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## HEARTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD COME TO PURBECK

### Swanage Photographer Launches Book at his Fourth Art Week Show

Lots of photographers are a bit obsessive about their cameras, but not many confess to being obsessed by one shape. Paul Angel is a bit different to most. Since 2004 he's been photographing graffiti lovehearts and the places where he finds them. He's produced over 350 unique artworks to date, making up his ongoing love | landscape project.

A selection of international and Dorset based images will be on show during Purbeck Art Week 2009 along with a 120 page book of examples from around the UK.

The project includes a large number of photographs taken in Florence, Paris, Venice, Barcelona and elsewhere in Europe, and in October last year Paul flew to New York to spend a week photographing lovehearts in the Big Apple.

"I have lots of plans for this project," Paul told us, "the new book is just one of them. Going to New York has given me a real boost and the inspiration to look at the same subject a little differently. I'm really excited about the book, which should be ready just in time. The proof copy looks fantastic!"

Paul lives in Swanage and this will be the fourth year he has opened his house to the public to show his latest work. He often finds hearts on the beach near his home, and enjoys photographing in the English landscape just as much as in big cities around the world.

"It takes a while to get the buzz of the city out of my head, but the Purbeck landscape is the perfect antidote," he says. "Because I work outside in the landscape or on the street, I don't have a studio people can visit, so it's great to be able to fill my house with pictures and to talk to people about them." He says that it's really important to him to know what people think and so far all the feedback he receives has been really positive. "Some people think I'm a bit bonkers going to such effort to collect all these hearts, but I hope when people see them together they can see what it is about them that makes me do it."

As well as images from Dorset, Paul will be showing some of his work from New York during Purbeck Art Week which runs from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2009. Information is available from galleries and Tourist Information Centres and at [www.purbeckartweek.co.uk](http://www.purbeckartweek.co.uk)

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