



CHRISTIAN FUNNELL

"I've always thought it was important to interact physically with the sea," says Newhaven-based sculptor Christian Funnell. "I regularly go windsurfing, especially in the winter. I find that afterwards I'm always in a really good state of mind to think about sculpture." Although the majority of his work tends to be large-scale public and private commissions, Christian's smaller pieces are on view for the month of May in the rambling garden of his house, which is transformed into an open-air gallery. Here, decorative items such as braziers, planters and sound sculptures, crafted from steel, aluminium and wood, are found lurking among the greenery, while indoors the work of other artists and craftspeople can be seen throughout the house.

● Christian Funnell (07799 883300, www.christianfunnell.com). Prices from £30-£2,000. His work can be seen at The Old Forge, South Heighton, on the Newhaven Art Trail.



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT

Christian's garden lighting featuring scallop and mussel shells; his small garden shed is topped off with a roof of pressed metal shells; Christian's sound sculpture Dark Matter generates a sound similar to ropes knocking together; Kate's delicate pieces combine driftwood and strands of glass beads; Flo Snook; Flo's hand-stitched canvases feature images from sketchbooks that she has kept since she was a teenager

