

Special Interest Morning

Mexican Art & Culture - Ancient & Modern

When:
10am 28th August 2023

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The Newcastle Club, 40 Newcomen Street, Newcastle
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The great cities of the Maya, the Aztecs, the Zapotec and the Mixtec were peopled by muralists, sculptors in stone, ceramic artists, feather- and gold-workers, jewellers, weavers, and painters of sacred books.

Colonisation brought Christianity to Mexico: exquisite churches and vast cathedrals were built to celebrate the new faith. The Colonial period also saw the introduction of materials such as wool and silk, an increased emphasis on embroidery, and new techniques such as treadle-loom weaving and beadwork. Today visual culture remains an essential part of Mexican life. Folk-artists create splendid weavings, rich embroideries, shimmering beadwork, fine pottery, and jewellery of silver and gold.

Modern Mexicans celebrate a vast range of festivals. Importantly, many fiestas still feature dances with elaborate dance-masks and richly embellished costumes made by specialists.



The Lecturer: CHLOE SAYER

Chloe Sayer is an independent scholar, author and curator, specialising in the art and culture of Latin America. A fluent Spanish-speaker, she has spent many years researching ancient traditions and contemporary craft skills. In 2016 the Mexican Government awarded her the prestigious Ohtli medal to thank her for her long-standing commitment to Mexican culture.



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