

Windrush valley, four churches, a natural history.

I know this circular walk as if it were an extension of my own garden. Walking mindfully, observations fade into soft focus and nature helps to clarify a muddle of thoughts.

I take a spontaneous and experimental approach to painting. Ephemeral forms appear and disappear; gothic window tracery, eroded stone, rusted metal, explosive lichen growth, confused eddies, crazed reflections, seedheads, thorny tumps, frizzy alder catkins, grotesque willow stumps, woven reeds or holes to the sky in the beech trees.

Unbound by the truisms of sketches, photos or collected curiosities, the layers of paint begin to convey something of not only the convoluted physical processes at work in the landscape but also reflect the characteristics of our existence.

Every layer of fresh mark making will erase some and reveal other relationships with layers that have gone before. Accepting of transience and imperfection, I can capture any moment of resonance and decide to finish, or I can dramatically upset the balance again and return to painting further layers until new beauty emerges.

Sally is a self taught artist and works from her garden studio in Fulbrook, Burford. She was mentored in 2015 by some of Cornwall's most prominent contemporary painters.

Well versed in the Arts and Crafts and with a heightened understanding of aesthetics, she worked for Liberty of London, then freelance as a designer maker of textile products. She studied Geography and Geology. Her interest in Deep Ecology is also key to her art.

Many of her paintings have been exhibited nationally including The Royal Society Marine Artists, The Royal West of England Academy, The South West Academy and at The Discerning Eye Exhibition at The Mall Galleries in London.



A short walk from the 'Palimpsest' exhibition at Warwick Hall, visitors are welcome to Sally's open studio. She will be painting and showing recent work inspired in Co. Mayo, The Ionian Sea and Andalusia.

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