

Julie Weir



Julie Weir lives and

works as a full time artist on a Widebeam barge near the market town of Devizes, in the heart of beautiful Wiltshire. In 2017, Julie and her husband, Mark, decided to sell their four bedroom house in Hampshire and take the plunge to live on the inland waterways of England. She is surrounded by the wonders of the countryside, immersed in the wildlife of the canals, where inspiration is everywhere, and as a wildlife artist, what more could Julie want?

She shares her floating home with her husband, who is a published author and Eric, a very cheeky King Charles Cavalier. Julie works mainly in acrylic inks and oils to produce highly detailed paintings. Julie said, "The joy of painting and the pleasure that it gives is a wonderful thing and with my focus on British Wildlife, I know life on the water will lead to many successful works."

In 2013, just 2 years after picking up a paintbrush for the first time, Julie won through to the finals of BBC Wildlife Artist of the year with her painting of a Hare. "I have not looked back since," she said.

In her work Julie strives to capture the true character and realism of the subject matter, be it portrait, seascape, wildlife or urban setting. She tries to look at the world with a creative eye and see the beauty in the ordinary and every day. She describes her style as "A realistic interpretation of the subject matter that retains a painterly quality."

Julie has also developed a technique of painting that draws inspiration from artistic styles as diverse as Art Nouveau, the Pre-Raphaelites and the Arts & Crafts movement, to create atmospheric works that reflect a certain mood, as well as evoking the spirit of an era long gone.

"Success has brought me to the attention of mainstream publications like, The Sunday People, The Southern Daily echo, Peoples Friend, SAA Paint magazine, Wiltshire Arts, Crafts Beautiful and Bath Live," explains Julie, "and I have also appeared on live radio and television, discussing my work and the inspiration I get living on the waterways of England."

If you would like to commission Julie to create a unique and beautiful work of art, or have a loved one or pet immortalised in paint, contact her via email at julieweirart@aol.com, or visit her website: www.julieweirart.co.uk.

Julie also runs art workshops in Chichester, West Sussex and in Trowbridge, Wiltshire, please check these out on her website.

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