

Gosport community news

Debbi's African art is on display

Artist has seen her paintings go on show around country

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Artist Debbi Hide has been working hard to get her collections seen across the country.

Debbi, from Gosport, has had her artwork showcased in a London gallery for the very first time.

Her work was submitted to the UK Colouring Pencil Society Annual Exhibition at the Menier Gallery.

Her picture of a serval – an African wild cat – called Nefertiti was chosen for the show, which ran last week.

As well as showing her work, the show also gave Debbi the chance to demonstrate her colour painting skills to onlookers and fellow artists.

She said: 'London is such a great place to showcase my work.

'It reaches such a wide audience. 'The Menier Gallery is great too and it's really beautiful.'

This isn't the first time Debbi's work has been showcased. She sold a piece called Land of Princes at the



WORK Debbi Hide

Titchfield Show last month and Fox by Moonlight has also been short-listed for the Society for All Artists Artist of the Year Award.

Debbi also had four oil paintings on show at this year's The Wildlife Art Society International Annual Exhibition at Nature in Art in

Gloucestershire.

Her pieces My Name Is Red, African Queen, Wistful and Lumen will be shown at the exhibition which runs later on this month.

One of Debbi's pieces has also been entered for the Jerwood Drawing Prize 2015 – the largest and longest running annual open exhibition for drawing in the UK. The winner will be announced later this year.

The 49-year-old added: 'I have always loved art for as long as I can remember.

'I studied art at university and have now been teaching the subject for 22 years.

'It has been something I've done all my life.'

Many of Debbi's pieces are of different wildlife from owls to cats and she is even a member of the Society of Feline Artists.

But she said she doesn't have a favourite type as she has been teaching painting, drawing and oils for so long.

To see her work visit dyhide.co.uk



ON SHOW Debbi Hide's picture of a serval, called Nefertiti