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**ARTISTS FOR NATURE FOUNDATION**

**JUBILEE PROJECT**

**'ART FOR THE LOVE OF SARK'**

**ISLE OF SARK, CHANNEL ISLANDS 4th-16th MAY 2011**

***The international non-profit organisation Artists for Nature Foundation (ANF) founded in The Netherlands in 1990, have chosen the beautiful and car-free Channel Island of Sark as the location for their fifteenth project.***

***The ANF are an effective and stimulating organisation who draw the attention of policy-formulators and decision-makers to the natural world by enabling groups of international influential and talented artists to capture the spirit of endangered landscapes and species in their natural habitat through art.***

Sarkee and artist Rosanne Guille (a graduate of the Royal College of Art) has been working with the ANF planning and fund raising for a project which will bring a group of fifteen of the best wildlife and landscape artists in the world to draw, paint and sculpt in Sark between 4th and 16th May 2011. The artists will come from as far afield as the USA, Germany, the Netherlands, Scotland, Wales and England to record their impressions of this very special island.

'Art for the Love of Sark' will involve the artists recording all aspects of the island *en plein air*, from its rich and unspoilt landscapes and natural history to the unique way of life and community. The ANF have shown over their 20 year history that by using art to focus people's attention, they can make a real difference to the conservation of the places they portray, and that human 'progress' is not always a necessity.

BBC Wildlife Magazine are giving the ANF Sark team an exclusive opportunity to blog on their website and post a 'living art gallery' of work to [www.discoverwildlife.com](http://www.discoverwildlife.com) which is currently ranked fourth in a Google search for 'wildlife.' A radio producer will be accompanying the artists and through daily interviews with the artists and the residents of Sark, it is hoped that a programme will be aired on BBC radio 4 describing the unique way of life on the island, and documenting people's opinions and hopes for the future.

There will be public showings of the work during their stay and some of the artists will work with the Sark School children encouraging their interest in art and nature. As with other ANF projects around the world, it is the intention that there will be sufficient funding for a project book of the artists work to be published, and a travelling exhibition and film to raise awareness of what a special though fragile island Sark is.

**The artists will be staying at Stocks Hotel where there will be a final exhibition of their work on Saturday 14th May in the Cider Press room from 8 pm. Public and press are very welcome to attend.**

**For further information about 'Art for the love of Sark'**

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