

Archibald Knox

He was born in Douglas in 1864 and was famous for creating beautiful jewellery designs for a fashion house called Liberty. They are a well known London department store, who still exist today, and are well known for their clothing and printed fabrics.

After attending Douglas Grammar school, Knox went to the newly opened Douglas School of Art and developed a lifelong interest in Art Nouveau, modernism and Celtic Art. He found inspiration from the carved Celtic and Norse stone crosses found on the Isle of Man. His work includes teapots, jewellery, boxes and gravestones.

He often said,

"Art is in everything if we choose to put it there."

Knox became an Art Teacher in London and spent some time in the USA. During the war he returned the Island to censor letters from the detainees. After the war he stayed on the island and taught in local schools util he died in 1933.