

Art in Salcey Forest



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STUNNING SCULPTURES IN SALCEY FOREST

Walkers in Salcey Forest in South Northamptonshire can now discover a series of new sculptures by local artist Linda Johns.

The pieces are inspired by the artist's walks in this beautiful forest – a remnant of a medieval royal hunting forest – and are presented as an art walk open to the public for one year from May 10th 2008.

Linda uses metals and found natural materials to create sculptures that have the appearance of fragility but are actually surprisingly robust. They exist as part of their environment, drawn from it rather than imposing upon it, the surroundings viewed within as well as around the sculptures.

Linda said "I am inspired by the natural world, both seen and unseen – what can be observed, but also what science and particularly physics can reveal."

As the seasons change so the sculptures' interaction with their environment changes. The fine lines and intersections of the metal sculptures attract moisture, with raindrops captured, and frost and mist forming upon them. Both natural materials and metals are used in their natural state, with the action of weather gradually transforming colour and texture.

A series of events will take place during the year:

Morning walk

14th June, 11am

Afternoon walk

13th July, 3pm

Evening walk

15th August, 7pm (includes wine/soft drinks)

Workshop 1: Line and space – creating sculptural spheres with found natural materials

31st August, 2pm (includes walk)

Workshop 2: Line and space – line drawing using found natural materials and traditional drawing mediums

7th September, 2pm (includes walk)

Morning walk

12th October, 11am

Afternoon walk

28th December, 2pm (includes wine/soft drinks)

(Evening and December walks £5, other walks £3, workshops £15 including materials)

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Body weave III



Iris



Pine needle figure V



Workshop (2007)

CV

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Awards:

- 2006 Bursary membership of the Royal British Society of Sculptors (10 new members selected each year)
- 2007 Best of the Best prize
£1000 prize awarded by Jgallery, Moulton, Northampton

Selected exhibitions:

- May 2008 – May 2009 Art in Salcey Forest
Solo show – Salcey Forest, Northamptonshire
- April – October 2008 The Figure
Group show – Burghley Sculpture Garden, Burghley House, Stamford, Lincolnshire
- October – November 2007 Best of the Best
Group show – six artists selected from Northampton Open Studios 2007. Jgallery, Moulton, Northampton
- July 2007 Multi-Dimensional Drawing
Solo show – Chichele College, Higham Ferrers, Northamptonshire
- January – February 2007 Bursary Exhibition at the RBS
Group show – new Bursary Members at the Royal British Society of Sculptors' Head Office, 108 Old Brompton Road, London
- June – August 2006 'the environment'
Group show – The Walled Garden, Delapre Abbey, Northampton.
- November 2005 Solo Show – The Muse, 269 Portobello Road, Notting Hill, London
- July-Sept 2005 6 times 6
Group Show – Fermynwoods Contemporary Art, Brigstock, Northamptonshire

Current commissions:

- To be installed June 08 An exploration of the standing stone
Private commission, Lleyn Peninsula, Wales. Mapped lines of surrounding lanes, paths and fields distorted into three dimensions to depict the outlined facets of a 'standing stone' (copper rod), flanked by two natural stones from the surrounding area.

Art education:

- Graduated Summer 2003 BA (Hons) Fine Art
Central St Martins College of Art and Design, London
- Painting with Peter Stanier
The City Lit, London
- Foundation in Fine Art
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