

A Christmas Card!

Newsletter for Christmas 2020 from Rebecca de Mendonça



Seasons greetings to you all!
Wishing you a happy Christmas
and best wishes for an easier and
more sociable New Year!

'Snow Ponies', a pastel inspired by a photograph
by Dawn Westcott.

A Christmassy live zoom demo

If you would like to join us for some festive cheer, come along to our live zoom pastel demo on Thursday 17th December to create a Christmas Card, depicting a timeless scene of children building a snowman.

It will be hosted by Lois at the Watermill in Italy, and will be available to see afterwards if you have registered. You will also receive an information sheet about materials and resources.



It will be suitable for beginners and those with more experience. These events are relaxed and friendly, and you can ask questions as we go along.

Do come and join us for an afternoon of seasonal cheer and inspiration!

I will be using Unison soft pastels along with a few Conte crayons and pastel pencils. During the demo I will show how I draw figures and also how I develop my painting from the original subject matter.

You will need to book your place via a new Eventbrite link; these demos are no longer free, however you can choose how much you donate to take part. We felt that this is the best way for them to be available for as many people as possible, and it helps us to cover some of the costs incurred in holding these events.

Hope you can join us!

To register go to <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-christmas-card-live-demo-with-rebecca-de-mendonca-tickets-131166104349>

If you are still short of Christmas present ideas, (for yourself or for others!) then here's a reminder of a few things I have to offer and also news of my latest magazine tutorials.....



Exmoor Pony paintings and prints

Our range of Exmoor Pony prints have been doing a great job raising money for the Exmoor Pony Project.

My aim was to capture the spirit and personalities of these beautiful ponies.

You can see more of the original pastels and prints on my website, and buy the prints directly from <https://rebeccademendonca.co.uk/product-category/limited-edition-prints/>.

Prints start at £29.

You can also buy a beautiful calendar featuring photos of these lovely paintings and some of my paintings too, at <https://www.wildponywhispering.co.uk/>. D'Artagnan, seen above, is on the cover.



Extraordinary Exhibition at Wildwood Arts Gallery, Dartmoor

November 14th to December 24th 2020

I got completely carried away producing work for this 'Extraordinary Exhibition'.

I have produced quite a few pieces, inspired by the great outdoors, and the horses that I am lucky enough to have on my doorstep this year. The exhibition is on until Christmas Eve, and the gallery is now open with viewings by appointment.



Paint and Draw, Animals bookazine

I had a nice surprise when my Paint and Draw Animals bookazine arrived. It's full of amazing tutorials in a variety of media, including my fox in Unison soft pastels and Conte crayons, and my Arabian horse tutorial from a couple of years ago.



Always nice to see an old friend, especially as I really enjoyed painting this horse and still have the original pastel. Inspiration for the fox came from a copyright free photo by Jiri Sifalda.

You can buy the publication online at <https://www.magazinesdirect.com/mobile/az-magazines/47386210/paint-and-draw-animals.html> or from WH Smith.

Other work

I never stop being inspired by my surroundings and as you may have noticed, I have returned to one of my favourite subjects, days on the beach.

You can see my original pastels at <https://rebeccademendonca.co.uk/product-category/original-pastel-paintings-and-drawings/>



Books and pastels

It makes me very happy to think that my book has inspired lots of people to enjoy art and pastels while they are isolated, and that people are developing their skills with all of this extra time we have on our hands.

The book and our beautiful New Pastel School pastels are still available from my website.



Courses

I have missed seeing my lovely students SO much this year...As I said in my last newsletter, we do have dates in the diary for New Pastel School courses next year, but we are just waiting for a little bit longer to announce them, as it is so difficult to plan at the moment. We don't know just yet exactly how many places we will have on each course, due to distancing restrictions. Could you all please keep your fingers crossed for these vaccines!

I am waiting until the New Year to make dates for my studio courses in 2021.
I will (hopefully) be teaching at the Watermill in Italy 26th June to 3rd July 2021.

For those of you who paid deposits for courses this year that I am still holding, (not including the course at the Watermill) please let me know if you would like me to reimburse your payments. The plan is still for new dates to be available next year, but at the moment I cannot plan when that will be.

Email me on rebeccademendonca@gmail.com .

Exhibitions in 2021

I have a few exhibitions in the diary for next year, with specific dates to be confirmed

The Society of Equestrian Artists are having a Spring exhibition at Weston Park, Shifnall, TF11 8LE
I am hoping that I have been accepted for the Delamore Arts Exhibition, Devon, in May
I will be taking part in Positively Pastels at Harbour House Gallery, Kingsbridge, Devon, in July

Do get in touch

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about any of the above, either by email at rebeccademendonca@gmail.com

Or call for a chat on 01392 840132 or 0771 9585957

If you have messaged me over the last few months and not had an answer, please try me again on rebeccademendonca@gmail.com. I am very sorry if you didn't receive an answer, I didn't realise that some parts of my website haven't been functioning as I thought. I did reply to you, but you just didn't get it. Please do get in touch!

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**All the very best and may your Christmas be all that you hope for,
and your New Year be FUN!**

**Rebecca x
December 2020**