

# about artworks

[www.artworksinfo.org.uk](http://www.artworksinfo.org.uk)

Established in 2000, Artworks is a group of thirty East Anglian based artists comprising painters, sculptors, printmakers and installation artists 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 purposefully committed to promoting excellence and artistic diversity in the work of its members and delivering this unique asset to the wider community. 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 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 2008, 600 people attended **artworks' preview party** and a further 2000 people, including children from local schools, visited the exhibition.

## Artworks Exhibition 2009

Following nine progressively successful exhibitions, we are now planning our **10<sup>th</sup> anniversary exhibition** in 2009. This will run from **Saturday 12 September to Sunday 4 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' framed/mounted work, sculpture and cards. Artworks' Café provides refreshments.

Continuing with a recent successful tradition, Artworks will also be featuring another special **Concert Evening**. Including wine and canapés during the interval with time to enjoy the exhibition, the concert event will take place on Saturday 26 September.

We are also repeating with '**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 one of the Saturdays during 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](http://www.blackthorpebarn.com)).