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GREEN DOOR REACHES 100 (members that is!)

Local artists group celebrates its 100th member

It's official: Green Door now has 100 members! The well-known local artists' co-operative which has worked so hard to overcome the knock-back of February 2010 – when their studio premises on Highgate, Kendal were burnt down – now has the highest membership ever since it was set up 16 years ago.

The latest artist to join is Simon Wood – a printmaker from Water Yeat, Ulverston – who joined at the same time as launching **Impress Originals**, the newest Green Door Collective – a group of independent contemporary printmakers who are connected through their Green Door membership and their use of the Brewery Arts Centre's print studio.

Simon Wood said:

"I'm delighted to be joining Green Door. As a member, it gives me a chance to come together with other artists, to share my enthusiasm for printmaking and to bring the art of printmaking to a wider audience through group exhibitions and other activities."

Green Door's Administrator, Elizabeth Eaton, said:

"Green Door's focus since the fire has been to ensure its relevance – to its members and to its local communities – and collaboration is the key to this success. With new members joining us all the time, this is a good example of artists working together to make the most of their membership, while offering something new to art-lovers in the area."

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The individual members of *Impress Originals* are Jamie Barnes, Sue David, Anne Marie Foster, Laura Sowerby, Frances Winder, Deborah Windsor and Simon Wood; all have expertise and experience in a wide range of printmaking techniques, including linocut, drypoint, etching, collagraph and monoprint and have exhibited their work throughout the region – and you can see their work at the Heron Theatre, Beetham, next Easter. Find out more about *Impress Originals* at: www.facebook.com/ImpressOriginalsUK.

For information on all Green Door artists and how you can join, visit www.greendoor.org.uk.

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Notes to Editors

- For further information, please contact: **Elizabeth Eaton: 07796 273349 / eatoncreative@sky.com**
- **Green Door Studios** is a self-organised, not for profit organisation supported by South Lakeland District Council and committed to making contemporary art accessible to local residents and visitors to the area.
- **The Green Door Story:** Green Door Studios was formed in 1995 by a collective of independent contemporary artists based in Kendal, Cumbria. Green Door has an extended membership of 100 artists drawn from throughout South Lakeland, North Yorkshire and North Lancashire. Over the years, the group has been involved in an enormous number of educational and community projects, run both by the organisation as a whole and by individual members, and Green Door artists have participated in solo and joint exhibitions in major galleries throughout the region, nationally and internationally.

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