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Lost in a world of intricate observations from nature, Louisa is entranced by the cycle of growth and decay. It's quiet in her Kent studio, distanced from the world as she looks ever closer at the flora and fauna. Texture, shadows, silhouettes and movement created with graphite marks and tone, it's rarely about the colour but always about the environment she inhabits.

Her drawings explore the materiality of graphite media whilst considering the plight of our less popular insects. The narrative is focused on wildlife corridors: the importance of a network of routes between habitats to ensure diversity, and aims to resolve the tension between abstraction and figuration while encouraging open discussion about the plight of our wildlife.

“The concertina sculptures have focused my attention on the barriers to nature as I catch glimpses of insects between the folds and struggle to find empty space to draw a wasp within the marks. It's become a metaphor for the struggle in nature but also a symbol of hope as conversations begin”

As well as membership of the Free Painters and Sculptors and the Society of Graphic Fine Art, Louisa is a Fellow of the Society of Botanical Artists. She has links to the Royal West of England Academy, Sevenoaks Visual Arts Forum, the Cranbrook Art Show and Pure Arts Group and currently sells her work mainly through selected galleries in the UK.

Her prizewinning drawings are held in private collections internationally and she is regularly accepted to Open Exhibitions in London and beyond.

Gallery representation:

Kevis House Gallery

John Davies Gallery

Rye Art Gallery

New Art Gallery

West End House Gallery

Wing Gallery

Muse Gallery

Timeline:

2021 represented by Wing Gallery, Wadhurst

2021 **#flightpathcommunityproject** : Launch

2021 Solo Show : Kaleidoscope Gallery, Sevenoaks

2020 shortlisted for the Evolver Prize 2021

2020 represented by John Davies Gallery, Moreton-in-Marsh

2020 represented by West End House Gallery, Smarden
 2019 Solo Show : Muse Gallery, Portobello Road, London
 2019 Prizewinner : ING Discerning Eye (St Cuthbert's Mill)
 2019 Prizewinner : Bath Society of Artists Open (Meltone Framing)
 2019 elected Full member : Society of Graphic Fine Art
 2019 - elected Fellow : Society Of Botanical Artists
 2019 - elected Associate member: Wilderness Art Collective
 2019 - represented by NewArtGallery, Eastbourne
 2019 Petworth Explored by the SGFA at Kevis House Gallery Petworth
 2018 Residency : Brisons Veor, Cape Cornwall
 2018 Joint Solo Show : Kaleidoscope Gallery, Sevenoaks (Leila Godden)
 2017 - represented by Kevis House Gallery Petworth
 2017 Prizewinner : PURE Arts Annual Open (Drawing Prize)
 2017 Prizewinner : Society of Graphic Fine Art (Staedtler)
 2017 - elected RWA Artist Network member (Royal West of England Academy)
 2016 - 2019 elected Associate member : Society of Graphic Fine Art
 2016 Prizewinner : Society of Graphic Fine Art (Cult Pens)
 2016 - elected Full member : Free Painters and Sculptors
 2016 - 2019 elected Full member : United Society of Artists (disbanded 2019)
 2015 - 2016 elected Associate member : United Society of Artists
 2015 Prizewinner : Society of United Artists, Bankside (Strathmore Artist Papers)
 2015 - represented by Rye Art Gallery
 2014 - 2019 Partner, Artichoke Gallery
 2013 Prizewinner : PURE Annual Open (Drawing prize)
 2012 - PURE Arts Group membership (committee : Creative Consultant)
 2012 - Cranbrook Art Show (committee : treasurer / web designer)
 2012 - 2015 Member : Chalk Gallery (Vice President)
 2010 - network member : Sevenoaks Visual Arts Forum

Selected open exhibitions:

Royal West of England Academy : 2016, 2018-2019
 Society of Women Artists : 2014-2022
 Society of Botanical Artists : 2016, 2019-2022
 Discerning Eye Exhibition : 2016, 2018-2019
 New English Art Club : 2019
 Society of Graphic Fine Art : 2014-2022
 Free Painters and Sculptors : 2015 - 2019
 Society of Wildlife Artists : 2016, 2017
 Pastel Society : 2015 - 2017
 Bath Society of Artists : 2019 - 2021
 Royal Society of British Artists : 2020

A full exhibition history can be seen on my website here :

<https://www.louisacrispinart.co.uk/about.html>