

Victoria Brown Artist

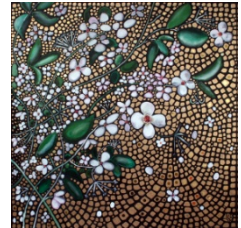
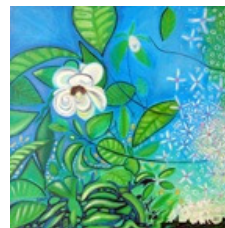
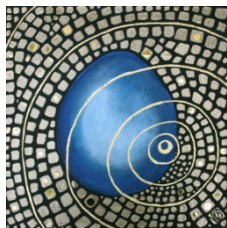


After studying at the University of Warwick, BA QTS Honours (Art Major) I worked as an Infant teacher in Nottinghamshire until having my three children. I then worked as an Early Years Development officer in Derbyshire. Six years ago I made the decision to leave my post in Early Years and follow my dream to be an Artist. Painting, drawing and creating things has

always been my passion and I realised I needed to have courage to follow my true nature.

Since then during the past six years I have been developing my artistic practise. My work has focussed on three areas; painting, arts in education and creating children's books. Following time resident at Banks Mill Studios, Derby, an incubator for Creative Businesses I have set up my own studio at Weston upon Trent in South Derbyshire. I have exhibited my paintings around the region at; Melbourne Arts Festival, The Saddle Room, Ferrers Arts Centre, Fishers, Ashby, National Forest Gallery, Moira, An Emotional Journey art exhibition, Mansfield Art Gallery and Museum, Derbyshire Open Arts, Banks Mill open studios, Gallery 52 Brailsford, Derby Cathedral Centre, Beetroot Tree Gallery, Vision interiors, Derby Assembly Rooms, Rainbow Gallery, Nottingham. Most recently I participated in a winter group show at West Eleven, Shaftesbury Street Gallery, Covent Garden, and London.

Paintings



Dancing Depths

Hidden Gems

Carnival of Seeds

Cornish Gardens

Hanami, Blossoms

My paintings are my response to the beauty and energy of the natural world and my connection to it. I enjoy exploring patterns and colours in nature, sometimes abstracting my work. I have series of paintings under the following titles;

Dancing Depths Abstract images in response to peering into the sea, rivers, streams, pools.

Hidden Gems Egg stone images, finished with gold leaf and sequins.

Carnival of seeds A celebration of tiny capsules of life, acrylic paints on canvas.

Cornish Gardens Including Barbara Hepworth's Garden in St Ives and Trebah Gardens.

Hanami Vibrant paintings in response to spring blossom, using a technique developed over the past five years, my current work

I am interested in the way people connect with my paintings, a shared love of the wonder and magnificence of the natural world and hope their spirits are lifted too.

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Illustration and Book Publishing

My love of the natural world is also reflected in my children's book illustration. I illustrate books written by friend and writer Victoria Yates. We set up our own publishing company, Love Heart Publishing. We have created hand bound Limited edition books; The Little Goldfish and Tiny Ant. More recently we have produced a paperback. The Little Goldfish paperback was launched at Melbourne Hall as part of the Melbourne Arts Festival.



Arts in Education

I have developed Creative workshops for adults working with young children. I have been delivering these across Derbyshire for the past five years.

Through these workshops I aim to share my love of the natural world and hope to open eyes to the amazing world we live in. It is my belief if we can pass on our love for the natural world to young children it is the only hope for the caretaking of our planet in the future. Making early connections with the wonder and beauty of nature is the first step to environmentalism.

I also work on Children's Arts Projects the latest being a three month project with Sure Start Children's centres. The project focus was to explore ways creative activities could develop children's personal, social and emotional development. My main aim is to give adults and children freedom and opportunities to express themselves and explore new ideas through creativity, engaging in the Arts Directly.



Creative Workshop

What happened to the dinosaurs?



Creative Environments

Penguin's Pool



Tiny Ant Workshop

Melbourne School



Sculpture Workshop

"The Crowd in Clay"

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