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Who are you and what do you do?

My name is Carol Chesher and I am a painter and stained glass artist.

How has your practice changed over time?

Art has always been a part of my life but the desire to create has definitely grown stronger over the years. I paint in oil, acrylic and watercolour working from a small studio in my garden and really love how my work continues to become more colourful and expressive.

What themes do you pursue?

I am inspired by personal encounters with people, nature and particularly animals. I love exploring the character of what I am painting in loose, expressive brushstrokes and enjoy sharing my love of nature through my art.

I have also worked with stained glass for over ten years using traditional lead, copper foil and applique techniques to make panels and suncatchers. I particularly love Art Nouveau and the Arts and Crafts movement and am constantly trying to find new ways to bring this traditional craft into the modern home.

Name three artists who have influenced your work

Vincent van Gogh, Maggi Hambling and Hashim Akib

What couldn't you live without?

I think paint and a paint brush probably goes without saying, plus family, friends, cheese and chocolate! - but also, I would hate to be without my constant studio companion – my cavapoo called Biscuit! (see attached photo)

