

Patricia Douglas



Artist Profile: Patricia Douglas

Inspirations and influence

The natural world and all its changes. Some changes are swift like moving clouds across the sky or light on the surface of flowing water. Some take thousands of years like the weathering of rock forms. I feel part of this natural flow of the world and I try to distil moments from it in my work.

Several paintings and ceramic paintings in this year's exhibition at the Ostlers Restaurant began with a walk along the path by the River Blackwater in Essex as afternoon turned towards evening. The more abstract ceramic work is based on my observations of flowing water and rock forms.

I have never felt purist about different media: I feel perfectly free to mix ceramics and painting with other materials and I love to find out what materials will do.

Background

BA in Fine Art (painting), C&G Ceramics, Cert Ed. I taught adults with learning disabilities and young people with challenging behaviour in FE for over twenty years. I left teaching in 2011 to spend more time making art and to work as an independent educator. I lead a Ceramics Workshop for adult students at the Woolmarket in Horndon on the Hill, a Pottery Club at Horndon on the Hill Primary School and short ceramic projects in schools.

I am a member of The Dacha Group of artists and Thurrock Potters.

My work is on sale at The Well House Gallery. www.wellhousegallery.co.uk
As Visual Arts Correspondent for *Gateway 97.8*, I report on art events in South Essex on the first Monday of every month (Part of the Good Afternoon show, 2.00pm – 3.30pm.) www.gateway978.com