



Gallery
Newsletter **JULY 2019**

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Elemental TORRIDON*

With Midsummer come around again and the Festival season getting under way , our Gallery offers a wee bit of calm with a great view ! You can browse in the spacious Gallery areas while drinking in the light on the loch. A place full of inspiration.



Our featured artist this month is Les Bates, whose most recent collection of poetry is titled 'Light Down the Loch'. You can read more about some of his current projects below.

Equinoxal Light Loch Torridon

The Art scene seems pretty vibrant right now across the Highlands . Through June , many of our regular artists collaborated with each other to create other shows from east to west coast including Balmacara, Plockton, Cawdor & Cromarty among others. Here is to more of this sense of community . There are so many wonderful artists & great venues out there.

A new arts magazine – ART NORTH , launched in the Spring, will be available in Torridon soon. Their editors would love to hear from artists in the north.

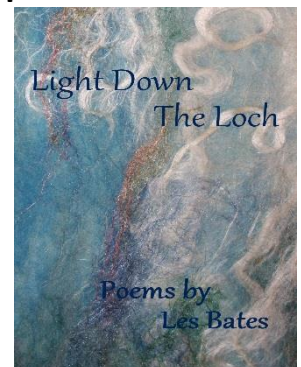
Elemental Torridon...Les Bates works in the Torridon landscape as a gardener, photographer and writer, never quite knowing what will be

of interest on journeys between Fasaig, Inveralligin, Wester Alligin,

Upper and Lower Diabaig. Torridon is a dynamic landscape with its sea

loch, burns, rivers, mountains and sky-scapes.

With a very variable pattern of weather whatever the month of year.



Water plays a significant part in all of these weather systems. It all gives more than ample inspiration for Art work.

His book `Light Down The Loch`, a Collection of poetry, photographs and a story, is available at the Gallery.

Les is currently working on the creation of a DVD. This will contain still photographs & video clips from his Torridon journeys. It will also include Poetry, Prose and soundscapes ~

ELEMENTAL TORRIDON.

He is beginning to create physical installation art work on the plot of land he uses to grow

vegetables, fruit, cut flowers and herbs in Inveralligin. This will include the Gaelic tree

alphabet `Ogham` and woven structures from the willow he also grows at Inveralligin.

Some will know this plot, famed for it's strawberries, where you can harvest your own.



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Reading the mountains story

Ravens encircling,

Ridge and snow field

Engrained text.

My neighbour

Speaks of continuity.

Flow of the dyke

To the buzzard

Perched in a rowan.

Coire Mhic Nobuil waterfall

The Summer Season Exhibition

The Living Land Sea Sky

continues to delight and impress our visitors, so thank you to all our artists who contributed to this.

And just a quick reminder you can meet some of these artists and makers at the next Torridon Thursday Market on 11th July. We hope you can make it.

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Summer

24 March – October 31st

Monday to Saturday

10am – 4pm

Closed Sunday