

Gallerynews

Autumn 09

Gillian McNaught (Jones)

Gillian has been my longest serving member of staff at the Castle Gallery. Since before the gallery even opened to the public on 20th April 2001, Gillian was working here... painting the walls (and we have some very 'flattering' photographs of her to prove it !!). It was however, as a painter in watercolour that I first met Gillian when she invited me to see her art work at her home in Cromarty. Throughout the intervening years Gillian has tried to balance her busy life as Gillian the artist, Gillian the mother and Gillian the extremely reliable, hard-working, dedicated, meticulous, knowledgeable, friendly, affable and fun loving member of our team at the gallery. No good thing lasts for ever (as they say) and so it is with sadness that I am announcing that her last day at work for the Castle Gallery was 15th August 2009. However, although I know her departure will be a great loss for all members of the gallery staff, our artists and loyal customers (many of whom are friends of Gillian – she knows almost everyone in the Highlands, it seems!) I know that for Gillian herself this is a profoundly positive change. It means she will now have more time to devote to her family and to Gillian the artist. This is actually good news for the gallery as it means she will be able to concentrate on creating a substantial body of quality paintings and original prints for her solo exhibition in May 2011, which 'coincidentally' marks the Castle Gallery's 10th anniversary. I'm sure all our regular customers will join me in wishing Gillian well with her future plans.

*Denise Collins
Gallery Director*

P.S. The very able and competent Juliette will be replacing Gillian as second in command at the Castle Gallery and Claire Richardson joins us as the newest addition to our team.



Gillian Jones 'A Cromarty Garden', wood engraving

Dates for your Diary

Sep 5 – 26

Bronwen Sleight : Original Prints
Samantha Bryan : Mixed Media
Constructions – 'brainy fairies' !
PREVIEW: FRIDAY SEP 4

Oct 3 – 24

Shazia Mahmood

Stunning new paintings of Skye and the West Coast of Scotland together with work from Yosemite Park in the U.S.
PREVIEW: FRIDAY OCT 2

Nov 2 – Dec 24

Mixed Christmas Exhibition
MULLED WINE DAY: SATURDAY NOV. 28

Gallery Staff

Denise Collins, Director
Juliette McIntosh
Celia Laidlaw
Gabrielle Laidlaw
Claire Richardson