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Craven Dunnill Jackfield Fêted by City for Kew Gardens Project

Craven Dunnill Jackfield's exceptional workmanship has been recognised by the prestigious Worshipful Company of Tylers and Bricklayers, which has awarded its 2011 Triennial Awards for Wall & Floor Tiling to the Marianne North Gallery at The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. Praised by the jury for "the near perfect reproduction of a Victorian geometric unglazed tile floor", Craven Dunnill Jackfield attended the award luncheon at the Carpenters' Hall on 13th July to share the accolade with Wilson & Wylie Contracts Ltd, which installed the Jackfield made floor.

The Marianne North Gallery is approximately 14.5m long by 6.5m wide and the award winning floor involved the production of over 22,000 tiles, with each square metre made up of over 200 tiles using octagons, hexagons, pentagons, squares, triangles, parallelograms and oblong slips. Precision in manufacture and then in laying the floor was of paramount importance, in order to ensure the design would fit and sit centrally in the room. Craven Dunnill Jackfield was responsible for producing all the detailed working drawings and the labour intensive manufacture of the specialist tiles, including the hand-cutting of some 6,500 border tiles.

The Worshipful Company of Tylers and Bricklayers is one of the historic Livery Companies of the City of London; it dates from 1416 and received its first Royal Charter in 1568.

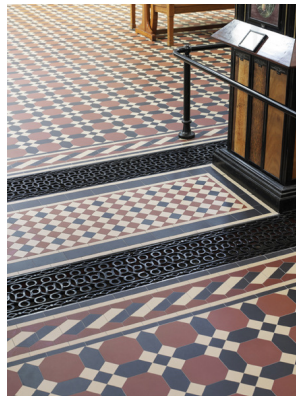
Jonathan Farley, Senior Conservator at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew says: "Restoring and conserving the Marianne North Gallery was one of the highlights of Kew's 250th anniversary year. One of the most striking changes which visitors will notice is the historic tiled floor. The complex design was masterfully reconstructed by the team from Craven Dunnill Jackfield from a hazy photo and a few tiles, and its restoration has transformed the Gallery. It is a delight to finally walk into the Gallery and see it as Marianne North would have done over 100 years ago."

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Images attached:

The award winning tiled floor at The Marianne North Gallery, RHS Kew made by Craven Dunnill Jackfield

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