

Press Release

A Festival of Colour - Winter Exhibition

8th November – 3rd December 2011

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A large exhibition of work by over 40 artists, including paintings, ceramics, sculpture, textiles, jewellery and stained glass. Our gallery has been enlarged, and we are celebrating with new artists and vibrant colour to brighten a winter's day!

Paintings:

Freya Douglas Morris exhibited in the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition this year; Judith Gardener, Colin Moore and Jeffrey Courtney dazzled the crowds with their paintings at the 'Art in Action' Oxford show in July. Other new painters are Chris Bennett (figurative/ dream-like and mysterious images), June Harvey (colourful pastels of French street scenes), Thomas Hassman (still lifes with food reminiscent of 1950's cookery books), Colin Moore (colourful linocuts of coastal scenes), Jeffery Courtney (richly coloured, tapestry-like, oil-painted still lifes) and Annie Williams (delicate etchings showing pottery, often made by her sister, Sophia Hughes). Representing our faithful stable of local artists are painters Karen Brighton (tiny figures in urban townscapes), Caroline Griffin, beautiful, loosely painted still lifes – and Julie de Bastion- semi-abstract landscapes.

Ceramics:

We have very colourful ceramics by John Pollex, Mary Rich, Françoise Dufayard and Richard Godfrey; sculptural pieces by Elaine Hind, Paul Smith, Lit Smith (no relation!) and Emily Myers. Local ceramicists Lucy Crisp, Usha Khosla and Moira Osborne are also showing new work.

Sculpture & Furniture:

Brendan Hesmondhalgh whose demonstration and talk was very well received in the summer is showing his animal pieces, Steve Willock presents his reclaimed oak framed mirrors (using old fence posts and barn doors); Richard Fox – new to the gallery – has exciting, architectural abstract sculptures in wood.

Jewellery, Stained Glass and Textiles:

Two new jewellers are exhibiting gold and silver: Karen Dell'Armi and Katherine Campbell-Legg. Local jeweller, Penny Gildea will show jewellery and small objects in silver and enamel. Leamington based textile artist, Bren Boardman has atmospheric lamps and wallhangings. Tamsin Abbot (see picture) and Frans Wesselman are showing stained glass panels.

The Courtyard:

Some pieces will be displayed in our Elizabethan cobbled courtyard – iron work by David Freedman (decorative chairs and benches), slate and glass tables and stools by Helen Nock and colourful ceramics by Sinclair Taylor.

In-house Artists

Artists-in-Residence Carey Moon, Jayne Lucas and Gerry Rooney are exhibiting: colourful painted porcelain by Carey, earthy paperclay vessels and wall pieces by Jayne and textile wall pieces by Gerry.



'March Hares' stained glass panel, 8" X 11" by Tamsin Abbott



'Ravel in G II' Sycamore and earth pigment paint (sealed in resin) 670 high x 750 x 400 by Richard Fox