



*Paintings by*  
**Joy Stephens**

**W**ay back, I did a foundation year in art in the USA. Since then, much of my life has been spent in fairly remote parts of the world where my creative urge found an outlet designing handicrafts for women artisans to make and sell.

Since retirement and joining SEAS, I have had the time and inspiration to take up art again. I work mainly with watercolours, pastels, and print media. I love the unpredictable nature of watercolours - as an artist you have no choice but 'to go with the flow.' J.M.W. Turner is my inspiration.

I am still exploring and discovering. Marcel Proust wrote that the "real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes". I want my art to tell a story and yet leave enough mystery so that the viewer can fill the gaps with their story.

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