

UK Reef e-Newsletter Edition 03

Exhibition countdown!

Margaret and Christine Wertheim of the Institute For Figuring are now in London installing their Hyperbolic Crochet Coral Reef in the Hayward Project Space, ready for the exhibition opening. The work is spectacular - it is going to be a fantastic exhibition. Along with the UK Reef in the Royal Festival Hall, it opens to the public on 11th June until 17th August.



The extra-special UK Reef

We've had a big challenge figuring out how to display your fantastic contributions to the UK Reef in the Royal Festival Hall. Until we discovered these curious 'reef balls' that are used in coral reef conservation. They will be a great way of displaying the amazing range of coral forms in the UK Reef. Real reef balls are made from concrete, so we are making a number of much lighter replicas of different sizes. We are urgently **looking for volunteers** to help arrange and attach the coral forms to the Reef balls. If you are available on the **5th, 6th or 7th June** please email ukreef@southbankcentre.co



Keep contributing

Although the deadline has passed to get your name in the exhibition, the UK Reef will continue to grow while it is on display. So please keep your contributions coming in, if you have a new idea or have really caught the Hyperbolic Crochet bug. Please email ukreef@southbankcentre.co.uk for a contribution form.

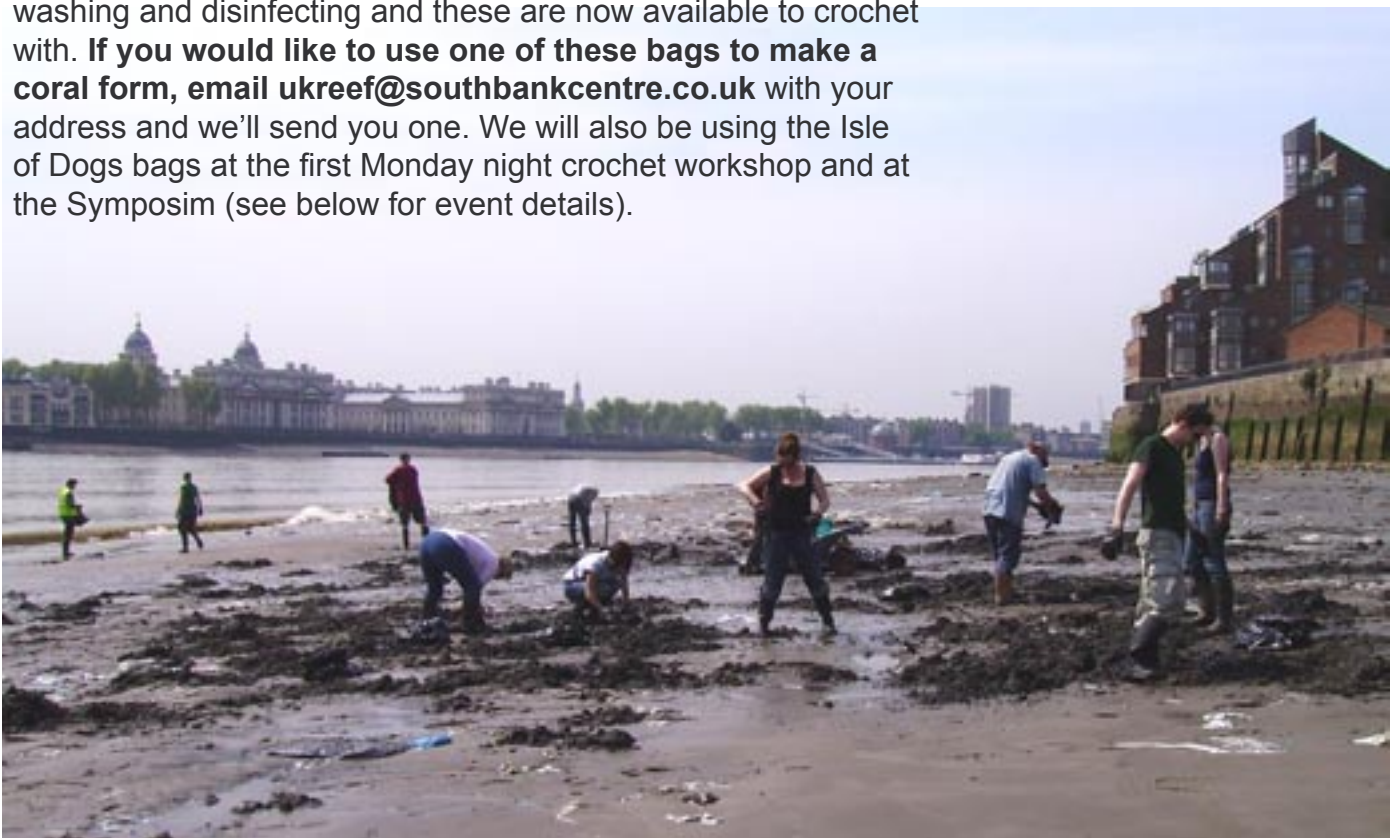
Celebrate the UK Reef



On **21st June 12-3 pm** there is a marvellous free event at the Royal Festival Hall that we are calling **The Crochet Jam**. This is a chance for crochet enthusiasts of all levels of experience to come together in the the Clore Ballroom at the Festival Hall for a mass crochet effort. The event will be compered by writer and entertainer Amy Lamè, along with Gerard from I Knit London - and will feature a special bill of music, quizzes and crocheting. Following