

THE MULBERRY TREE GALLERY

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Mulberry Tree News

As the seasons change and we move from the beautiful autumn sunshine to the cooler days of winter, thoughts turn to Christmas - full of excitement, colour, hustle and bustle! The gallery has been busy over the last few months and we're now preparing for the Christmas Season - always with our customers in mind!



Rebecca Lardner - Coastal Curves
© De Montfort Fine Art

Rebecca Lardner was awarded "Best New Artist 2008" and sales of her work have rocketed in the last few months. Her new autumn collection, released in October, has proved hugely popular with 2 pieces already sold out.

The Mulberry Tree Website was a finalist in this year's Art and Framing Industry Awards, wonderful recognition for a small independent retailer. The website is a great way to keep in contact with news and events at the Gallery as well as having a comprehensive web shop where you can buy securely on-line.



Michael Kidd - Fishing Pier on the Gironde
© Senecio Editions

The gallery continues to expand the range of its limited edition prints and now stocks work by Ron Bolt, Michael Kidd, Simon Garden, John Lines, Andrew Macara, Laurie Plant, Gary Bunt, Anna Pugh, Hazel Soan and Debbie Urquhart.

Would you use an unqualified Doctor, Solicitor or Accountant?

Of course you wouldn't.

Then why use an unqualified Picture Framer?

Framing News

We have some great news - both Steve and James have passed their framing exams to become the only **Guild Commended Framers** in the local area - congratulations!

What is a Guild Commended Framer?

A Guild Commended Framer has proven their ability to frame to the high standard set by the Fine Art Trade Guild. Passing the test confirms their skills and abilities and gives them a reputable standing in the industry.



What is the Fine Art Trade Guild?

The Fine Art Trade Guild is the international trade association established in 1910 with objectives to inform, promote and develop the art and framing industry. The Guild is responsible for trade standards and qualifications, including the GCF programme.



Why a Guild Commended Framer?

The GCF programme is internationally recognised as the qualification for the framing industry. It confirms Steve and James' abilities to our customers, as well as enhancing their own standing with the industry. Worldwide there are only 1039 GCF framers and 17 in Dorset.

So why choose The Mulberry Tree Gallery for your framing?

Real professional framers are hard to find. The Mulberry Tree Gallery, has been framing since the 1980s and in that time it has built up an enviable

reputation for picture framing excellence.

We provide a professional top quality service for your artwork including: watercolours, oils, etchings, mirrors, prints, posters, photographs, pastels, fabrics, needlework, papyrus, memorabilia including sports shirts.

Framing Website

The gallery is launching a new website solely for framing. It will give you more information about how and what we frame as well as more detailed info regarding the different levels of framing you can do with us. It will go live at the start of December.

www.mulberrytreeframing.co.uk

20% off all framing orders placed in November

STAY IN TOUCH - have you moved or changed your email address recently?

Please let us know by e-mail (info@mulberrytreegallery.co.uk), or phone so that we can keep you informed

NEW ARTWORK

ORIGINAL ARTWORK

Michael Sole

When Michael walked through the doors of the gallery with his 5ft by 4ft oil of Durdle Door we knew we had struck gold!



Durdle Door
Copyright Michael Sole

His powerful images of the Jurassic Coast are a revelation.

Michael trained at Wimbledon College of Art where in 2005 he gained a BA Hons degree in Fine Art; Painting

In Michael's own words:

"My interest in the natural coastline and the relationship between the sky, sea and land has been a prominent part of my work for the last 3 years. I have explored this subject through painting with many techniques of layering, using mixed media and developing a paint process. Before working with oils I used watercolour but I felt this could not capture the overbearing atmosphere of this subject.



Chapman's Pool
© Michael Sole

Two summers ago I produced a series of paintings that hopefully encompassed the atmosphere and changing beauty this coast is famous for. That body of work was evidence of one journey, a journey that enabled me to witness and become involved physically in the environment of the Jurassic Coast. The walk lasted four days, sleeping on beaches and enjoying a simple diet of porridge and rice.

