

NEWS RELEASE

ONETREE

Tuesday 25 June – Sunday 1 September 2002

Onetree is a unique exhibition which aims to demonstrate the value of our woodlands by making maximum creative use of a single oak.

In November 1998 a single large oak was felled in the National Trust estate of Tatton Park in Cheshire. All parts including branches, bark and sawdust were saved and distributed to 75 carefully selected artists, designers and makers across Britain, including woodworkers Alan Peters, Richard La Trobe-Bateman, Andrew Varah and Anthony Bryant; artists David Mach, Lee Brewster and Lois Walpole and writer Joan Poulson.

The finished work and the waste products have been reunited for this exhibition which traces the life cycle of the tree from the planting of an acorn to the pieces on display. Products include a variety of indoor and outdoor furniture, woodcarvings, woodturnings, sculpture, jewellery and wood-fired ceramics.

The *Onetree* project has been designed to have an impact on three levels: artistic, environmental and educational. It aims to:

- raise public awareness of the value of trees as a resource
- promote the arts and crafts in Britain
- show the unique beauty and versatility of wood
- raise funds for tree planting projects

Onetree has been co-ordinated by Peter Toaig and Garry Olson, furniture designer/makers working in native timber. The accompanying book records the entire project and includes beautiful photographs by Robert Walker. Further information on the project is available on www.onetree.org.uk.

For transparencies, please contact Nancy Loader, Press and PR Officer, on 020 7739 9893 or nloader@geffrye-museum.org.uk.

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Notes to Editors

1. The exhibition will be accompanied by a public programme of activities and events (details to be confirmed).
2. The Geffrye specialises in the domestic interiors and furniture of the urban middle-classes. Its displays span from 1600 to 2000, forming a sequence of period rooms which capture the quintessential nature of English interior style. The museum is set in the former almshouses of the Ironmongers' Company, elegant 18th century buildings surrounded by tranquil gardens, in Shoreditch, East London.
3. The Geffrye Museum is an independent charitable trust, grant-aided by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport. The Trust actively seeks to attract donations and corporate sponsorship to support the museum's services and development plans.

4. Admission: FREE

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Opening Hours: Open Tuesday - Saturday 10am - 5pm
Sundays & Bank Holidays 12 - 5pm
Closed Mondays (unless Bank Holiday)

Travel: Buses 149, 242, 243 or 67
Tube Liverpool St, then bus 149 or 242
Old St (exit 2), then bus 243