this event there will be a reception for UK Reef contributors to celebrate the exhibition and to thank you for your contributions. If you have sent us a contribution form with your work you will get an invitation to the reception, but everyone - friends, family, colleagues - are welcome to come to the Crochet Jam. We hope to see you there!

Isle of Dogs reef

A couple of weeks ago we joined our friends at Thames 21, and around 20 volunteers, on the Thames foreshore at the Isle of Dogs. On a very hot day we pulled a huge number of plastic bags from one of the most badly littered areas of the Thames. Some of these bags were taken away by Thames 21 for washing and disinfecting and these are now available to crochet with. **If you would like to use one of these bags to make a coral form, email ukreef@southbankcentre.co.uk with your address and we'll send you one.** We will also be using the Isle of Dogs bags at the first Monday night crochet workshop and at the Symposim (see below for event details).



Symposium: The Art and Craft of Saving the World

A special symposium at Southbank Centre will coincide with the opening of the Hyperbolic Crochet Coral Reef in London. On Friday 13th June 2008, 10am to 3pm, join leading international craft specialists and environmental experts in discussions and workshops exploring the relationships between craft and climate change, science and mathematics.

Welcome address by **Jude Kelly**, artistic director Southbank Centre.

Chaired by artist and curator **Janis Jefferies** and **Marcus du Sautoy**, one of the UK's leading scientists and celebrated authors.

Keynote address by Margaret and Christine Wertheim of the **Institute For Figuring**.

Further speakers include:

World-renowned underwater sculptor **Jason de Caires Taylor**;

Rosy Greenlees, Crafts Council;

Clare Twomey of Cape Farewell and Eden Project;

Rachael Matthews of Cast Off;

