

Venus Griffiths



I cannot remember a time when I have not felt the desire to draw or paint. When I was thirteen I was awarded a scholarship to Wakefield Art College. After that I became a Technical Illustrator, giving up when marriage and raising four children became my priority.

When my children were old enough I gained a place at Trent Polytechnic and after completing a Foundation-Fine Arts course I qualified as a FE teacher. I worked at Arnold & Carlton FE College, introducing and developing a screen printing department as well as teaching art to full and part time students including remedial YTS groups. I was fortunate to be chosen to work in two community day centres running art workshops for adults with special needs.

I moved to Keswick in 1988 and took a part time art teaching position at Lairthwaite Adult Education Centre and also set up my own studio at home.

I have now given up teaching in order to concentrate on my own work which includes acrylics, water colours and mono screen prints. Each discipline requires a different approach which is exciting and demanding. I am still thrilled and often amazed how an idea in my mind develops into a finished piece of work.

I have had many solo and shared exhibitions in the North.