

Writing Notes

MAKING BOOKS PLUS GUEST BLOGS



Keep on Learning

Making a sketch book

I have been on several workshops with Carole of Nant Designs - making books.

There are some images of the process plus examples of a few of the books I have made. I am sure I will make some more in the future!

Guest Blogs

How can you feature as a Guest Blogger?

Very happy to be included on several websites during September as a guest blogger, so here are some notes on how I did it and maybe some ideas for you to try.

Arty things

October is Sketching Month

31 days 31 Drawings is a great way to get into the habit of regularly sketching. Using one of my hand-made books, I've made a start and found that the featured book (below) on Inspiring Doors is my favourite topic - some examples here.

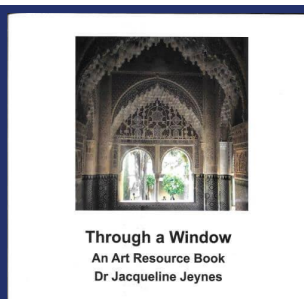
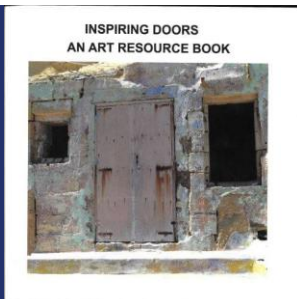


PHOTO-BOOKS THROUGH BLURB USED AS ART RESOURCES TO PRACTICE SKETCHING

There are 4 Photo-Books on the web site, but I found the images in "Inspiring Doors" particularly useful on my 31 day sketching challenge.

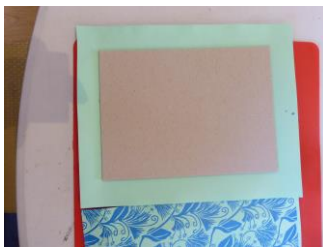
There are also some great photographs in "Through a Window" to add more inspiration.

Making Books

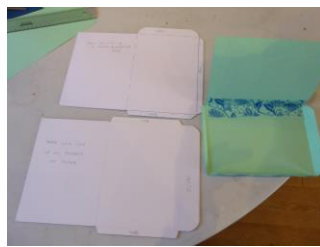
I have made several small books over the years, as you can see here, sometimes as part of a course such as Land Art or Pastel Portraits. But for the bound hard-cover books, I love to make these with Carole from Nant Designs. These are usually 1-day sessions held in Wales and all the materials are provided. Very satisfying to come home with a beautiful hand-made book!



This is my latest book, similar to the one I am using as my 31 Sketch Book.



Cutting cover paper



Adding some 'pocket' pages



Individual 'signatures' ready to stitch - stitching together



All neatly bound together

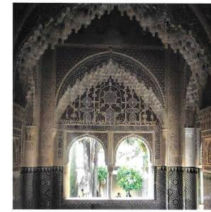
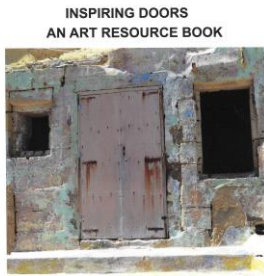


Three of my hard cover hand-made books. The one on the left is a sparkling clean version ready to use, the centre one is my 31-day Sketch Book, and the one on the right is a concertina fold-out version with extra little pockets. The cover design on this last one is made up of two photocopied sketches from some previous work.

See Carole's website for details of her courses:

www.nantdesigns.co.uk

Photo-books as Art Resources



REFLECTIONS - A DISTORTED REALITY
An Art Resource Book
Dr Jacqueline Jaynes

Through a Window
An Art Resource Book
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These are small square books made up of 20 pages of photographs on different themes. As you can see, I am fascinated by old doors as well as views through windows, or at least through an opening in rocks or walls. The Reflections book - a Distorted Reality - includes some wonderful abstract patterns created as a scene is reflected in glass or water.

The 31 days 31 Drawings project from Domestika (#DMSTK31dias31dibujos) has some very inspiring posts so worth a look. Here are a few of my sketches - some more on my website as I complete them. I have decided that I much prefer to use pen and ink as well as watercolour - what do you think?



Apart from the last one here, which is in my tiny address book and quickly drawn while I was having coffee in Aberaeron, all the sketches are in my A5 book so quite small, but that makes it ideal for regular sketching.

Don't forget, feel free to send in some examples of your own sketches for the website and next Newsletter. www.jacquelinejeynes.com

Writing guest blogs

As a member of Non-Fiction Authors Association (NFAA <https://nonfictionauthorsassociation.com>), I regularly act as a book reviewer for entries to their competitions so am classed as an Authority Member. Lots of benefits, of course, including regular notices of potential publicity opportunities through Blogs, Podcasts, or interviews.

So, I decided to submit some pieces to ones that appealed to me and reflected my personal experiences. These are ones I submitted my first lot of blogs to.

1. Beyond Introversion - this seemed to fit with my early feelings about being an introvert and started me thinking about what qualities you need to become a writer. Guess what, being an Introvert is a perfect starting point! They were happy to publish my blog so you can see it at <https://www.beyondintroversion.com/post/find-your-introvert-s-paradise>
2. Mini Memoirs - this blog opportunity is based on submitting any type of mini-memoir. As I had just been catching up with some old material about my charity trek across Cuba, I decided to submit this. Again, they were keen to publish the blog with a lot of extra information about me as a writer. You can see this one at Wayne's Your Memories Your book site <https://www.waynegroner.com/>
3. As a follow-on from my earlier Guest Blog on the Writer's Bureau website, I suggested a further blog on the pros and cons of working from home. This was published on their site from 25th September, so you can see both of my blogs and some fascinating notes from other authors at www.writersbureau.com/blog

All of these are happy for me to submit more short pieces, so we can see what happens in the future. I have found some more that I will submit to, including ones related to running a small business, women in business, travel and generally the art of writing, and have decided on a timetable to make sure I do it! Why not look out for others that may be useful to you and we can let everyone know how you get on.

Next time - another travel review

Getting close to the dreaded Christmas shopping time now, so look at all the books available at www.pencoedpublishing.co.uk as they will post directly to someone on your behalf. **Remember**, 'LIKE' both mine and PCP's Facebook pages to keep up to date, sign-up for and share both Newsletters.