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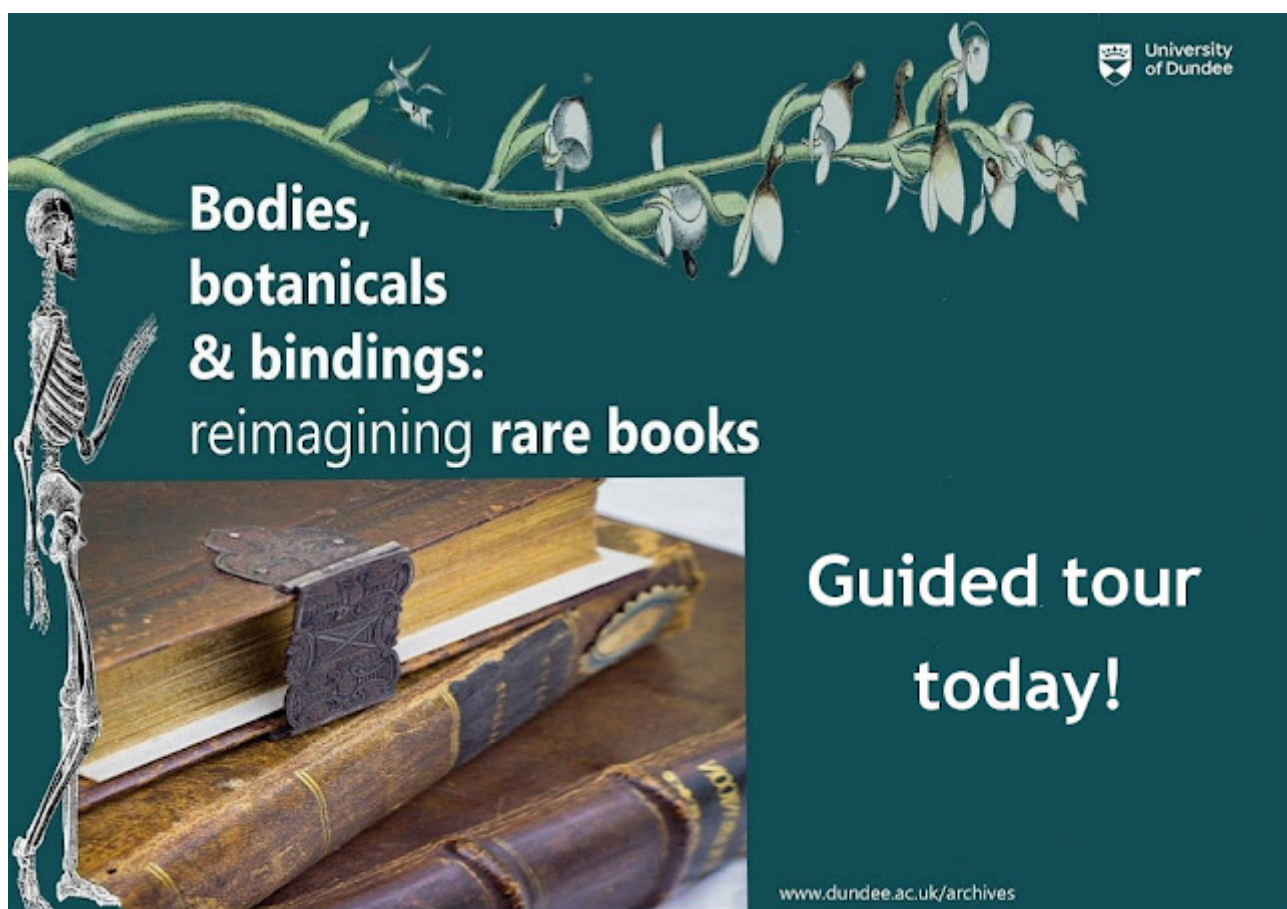
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Guided Tour of Bodies, Botanicals and Bindings: Reimagining Rare Books



From the Curator of Museum Services at the University of Dundee :

Join the exhibition's creators today at 1pm for a special guided tour in the Lamb Gallery.

Curated by Archive Services, the show brings together some of the beautiful rare books in the University's collections and work by artists and writers who have been inspired by the stories, annotations, typefaces, bindings, and materials which make up the books.

Taking inspiration from the remarkable collections which date from the 15th century onwards the artists have created jewellery, etchings, drawings,

ceramics, tattoo designs and creative writing.

The tour will explain the history and composition of the books and will include a chance to chat to some of the artists and writers who have contributed to the exhibition.

Meet in the Lamb Gallery, Tower Building, University of Dundee at 1pm today.

Free admission – no need to book.

[Weekly Road Report – West End Ward](#) [#dundeewestend](#)



DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL – WEEKLY ROAD REPORT

REPORT FOR WEST END WARD – WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 25 MARCH 2019

Perth Road (Hyndford Street to Blackness Avenue) – off-peak temporary traffic lights and lane closures from Thursday 28 to Saturday 30 March for BT work.

Forthcoming Roadworks

Glamis Drive – Invergowrie Drive to Hillside Road (Phase 1) and Hillside Road to Glamis Road (Phase 2) – closed in phases as stated for Monday 15 April for 2 weeks for footway resurfacing works. Only one phase closed at any one time.

[Blether Tay-Gither – Storytelling in Dundee](#)



From [Blether Tay-Gither](#) :

Our March meeting will be on Tuesday 26th March at 7pm at The Bach, 31 Meadowside.

Join us at Blether Tay-Gither this month to remember and celebrate the life of Fiona MacLeod.

Fiona was originally from Perthshire, spent some of her childhood in Ireland and had lived for many years in Brittany, she regularly returned to Scotland to tell her tales and was Blether's guest just last October aboard the Frigate Unicorn for the Scottish International Storytelling Festival, where some of us heard her for the first time and saw what a lively and vibrant teller she was.

Come along to the Bach to hear some tales and to share some stories from the places she lived, or memories of Fiona. All are welcome to join in and you may just wish to listen. Hot drinks and cakes are available in the welcoming and unique environment of the Bach.

There's a suggested Donation £3 and we hope to see you there.