

Kathy Foster

I live in Chorleywood where my 3 boys have grown up, and work from my garden studio.

Although I had been a painter for a number of years, I began painting seriously when I graduated from Buckinghamshire Chilterns University with a degree in Fine Art in 2004. Since then I have exhibited at various local venues, including the gallery at Watford Grammar School for Girls and Space 2 at Watford Museum. I represented Watford at 'Art in the City' in Mainz, Germany in 2006, where I won 4th prize. Recently I was awarded first prize at the open competition at Artshed, Ware.

For my subject matter I seek out worn and weathered objects that mirror our own ageing process, and these offer a myriad of possibilities for creating images.



I produce figurative and semi-abstract oil paintings based on familiar, often overlooked everyday objects such as old shoes, books, chairs, fences and plastic bags and bottles. I aim to capture a moment in time of even the most humble of objects and give a sense of the 'space' it occupies for its lifetime. An ongoing series is inspired by the appearance of old book spines, reflecting their 'history' and presenting my own perception of their identities.

The experimental and accidental are important factors in my work. I continue to be fascinated by the physicality of paint and its relationship with the image.

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