone the opportunity to enjoy history and the creative arts.

Website: www.petersfieldmuseum.co.uk

Instagram: www.instagram.com/petersfieldmuseum

Twitter: www.twitter.com/PfieldMuseum

Facebook: www.facebook.com/petersfieldmuseum

Visiting Petersfield Museum and Art Gallery

Opening Times: Tuesday to Saturday – 10.00am to 5.00pm (Last entry at 4.00pm).

Admission Prices:

Adults: £8.00 | Young People (5-17): Free | Children Under 5: Free

Concession tickets are available – please visit www.petersfieldmuseum.co.uk for more details.

Tickets:

To book admission and event tickets, please visit: www.petersfieldmuseum.co.uk

Visiting the Shop

Opening Times: Tuesday to Saturday – 10.00am to 5.00pm.

Open to the public, no museum admission required

Visiting the Coffee Shop

Opening Times: Tuesday to Saturday – 9.30am to 4.00pm.

Open to the public, no museum admission required

Located in the Petersfield Museum and Art Gallery courtyard