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## Some rather familiar names will grace the walls of a Tunbridge Wells art gallery this month



Sandra Blow Interaction



Beryl Cook Cruising

## The **Best** of British

OMETHING very exciting about to happen in the art world of Tunbridge Wells. The Bluemoon Gallery has some of the most illustrious names in British contemporary art featuring in its September exhibition. *The Best of British Printmakers* features work by the two of the leading lights of the St Ives School, as well as Beryl Cook who is one of Britain's most popular living artists.

Those familiar with the gallery know that owner and artist-in-residence Iaysha Salih regularly brings fresh new talent together as part of her exhibitions. And with this unique collection of contemporary British masters, her ongoing commitment to present diverse and exciting art to clients and new browsers

won't disappoint.

Sir Terry Frost, member of the Royal Academy, was one of the most celebrated artists in the UK. His passionate use of geometrical shapes and colour took art to new levels. Since his death three years ago, his work has been much sought after and is increasingly difficult to obtain.

Sandra Blow, also RA, is described by the Tate as the 'leading painter of her generation, whose central concerns are abstract form, light, space, texture and rhythm'. Now in her eighties, she recently featured in a BBC TV programme on the Royal Academy's Summer Exhibition. Described there as the 'doyenne of British abstract art', her energy and commitment to her art continue unabated.

Beryl Cook took her early inspiration from her family life and those around her home town of Plymouth. She became famous for her genre painting of large, unpretentious, fun-loving women with a lust for life.

The works exhibited feature both originals and prints. For those new to buying art, prints make an excellent and affordable start to building a collection; and Bluemoon Gallery offers a lay-by option where a piece may be purchased with the option of paying for it over a period of up to six months, without hidden or interest charges.

So art lovers looking simply for pleasure, to broaden their knowledge of art or thinking of starting a collection, should pop along to see this remarkable exhibition at the Bluemoon Gallery for yourself.

The exhibition starts on Saturday 9 September and continues until Saturday 14 October.

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Terry Frost Spanish Dream