



## about artworks

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Established in 2000, Artworks is a professional group of **thirty** East Anglian based artists comprising painters, sculptors, printmakers and an installation artist working in a range of styles and media. **Artworks** main objective is to exhibit and sell its members' **new** work at an annual showcase exhibition. It is resolutely committed to promoting excellence and artistic diversity in the work of its members and delivering this unique asset to the wider community.

**Artworks** is also passionate about original printmaking and is therefore committed to selling *only* original prints. If and when there are vacancies, new members are elected at an annual selection meeting in the New Year. There is a membership fee and a modest commission on sales which contribute towards the running costs associated with the group.

Activities with local schools in the form of art workshops and school visits are also vital to **Artworks** commitment to community involvement. Providing funding for our work with schools is the **Mini Artworks Prize Draw**, with a proportion of the proceeds going to a new local charity each year.

Thirty prizes of 6"x 6" original works of art are created by all the **Artworks** artists and displayed throughout the duration of the exhibition. The draw, which has been exceptionally well received by our visitors, takes place on the last Saturday of the exhibition.

Every year, nearly 500 people attend **Artworks preview party** and a further 2000 people, including children from local schools, visit the exhibition.

### **Artworks Annual Exhibition at Blackthorpe Barn, Rougham, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP30 9HZ**

Our annual exhibition is always in September and just over three weeks long at Blackthorpe Barn, Rougham, Bury St Edmunds. There are also daily informative **Meet the Artists** presentations throughout the exhibition.

Alongside the exhibition, we also have an **Artworks shop** selling artists' original framed/mounted work, sculpture and cards. The **Artworks Café** provides refreshments.

The Barn provides a spectacular setting for the Artworks exhibition. A magnificent timber-framed building, the barn was erected around 1550 on land that had belonged to the great Benedictine Abbey of Bury St Edmunds. After the Abbey was dissolved in 1539 the new owner of its lands in Rougham, erected Blackthorpe Barn as a threshing barn in which capacity it continued in use until 1985. Restored in 1991, the Barn is now in use as a popular venue for arts events.