Photographs were taken and a journal was written to document the expedition.

I am currently working towards another series of seascapes that explore paint and the act of painting as a process. Through these processes and certain techniques I hope to capture the power and atmosphere of the sea as well as develop, using paint, the relationship the land, the sea and the sky has with one another. As usual I have



Kimmeridge
© Michael Sole

placed myself into the environment drawing and gaining visual research and inspiration to produce the work.

Michael will be producing new work for the gallery's **"Coast" Exhibition** in December.

Collette Fowler-Marson

Colette is based in Dorset and was born and brought up in a farming community surrounded by animals, so it's no surprise that they became the inspirational subject of her artwork

Working primarily in pastels her main subjects are equine, canine and farm animals. Most of Colette's work is commission based and new commissions for animal portraits are always welcome.



Down to the Wire
© Collette Fowler-Marson

Colette enjoys the challenge of capturing the personality of an

animal and 'bringing it to life' in the picture.

Finding an unusual angle or perspective in her portraits keeps the work fresh and eye-catching.

Tracey McKenna

Tracy was born in Cyprus in 1971 and grew up in Lancashire.

After living in France for a while she returned to the UK and took a teaching post at a school in the Purbeck area where she has now decided to settle with her family.

Tracy's work is quite distinctive, almost graphical in style with an element of fun.



Big Nipper
© Tracy McKenna

"I enjoy painting sea life, it's so alien, lots of weird and interesting details to capture! I work mainly in gouache and I like to layer my work with different media to give it another dimension."

Other Artists

Don't forget that we usually have in stock original work by Ges Wilson, Bev Miller, Sasha Harding, Sophie Harding, Dan Aldridge, Antonia Phillips, Paul Angel, Ben Spurling, Paul Schilling, Paul Liggins, John Dimech, Sarah Ross-Thompson, Emma Pickering, Yasmin Seaman and Janine Drayson

Sasha Harding

The gallery has commissioned Sasha to paint **8** new images influenced by the Purbeck landscape.

A limited edition print of 1 of these will also be available

They will be on sale for our Summer Exhibition in **August 2009**

CHRISTMAS SEASON

Christmas



As usual we have a wide range of designer and art based gifts for the Christmas Season this year. If you just want to come and look and enjoy a mug of mulled cider with us then please join us!

Christmas Cards

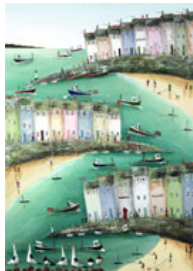


The gallery is keen to support charities at this time of year and has chosen a selection of cards where a proportion of the money goes to charities.

We are also offering a selection of local Christmas cards from Janine Drayson and Paul Schilling.

Artwork

Gallery favourites from **Rebecca Lardner**, **Sasha Harding** and **Louise Braithwaite** make a unique gift and they can be purchased from the



Rebecca Lardner
On the Waterfront II
©De Montfort Fine Art

comfort of your own arm-chair by ordering online at our web shop. How about getting the picture framed as well and using our 20% off framing offer.

For that really special gift, what about buying an original piece of artwork.

Our Winter Exhibition - "Coast"



Swanage Beach
©Ben Spurling

offers a variety of interpretations of the coastal landscape from popular local artists Ben Spurling and Jane Colquhoun and our new

artist Michael Sole.

Emma Bridgewater Pottery

We are really pleased to introduce the popular range of Emma Bridgewater pottery.



Emma Bridgewater is fast becoming one the UK's most popular ranges and her work is often shown in designer magazines. We will be stocking her heart, polka dot, black toast and other ranges. We will also able order individual items for customers from the full range of products that Emma Bridgewater offers.

