

## Portrait of a Dorset Artist

London is the place where most artists want to show their work and for one Dorset artist this has become reality.

Carolyne Moran from Corfe Mullen has submitted paintings 26 times to The Bankside Gallery in the capital and has won two awards there. Each year she also shows her work with the New English Art Club at The Mall Galleries, London as well as at the Royal Institute for painters in Watercolour.

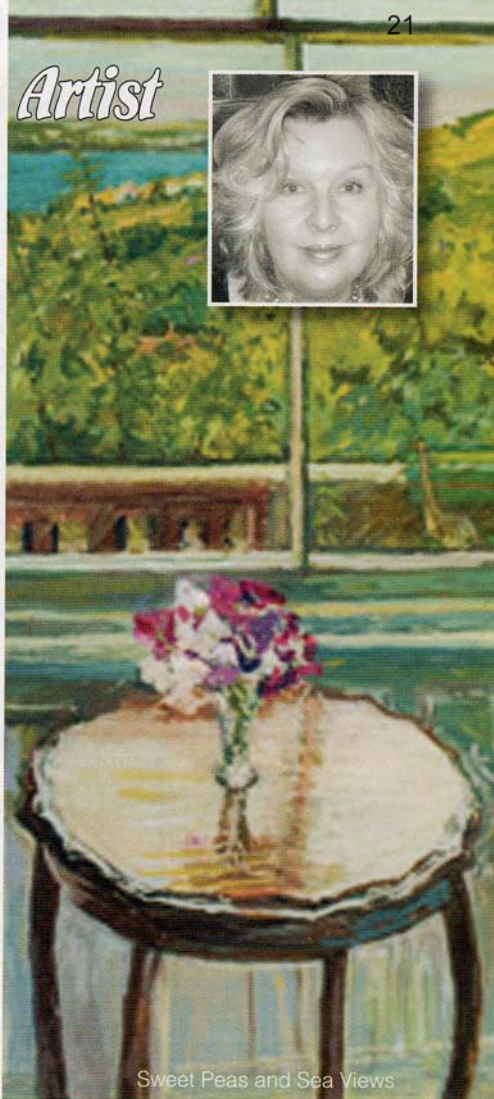
*"When I began exhibiting in London I was approached by galleries and publishers," she says. "As a result I now have works in numerous art books and am also in Who's Who in Art."*

Carolyne draws much inspiration from Dorset especially Portland where she paints most weeks, staying there for a few days and working solidly in her friend's studio overlooking the sea. *"If the weather is good I might work in her garden, which also overlooks the sea," she says. "I am so inspired by the view every time I go. Wherever I am I want to paint and draw - I recently returned from rural Turkey. Having painted there it was so hard to leave because there were months of paintings to be made there."*

Her desire to draw and paint started at a young age. While at boarding school she recalls how she used to get out her sketchpad and draw *"when everyone else was asleep"*. Completing her foundation course at Bournemouth she went on to graduate with a fine art degree from Exeter where she won an award for her work. *"After that I studied for my PGCE at Cardiff University,"* says Carolyne who became Head of Art at an independent school in Bournemouth.

At her home in Corfe Mullen, Carolyne works from her studio from where she teaches twice a week. It is open by appointment and she also welcomes commissions. [www.carolynemoran.com](http://www.carolynemoran.com)

Carolyne is opening her studio at 27 Blandford Road, Corfe Mullen, Wimborne, Dorset BH21 3HD. Tel: 01202 692167; 07958 393152. during Dorset Art Weeks, May 26 to June 8, 2014.



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