

# Scottish Furniture Makers Association - Annual Exhibition

**Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th June 2024**

**Dalkeith Palace, Dalkeith Country Park**

An opportunity for the SFMA to exhibit at Dalkeith Palace is currently being explored. The proposal is to present an Annual Exhibition style event across several rooms on the ground floor.

## **Background**

Dalkeith Palace is an established visitor attraction on the outskirts of Edinburgh near Dalkeith. It is situated just off the City Bypass and also has good public transport links via bus and train. The Palace Grounds and visitor centre at Restoration Yard attract many visitors during the summer months and is a popular destination. The inside of the Palace is grand - plainly decorated and unfurnished - and has the capacity and flexibility to accommodate a sizeable number of exhibitors. see attached photos.

<https://www.dalkeithcountrypark.co.uk>

The 15th & 16th coincides with the Great British Food Festival which will be taking place outside on the front lawn. The Great British Food Festival regularly attracts over 3,000 people over the weekend and has the potential to bring additional visitors to the exhibition. <https://greatbritishfoodfestival.com/>

## **Annual Exhibition**

For new members: the Annual Exhibition was a key date in the SFMA diary with past events taking place in prestigious venues across Scotland. Past exhibitions were held at Royal Botanic Gardens Edinburgh, The Lighthouse - Glasgow, The Dovecot - Edinburgh and Customs Lane - Leith and many more.

The Annual Exhibition was a chance to reach a wider audience and for the SFMA to showcase the wide range of styles, techniques, talent and experience within its membership. An exhibition run by members for members in an open, non-curated format with all exhibitors given equal status and standing.

Aside from the chance to make new contacts and generate sales the Annual Exhibition was an important social event. It was a chance to discuss the topics of the day with your fellow makers and to critique and review each others work in a friendly and inclusive environment. Unfortunately Covid put a stop to regular exhibitions and its taken a while to get new plans in motion.

## **Format**

The proposal is to hold a maker focussed exhibition with all exhibitors presented in their own space under their own names. Envisioned as an open event with the emphasis on Bespoke Furniture, Sculptural Pieces and Object d'Arts.

There is excess of 300 m<sup>2</sup> of exhibition space which can be split into stands of varying size / requirement and charged at a per m<sup>2</sup>. The aim is to make the exhibition affordable for all with the average cost being around £50 - £100 per exhibitor (tbc).

Any sales made during the exhibition will be commission free and handled by exhibitors / SFMA.

## **Dates**

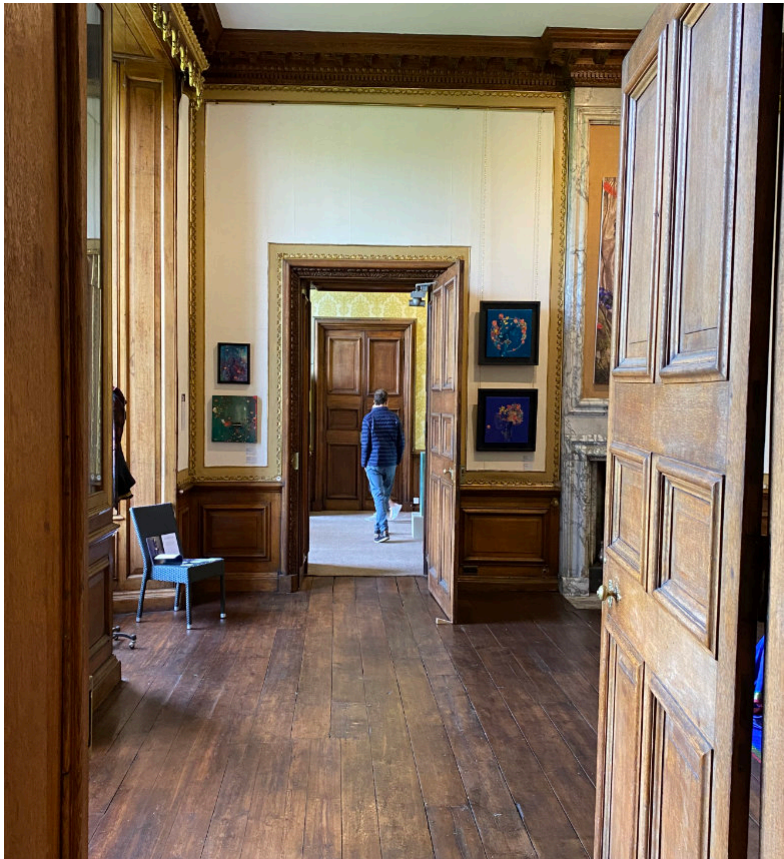
The core of the event is the weekend of the 15th & 16th June 2024. We have an option to include an extra day on Friday 14th and also to add a Private View evening too subject to confirmation. Opening times for the Palace are 10am to 4pm. Setup and Take Down time will also be arranged as required. Access is straightforward with vehicles able to pull upto the front entrance steps.

## **Call to Action**

If you'd like to take part, or think that you would, please note your interest by emailing:

**Philip at [info@scottishfurnituremakers.org.uk](mailto:info@scottishfurnituremakers.org.uk)** with the subject: Dalkeith Palace Note of Interest.

If you could do this before Christmas that would be helpful as we're keen to get an indication of interest as soon as possible.



# Ground Floor