Poppy Treffry

Poppy's work has proven to be a great hit over the summer and we are delighted to offer a wider range for the Christmas Season. All of Poppy's work is individually made by hand and they make the most fantastic, unique gifts. Prices range from £15 to £75



ECP Designs

The ever popular ECP range of products will be in stock including the tall thin jugs and vases in new designs - these make a lovely gift for the ladies in your life, whether it's your mum, gran, sister or mother-in-law. Prices for the ECP Designs range between £12.50 to £55.



Dartington Pottery

We continue to stock, one off and limited edition pieces by the famous potters and ceramicists of



© Petra Tilley

Dartington. New pieces by Petra Tilley, Ava Murray and others are now available and would make a wonderful special gift.

Nkuku and Papuro

We stock the ever popular hand-made Italian leather journals, photo albums and diaries from Papuro. This range comes in the most gorgeous contemporary and traditional colours and feel wonderfully luxurious in your hands. The larger items come in their own fleece-lined bags and they make great gifts.



The Nkuku range offers fantastic value for money on journals, photo albums and the ready made frames - ranging in price from £15 to £50



Thomas Kent Clocks

These continue to be popular gifts. We stock a whole range of sizes and designs and these range in price from £20 to £85



THOMAS KENT

Stuck for a Christmas Gift

We know how hard it can be sometimes to find just the right thing, so how about giving a gift voucher for "The Mulberry Tree Gallery" this Christmas.

Vouchers are available from £10.00 and can be used to purchase anything in the gallery

EXHIBITION NEWS

COAST EXHIBITION - 5th - 17th DECEMBER 2008

Our winter exhibition "Coast" brings together a number of well known local artists who find their inspiration from the wonderful Dorset coastline.



Jane Colquhoun

Cathy Veale

Michael Sole

Ben Spurling

Anne-Marie Kelly

Bev Miller

- **Jane Colquhoun's** textiles range from playful images of life on the coast to more abstract images which take their inspiration from Purbeck and evoke a strong and powerful image of our rugged coastline. Jane's work is hugely popular and will make an unusual addition to your art collection. Prices for Jane's work range from £95 to £200.
- **Cathy Veale's** work is well known locally and she is a very successful artist with a loyal following. This will be the first time that the gallery has exhibited Cathy's work and we looking forward to working together with Cathy in the coming months. Prices for Cathy's work range from £350 to £600
- **Michael Sole** is a new artist to the gallery and we are delighted to be representing him here at The Mulberry Tree. His large canvases of the Jurassic Coastline are immensely powerful. Prices for Michael's work range from £500 to £3000
- **Ben Spurling** is a young artist that has been with the us since we started and has successfully sold his originals through the gallery. Ben's work is becoming very collectable and a number of his pieces have found their way to the USA and Europe as well as more locally within Dorset. Prices range from £225 to £1000
- **Anne-Marie Kelly** has framed with the gallery for a number of years but this is the first time we have shown her work. Her work began to evolve in response to the dramatic and powerful shifts in seasons, colours, textures and elemental forces of our ancient terrain and coastline. Prices range from £250 to £485
- **Bev Miller** is a regular and popular exhibitor at the gallery, her pieces are of local landmarks and are always striking in colour. Her work ranges in price from £150 to £500
- **Tony Kerins** and **Tony Chance** will also be exhibiting work at this year's exhibition

SEA SURE MARINE ART PROJECT & EXHIBITION

5th - 12th NOVEMBER 2008

Sea Sure Marine Art Project



Children at St Mary's RC First School in Swanage have been busy!

Years 3 and 4

were involved in a collaborative partnership with Dorset Wildlife Trust and local artist Antonia Phillips.

The idea is to raise awareness of the diversity, beauty and value of Dorset's

undersea world.

The artwork the children have made celebrates our local marine environment as a result of visits to Kimmeridge and Swanage Pier.

The children have explored rock pools and an underwater camera to collect ideas for their artwork.



The artwork will be displayed in the Heritage Centre and the Library and The Mulberry Tree Gallery.

STOP PRESS

NEW
Louise Braithwaite
"Swanage Pier"

Original and limited edition prints available February Half-Term

Call the gallery for more details

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