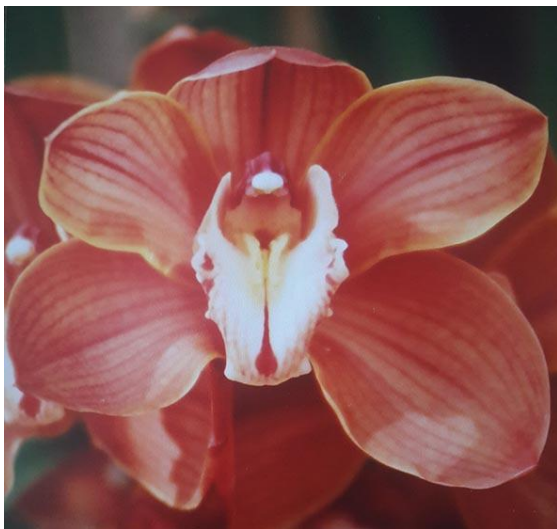


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## Hot off the easel...

When I finish a painting that has taken me several years, I will often feel that sense of loss you feel after you have finished a good book, and the best way to get over that is to pick up your next book, or in my case my paintbrush!! I tend to look through my huge collection of inspiration, this includes both photos and drawings in my sketchbooks. This painting was inspired by a photograph I took years ago, of an orchid, that looked as though there was a skull in the middle, as shown below,



The idea of a skull inside a flower appealed, all animals eventually die and rot down giving nutrients to the earth which plants then absorb and which animals then eat. The cycle of life, where everything has a purpose. This idea has inspired the start of a new series called 'Lifecycle'.

As you can see below, I have replaced the centre of the orchid with accurate observations I have made from drawing sheep/goat skulls.



## Not so Black Friday...

As a thank you to all my newsletter readers, everything on my online shop will have 20% off on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November. This includes paintings, prints and my limited edition book. Just enter COLOURFUL19 at the checkout. Delivery is free worldwide, unless you want expedited delivery then just message me, and it will be charged at cost.

Make this black Friday a colourful one! 😊

## On Now – Solo Exhibition, 'Secrets of Nature'

This is at the Guildford Institute, Ward Street, Guildford. For opening times click here, <https://www.guildford-institute.org.uk/event/secrets-of-nature/2019-11-25/>



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