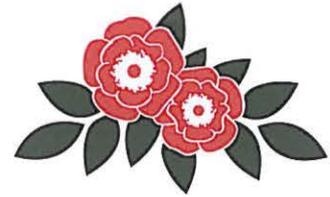


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## Students with designs on the future

With graduation in sight, art, design and technology students at the University of Central Lancashire have been busy getting ready for a final display of their work, at the end of year Degree Show.

In Arts Week 2002, there will be a stunning collection of art, fine art, fashion design, graphic design and 3D design (including ceramics, jewellery, tableware and sculpture), much of which has been created by students from the north west.

The students themselves will be on hand to discuss and explain their pieces, hoping to attract interest from potential employers and sponsors as well as the public, who are welcome to attend.

Preston designer Bernie Blackburn, who studied as a mature student on the furniture design course, has produced a range of furniture and lighting based on the idea of using double-glazed units, similar to those used in windows. Sealed within the units are 'decorative' objects, giving each piece of furniture its own 'theme'. Bernie, 36, from Lea has used the ideas gained from his former life, when he worked as a signwriter and also had his own stained glass business.

Bernie's designs, along with a range of others, equally interesting and unique, can be viewed up to Saturday 15 June in the Victoria and Hanover Buildings, at the University of Central Lancashire. The Exhibitions are open from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm daily and until 7.00 pm on 11/12/13 June. For further information, please contact 01772 893164 or visit the website at [www.uclan.ac.uk](http://www.uclan.ac.uk)

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Note: For more information about Bernie Blackburn and his designs, please contact Pamela Culley, Media Office on tel: 01772 892486