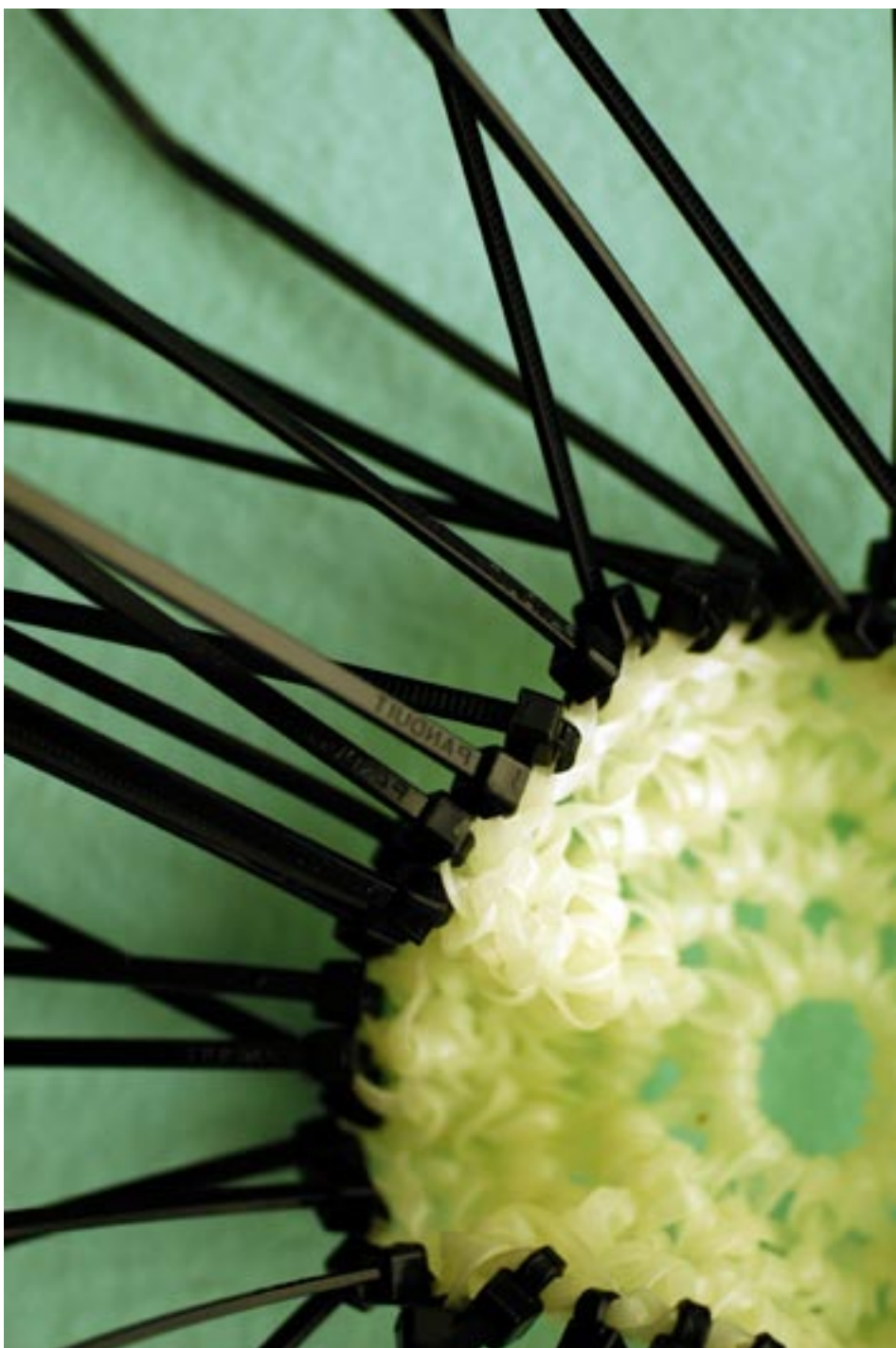
Inga Hamilton, fibre artist;

Dr Mark Miodownik, founder of the Materials Library;

Bridget Nichols ecology writer and director of Festival;

and New York based mathematician **Daina Taimina**.

Special offer: 50 % for UK Reef contributors and newsletter subscribers. Get your symposium tickets for only £10 by emailing ukreef@southbankcentre.co.uk to book your place.





Workshops

From 16th June we are running weekly crochet workshops on Monday evenings, 5.30 to 7.30pm in the Royal Festival Hall. Join us and meet fellow crocheters, discover new techniques and help make the UK Reef even more of a sight to behold. Workshop schedule:

Date	Place	Run by...
June 16	Sunley Pavilion, Royal Festival Hall Level 3	Rachael and Louise from Prick Your Finger
June 23	Blue Room, Royal Festival Hall Level 1	Bee Clinch from Loop
June 30	Sunley Pavilion, Royal Festival Hall Level 3	Rachael and Louise from Prick Your Finger
July 7	Sunley Pavilion, Royal Festival Hall Level 3	Barley Massey from Fabrications
July 14	Blue Bar, Royal Festival Hall Level 4	Gerard from I Knit London
July 21	Sunley Pavilion, Royal Festival Hall Level 3	Bee Clinch from Loop
July 28	Sunley Pavilion, Royal Festival Hall Level 3	Gerard from I Knit London

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