

about artworks

www.artworksinfo.org.uk

Established in 2000, Artworks is a professional group of **thirty** East Anglian based artists comprising painters, sculptors, printmakers and an installation artist working in a range of styles and media. Artworks' main objective is to exhibit and sell its members' **new** work at an annual showcase exhibition. It is resolutely committed to promoting excellence and artistic diversity in the work of its members and delivering this unique asset to the wider community. **Artworks** is also passionate about original printmaking and is therefore committed to selling only *original* prints. If and when there are vacancies, new members are elected at an annual selection meeting in the New Year. There is a membership fee and a modest commission on sales which contribute towards the running costs associated with the group.

Activities with local schools in the form of art workshops and school visits are also vital to **artworks'** commitment to community involvement. Now an annual event and providing funding for our work with schools is the **Janette Place Mini Artworks Prize Draw**, with a proportion of the proceeds going to a new local charity each year. Thirty prizes of 6" x 6" original works of art are created by all the **artworks'** artists and displayed throughout the duration of the exhibition. The draw, which has been exceptionally well received by our visitors, takes place on the last Saturday of the exhibition.

In 2010, 550 people attended **artworks' preview party** and a further 2000 people, including children from local schools, visited the exhibition.

Artworks Exhibition 2011 at Blackthorpe Barn, Rougham, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk

Following eleven progressively successful exhibitions, we are now looking forward to our **12th annual exhibition** in 2011. This will run from **Saturday 10 September to Sunday 2 October** at Blackthorpe Barn, Rougham, Bury St Edmunds. Once again, on each day throughout the exhibition, an **artworks'** artist will be **demonstrating** their medium – always popular with visitors.

Alongside the exhibition, we also have an **artworks' shop** selling artists' original framed/mounted work, sculpture and cards. **Artworks' Café** provides refreshments.

We shall also be repeating '**Artists Making an Exhibition of Themselves**' – when Artworks' artists set up temporary 'studios' in front of their work at the Artworks exhibition. A great success with our visitors, this will take place on the last Saturday (1 October 2011) of the exhibition. Once again, the artists will be there to answer questions, share their art and show how they do **it**.

The Barn provides a spectacular setting for the Artworks exhibition. A magnificent timber-framed building, the barn was erected around 1550 on land that had belonged to the great Benedictine Abbey of Bury St Edmunds. After the Abbey was dissolved in 1539 the new owner of its lands in Rougham, erected Blackthorpe Barn as a threshing barn in which capacity it continued in use until 1985. Restored in 1991, the Barn is now in use as a popular venue for arts events (www.blackthorpebarn.com).

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