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artist with a love of comics

Current work 2009

- I am a freelance Artist and Crafts worker based in Lochcarron trading as 'Balnacra Arts'. I paint traditional subjects, landscapes, firefighting scenes, do illustration, comic strips, crafts, demonstrations, run workshops in a wide range of subjects. Currently exhibiting at various venues.
- I am co-organiser of 'Hi Ex', the annual Highlands International Comics Expo, In Inverness, at Eden Court. www.hi-ex.co.uk. In aid of 'Children 1st'.
- Part time support worker with Skye and Lochalsh young Carers project. Helping out with a support group and respite outings for Young Carers.
- Retained Fire fighter with Lochcarron Fire and Rescue service; duties include operational fire and rescue, community fire safety, web site, admin and Fire Brigades Union branch representative. On call around 120 hours a week. 7 years service.
- Produce artwork, covers and do digital colouring for comic strips, regularly published in UK comics.



Some Previous work and experience;

- I have 20 years experience in teaching arts, crafts and delivering workshops and organising programmes of events. I have worked with all ages and abilities in a wide range of venues and situations. This includes community art projects and installations.
- Art/Media worker with Skye and Lochalsh Young Carers project June 2006 – Oct 07.
- 1997 – 2005 I ran Balnacra Pottery. Producing pottery at my Open studio as well as organising and delivering a comprehensive program of Art and Crafts workshops through out the Highlands area, including therapeutic arts groups with Mental Health support workers.
- Manager of the Lochcarron Smithy Heritage centre 2001 - 2005
- Co-organised the 'South West Ross Arts and Crafts Trail' in 2000, with 26 participants.



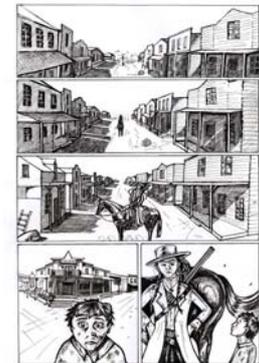
Recent projects;

- November 2009, canvas painting workshop with Nairn Youth Cafe on theme of Leaving home.
- Summer 2008 and 2009, running various workshops in 'How to Draw Manga and Comics', with schools, libraries and community groups, all age groups; Merkinsh, Gairloch, Dingwall, Eden Court, Ullapool, Lochcarron, Applecross, Torridon.
- 20th July 2008. 'How to draw Comics' with the BBC 'BLAST' Tour. Inverness. 13 – 19 yr olds



Vicky Stonebridge. C.V.

- March-April 2008, Recycled Art installation/seating area at Alness Academy, creating functional Art with cement and non-bio-degradable 'rubbish'. Working with groups of up to 30 pupils, co-produced with 2 other artists. Funded by RoWAN.
- Created short animation film "Who's Afraid?" in 8 weeks for Inverness film festival as part of the Digital Eden project, Oct 2006. Film is being used by University of Norway. Participated in the Highland Printmakers 'Lochcarron Animation project' 2007, produced "The Giant of Lochcarron" short film.
- August 2007, worked in 4 west coast primary schools to produce banners and murals for the Blas Festival. Textiles and mosaics.
- November and December 2007; worked for RoWAN co-creating a recycled mural, Santa's grotto and craft items with Young people from the Alness West End Community centre. Lochcarron Primary School to produce recycled material Christmas gifts, Pantomime costumes and scenery.



What can I do?

Pottery, comic strip art, Manga Style drawing and cartoons. drawing and painting, silk painting, animation, papermaking, mosaic, sculpture, recycled crafts, therapeutic crafts, glass painting, rag weaving, dream catchers, clothing and textiles, illustration, handmade books, collage, banners, paper mache, community projects, murals, costume jewellery, design, digital Art, websites, water colours, oils, acrylic, gouache, Printing, button badges, junk art, and generally improvising, adapting, sewing, soldering, gluing, knotting and hammering one thing into another.

Qualifications;

9 x O-grades (8 A's and 1 B)
 4 x Highers (2 A's and 2 C's)
 BA hons Art and Design (Edin). Ceramics
 Certificate in person centered counseling skills
 credit 2nd level OU. Introduction to Psychology.
 ECDL 6 completed 2010

I have attended many training courses as part of continuing personal development both with the Fire and Rescue service and my other work, counselling, interviewing, health & safety, risk assessment, etc. More detailed information is available upon request.

I have a full UK clean driving license and advanced SCRO disclosures through the Skye and Lochalsh Young Carers Project and through Eden Court Theatre.

References;

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Various workshop letters of endorsement available.