

# Landscape artist who eschews green wins the 2012 Mary Moser Award



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Oxfordshire Artweeks is delighted to announce that Oxfordshire artist Caroline Meynell is the winner of the 2012 Mary Moser prize, an award established in 2003 to mark the work of a local artist who has taken up art as a second career later in life.

Caroline trained as a jeweller in her 20s, and practised for 30 years, but it wasn't until an accident caused her to lose the sight in one of her eyes that she had to give up jewellery and began to paint. She largely eschews greens to depict landscapes in blues and earthy pigments. Despite the energy used to create each piece - and she paints until she's exhausted, continually dancing around a canvas laid flat - Caroline's landscapes are reflective, with soft colours gently infused with light, full of a stillness and peace that draw people in and create a sense of space in busy lives.

Esther Browning, Executive Director for Artweeks, says "Caroline paints the most wonderfully contemplative pictures that instantly transport you from the pace of everyday into the peace and stillness of the natural world at its most tranquil. We're delighted to be recognising the quality of her pictures with this award."



You can see examples of her work at <http://www.carolinemeynell.co.uk/> and she will be exhibiting this May in both Summertown and at the O3 Gallery in Oxford Castle Quarter.

## Notes to Editors

**Oxfordshire Artweeks [www.artweeks.org](http://www.artweeks.org)**

Artweeks is Oxfordshire's largest visual arts festival, a three-week celebration in May each year of the county's artistic and creative talent., and the UK's oldest and biggest Open Studios event. Almost 1000 artists open the doors to their homes and studios and welcome the public to see their creations and watch them work. In 2012 approximately 100,000 people visited nearly 500 exhibitions and events across the county.

**All exhibitions are free**

*Oxfordshire Artweeks 2013 will run from Saturday 4th – 27th May 2013*

and is organised into three geographical areas

*City Exhibitions:* Saturday 4th – Monday 12th May

*South Oxfordshire Exhibitions:* Saturday 11th - Sunday 19th May

*North Oxfordshire Exhibitions:* Saturday 18th - Monday 27th May

The *Oxfordshire Visual Arts Festival (Artweeks)* is a non profit-making company, limited by guarantee and owned by its members. Everyone is welcome to take part and there is no selection process for artists wishing to participate.

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**Esther Browning, and dozens of artists, are also available for interview.**

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