

Exhibitions

Sekers Objects



Sunday 2 February - Thursday 27 February • FREE
Tuesday - Sunday 11-4pm

Since 2023, Handpicked productions have been busy working on their National Lottery Heritage Fund funded project, Sekers Objects. With your help they've looked under beds, peeked in sheds and scoured mantle pieces, collecting objects that tell the stories of Sekers Fabric, the iconic design and fabric manufacturer that was the beating heart of the West Cumbrian community for so long.

In February 2025, you are invited to join them at Rosehill and step into the world of Sekers, as they bring a collection of objects and artefacts together for the first time.

The exhibition is staged at Rosehill, the theatre that was created by the founder of Sekers - Sir Nicholas 'Miki' Sekers, as a beacon of culture for his employees and the wider community. It transforms the theatre into a 'sample book' and takes you on a journey through the timeline of this pioneer in fabric design and manufacturing, sharing the objects and stories that mean so much to the local community.

Hear from the people who worked there and see the objects that have moved down the generations. Glimpse into the glamorous world of Sekers 'at home' and meet some of the figures, like Miki Sekers and Bill Hamilton, who were the visionaries behind Sekers Fabric for much of the twentieth century.

SEKERS OBJECTS EVENTS

Sekers Sewing Circles Cinema

Join us as we gather in Rosehill's unique auditorium for a celebration of sisterhood and the crafts we pass down through generations. With softened lights, you'll be able to enjoy the films while focusing on your own creations and the crafts being made around you.

Bring your sewing, knitting, crochet, and enjoy creating in the company of others as the films that all star Sekers fabric play.

My Fair Lady • Sunday 2 February • 2pm

The Red Shoes • Sunday 8 February • 2pm

The Inn of the Sixth Happiness • Sunday 16 February • 2pm

Sekers Fabric sales

Saturday 8, 15 & 22 February • 10am - 4pm

The factory fabric sales were legendary, and we are hugely grateful to Sekers Fabric for supplying the reams of material that you will be able to purchase at these pop-up sales.

Sekers Objects: Sum Art To Do

Wednesday 19 February • 1pm - 3pm

Families are invited to explore the exhibition, take part in activities and games from the activity station, then have a go at weaving using Sekers fabric.

Sekers Cinema

Withnail and I • Friday 21 February • 7.30pm

A film woven into Cumbrian heritage, Withnail and I famously used Penrith as one of its locations. But did you know that Uncle Monty's house was actually the home of Professor Bernard Nevill? The drawing room in the film was upholstered in a fabric Nevill himself designed for Sekers Fabrics, part of the renowned Country House Collection.

Come and relax with a 'rhesus negative Bloody Mary' and enjoy this cult classic.

All events are free to book. Donations are welcome with all proceeds going to Rosehill.

