



Warner Textile Archive

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## PRESS RELEASE

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### Art in Print: Designs from the Warner Textile Archive

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September until Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014

at Braintree Library

**From inspiring paper designs to intricately printed textiles, the individual pieces held by the Warner Textile Archive in Braintree, Essex, are works of art in their own right.**

Launching at **Braintree Library** this Autumn with the exhibition **Art in Print**, the Warner Textile Archive's new range of prints celebrates the exceptional skill of Warner & Sons' design team from the 1800s, through 30 carefully-selected items from the Archive Collection.

From captivating designs inspired by the intrigue of the orient, to dainty and romantic florals, documents have been faithfully reproduced to retain their original individual charm and character; they illustrate Warner & Sons' eye for compelling design and communicate the strength and longevity of this internationally-important heritage resource.

Art in Print will feature designs from local artists such as Edward Bawden and Edmund Hunter, as well as renowned designers including Vanessa Bell and William Morris. Each work of art in print in itself reflects the creativity and dynamism of Warner & Sons, with the Exhibition coming together to portray the Company, and Braintree, as a leading force in the British textile industry.

**Cllr. Jo Beavis, Braintree District Council Cabinet Member for People and Participation says:** "The unique Collection held by the Warner Textile Archive is a real asset to the people of the Braintree District and beyond. The designs produced by Warner & Sons were ahead of their time and enjoy great relevance today, so it is

hardly surprising that global interest is gravitating around the Collection. Art in Print provides another opportunity to showcase the very best of the Warner Textile Archive, and as both a member of Braintree District Council and a local resident, I look forward to visiting the Exhibition at Braintree Library."

Each design on display in the Library's Dome Gallery will be available to order for prices between £12.50 and £40 (unframed). Each art print is digitally printed in the UK on 180gsm non-woven substrate using water-based inks.



**Summer Belles (1970)**

Hand-painted paper design



**Paper Design 3471 (c.1899)**

Hand-painted paper design



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**Kate Wigley, Archivist and Commercial Manager at the Warner Textile Archive says:** “We are thrilled to be celebrating the District’s important cultural heritage alongside Braintree Library, especially as we continue to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Warner Textile Archive in Braintree. Art in Print provides an excellent opportunity for us to celebrate the wealth of innovative design held in the Archive Collection, and I hope the designs on display will provide inspiration to the local community, including the area’s budding young designers.”

Young visitors to the Exhibition will have the opportunity to create their own work of art, inspired by the designs on display, as part of the **Printing the Future** competition. Winning entrants will have their design professionally printed and framed, and hung in Braintree Library’s Dome Gallery later in the year.

**Susan Capon, Senior Customer Services Assistant at Braintree Library says:** “We are really enthused to be working in partnership with the Warner Textile Archive on the Art in Print project. This is an excellent opportunity to bring art and local history to the community of Braintree. The Library’s Dome Gallery will be a focal point for the Art in Print exhibition, and we will be encouraging children of all ages to take part in the forthcoming competition to create their own design taking inspiration from the Warner Textile Archive collections.”



Seaweed (1885)

Hand-painted watercolour on paper

### Note to editors:

The Warner Textile Archive is a unique design resource highlighting the successes and innovation of Warner & Sons, one of the nation’s great textile companies, from the late 1800s. All commercial projects support the continued conservation of the Archive Collection.

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**Dates:** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September until Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014  
**Venue:** Dome Gallery, Braintree Library, Fairfield Road, Braintree CM7 3YL  
**Opening times:** 9am – 5pm, Monday to Saturday  
**Tickets:** Free entry

### #ArtInPrint

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