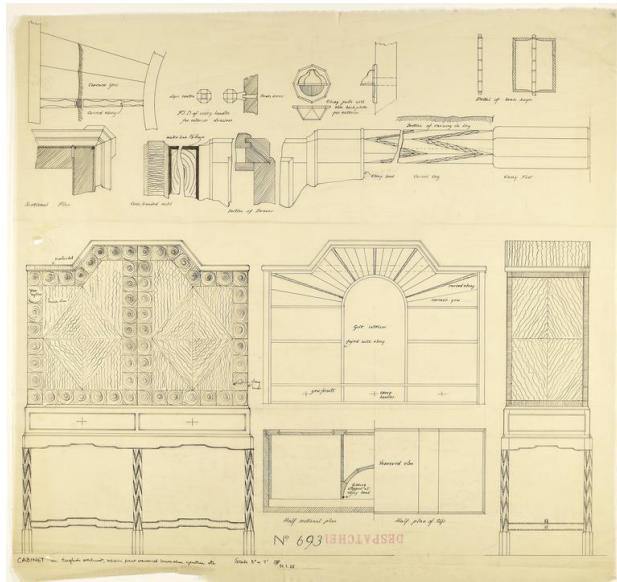


GORDON RUSSELL DESIGN MUSEUM REGIONAL AWARD



The GRDM has created a Regional Award to celebrate Sir Gordon Russell's life-long support of design education. This scheme is open to Year 12 students in schools in Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire, Warwickshire and Worcestershire. Candidates are required to produce designs which explore how we live, work and play in a digital world, integrating new media into our homes. Their designs and 1:5 maquettes will then be judged by tutors at local furniture colleges and those thought to be worth further consideration are asked to attend an interview in April 2014 at the GRDM for final judging.

The shortlisted designs and maquettes will be put on display at the museum during the Broadway Festival. The £1,000 prize will be shared between the student and his school's design & technology department. The student will also receive a certificate of achievement. Please email grdm@gmail.com for further information and an application form.

EXHIBITIONS AND EVENTS



Due to popular demand and the generosity of the lenders the museum's exhibition 'From William Morris to Today: the textiles of the Cotswolds' was extended by an additional four weeks.

This successful show saw the museum's visitor numbers increase by 50%. BBC Midlands Today interviewed Ray Leigh, founder trustee of the museum, about the exhibition during its news feature on the designer Tibor Reich.

Design historians Charlotte & Peter Fiell gave a fascinating talk on the research for their latest book, *The Story of Design*. They brought, hot off the press, copies for the museum's shop.

Contact the Curator on grussellmuseum@btinternet.com if you wish to purchase a copy.



KIDS TAKE OVER THE MUSEUM



The Museum was delighted to welcome 28 children from Broadway First School on Friday 22 November as part of the national 'Kids Take-over Day' project. Gordon Russell believed in educating and inspiring the next generation of designers and craftsmen, so this initiative is a very good fit with the museum's mission.

Aided by the Museum's team of volunteers, led by Sue Gavin and Robert Herringshaw, the children took on a variety of roles during the day. They were on hand to welcome visitors to the museum, including their parents, family and friends, and to take them on a tour of the collections. They looked at the museum's collection of chairs and after some research chose a number for an exhibition they put together. They also put together a display of models of furniture they had made at school with drawings they produced during the day, and these remained on show at the museum until the end of November.

The children said their favourite jobs were sanding and waxing wood samples and operating the till. The museum team were impressed by the enthusiasm and talent shown by these children from Class 4, and look forward to further collaborations with local schools. The GRDM is grateful to Budgens supermarket in Broadway for providing fruit and drinks for the children.

In September the Museum welcomed members of Broadway's Little Friends Pre-School. The children spent the morning drawing the furniture on display.



COTSWOLD PREVIEW

Samantha Symons at the Cotswold Preview included an interview with the new Chair of Trustees, Richard Paice, about the museum and why it is so special. This appeared in the December issue of the magazine. We would like to thank the Preview for their continuing support of the Museum and its exhibitions and events.



FRIENDS OF THE GORDON RUSSELL DESIGN MUSEUM

In January 2014 the GDRM will be launching a Friend's Group. Visitor numbers are rising and the Friends support will enable the museum to remain open and continue to deliver its programme of educational activities. Once we reach break-even point, which is on the horizon, we can consider new ways of promoting Sir Gordon Russell's lifelong support of design education and innovation. We hope you will consider joining the GRDM Friends and encouraging others to also sign up. Watch your inbox for the Friends brochure and application form.