

FOUNDER OF GRDM RECEIVES LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

At their annual dinner on Thursday 16 May 2013 The Furniture Makers Guild presented Ray Leigh MBE with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his service to the furniture industry.

After working on the Lion and Unicorn building at the Festival of Britain in 1951 Ray Leigh formed an architectural practice with Dick Russell and Ian Hodgson. Their work was principally furniture design, hotels, museums, ships and offices. In 1967 he left to join Gordon Russell Ltd as Design Director. Subsequently he became Managing Director then Chairman



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Ray Leigh is the driving force behind the foundation of the Gordon Russell Design Museum in 2008.

CELEBRATING CRAFTSMANSHIP: THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE GUILD AT THE GORDON RUSSELL DESIGN MUSEUM 1st June – 23rd June 2013

Currently visitors to the GRDM can enjoy contemporary craft work by members of the Gloucestershire Guild displayed on and around the museum's classic furniture designs, providing a different visitor experience. The exhibition, opened by the Arts & Crafts authority Mary Greensted, runs until 23rd June.



GRDM CHAIRMAN OPENS MILLINERY WORKS EXHIBITION



Chairman of the GRDM Museum, Richard Paice, opened the Millinery Works selling exhibition, 'Gordon Russell & The Cotswold School', at their private view on 4 June. This show runs until 30th June 2013 at their Islington showroom at 85-87 Southgate Rd London N1 3JS. For more information contact The Millinery Works Ltd on 0207 359 2019 or email antiquetrader@millineryworks.co.uk.

OLD EPSOMIANS VISIT THE GRDM



The Chairman of the Gordon Russell Design Museum and Old Epsomian, Richard Paice welcomed a group of OEs to the Museum on 31 May 2013.

Their visit coincided with the setting up of the show of work by the Gloucester Guild of Craftsmen which provided the visitors with a preview of the exhibition which was due to be opened that evening by Mary Greensted, Chair of the Guild. After lunch they were also given a private preview of the Ashmolean at Broadway being set up at the Tudor House in the High Street and which will open to the public in September this year.

CANADIAN VISITORS

A group of 30 members from the William Morris of Canada dropped into the GRDM as part of their 'Arts & Crafts Tour of Southern England'

GRDM LAUNCHES ITS TALKS PROGRAMME



On Monday 22 April Susie Harries gave a presentation on Nikolai Pevsner and the Russell Family to a packed gallery at the GRDM. She spoke on the circumstances that led to his meeting Gordon, Dick Russell and Marian Pepler, and his role as buyer for Gordon Russell Ltd

Plans are underway for the next talk in the series. Make sure to visit the GRDM website for updates.

<http://www.gordonrussellmuseum.org/NewsandEvents.aspx>