



GILLIAN NYE (Cert HE A & D)

I was born and grew up on the Island, and returned to retire with my husband Ken in 2005.

Previously, after achieving a Cert HE in Art & Design in Southampton, I tutored Calligraphy at Adult & FE level at both Eastleigh College and Peter Symonds, Winchester, where I held many exhibitions with my students in and around the colleges and Winchester Cathedral. I then semi retired to work for Southampton Football Club, a labour of love!

After retiring to the Island and needing a hobby other than Saints, I was lucky enough to attend Becky Samuelson's watercolour classes where I could marry my Calligraphic attention to detail and love of colour.

Since moving to Medham Village, I enjoy being a member of Cowes Art Group, where I was awarded Best Picture voted by the public at the 2014 and 2017 Summer Exhibitions and runner up in 2015, 2016 and 2018. I received Highly Commended at the 2016 Landscapes of the IW Competition held annually at East Dene, Bonchurch. I have been honoured to have two of my paintings chosen by Cruse Bereavement Care for use as cards for their charity.

Once again, in 2019 I will be exhibiting with the Isle of Wight Art Club, Cowes Art Group, West Wight Painting Circle, Brading Roman Villa and Landscapes of the IW as well as 2019 Open Studios at Gurnard Village Hall plus several smaller venues for cards and prints throughout the year.

My work can be viewed at www.isleofwightarts.com/gilliannye

Although my first love remains watercolour, I also paint in oils, with our wonderful Island landscapes and flower meadows a particular joy to paint. I like to work on location initially if possible, to make sketches, take photos and to feel the atmosphere I want to portray in my finished artwork. My Island scenes have been professionally printed into cards and my work can be seen in private collections on the mainland and as far afield as Italy, France, Chicago and California.