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**On Saturday, October 28th, the Kenny Gallery will open a new exhibition of original paintings by artist Jay Murphy. *Lorna's Garden*, a collection of almost 40 paintings will be launched at Kennys at 3:00pm on the 28th by poet Eva Bourke.**

Born in Dublin in 1952, Jay Murphy studied at the Dun Laoghaire School of Art and the Central School in London. She later travelled in Switzerland and Bavaria before returning to Ireland to live and work in Connemara.

Jay has exhibited widely in Ireland and abroad, and she is represented in many private and public collections.

Recently enchanted and inspired by a particular magical place, this collection is a tribute to the garden landscape created by Lorna Mac Mahon in Galway. *Lorna's Garden*, a collection of oils and pastels comes to the Kenny Gallery at the end of October and runs until 21 November, don't miss it!

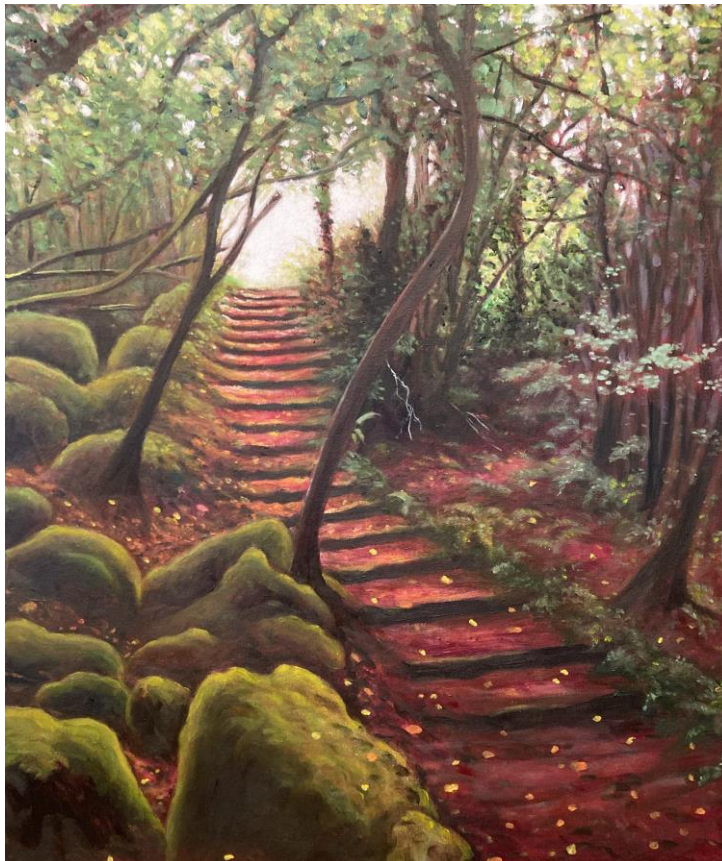
**The works are available for sale, admission is free and all are warmly welcome. The whole collection is available to [view on the gallery website now!!](#)**

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You are cordially invited  
to the official opening  
of  
LORNA'S GARDEN  
An exhibition of new paintings  
by  
JAY MURPHY  
at the Kenny Gallery, Galway  
on  
Saturday 28th October, 2023  
at 2:30 for 3:00pm

Guest Speaker:  
EVA BOURKE, Poet

*- Free Admission - Refreshments will be served*



*Steps by the Moss Garden, Oil on Canvas, 24x20in*





*The Heron Garden*, Pastel, 16x12in

## Artist's Statement

*"One of the many benefits of living in Galway was that once a year Lorna Mac Mahon opened her garden to the public to raise money for The Galway Mental Health Association, of which she was a founder member. She lives about half a mile up a side road off the Galway to Moycullen road, and even the main road was lined with cars on this special day at the end of May.*

*Lorna has retired from this now, but a few months before covid locked us all up, I asked her if she would mind if I made some pastels in her garden, and she was most gracious and welcoming.*

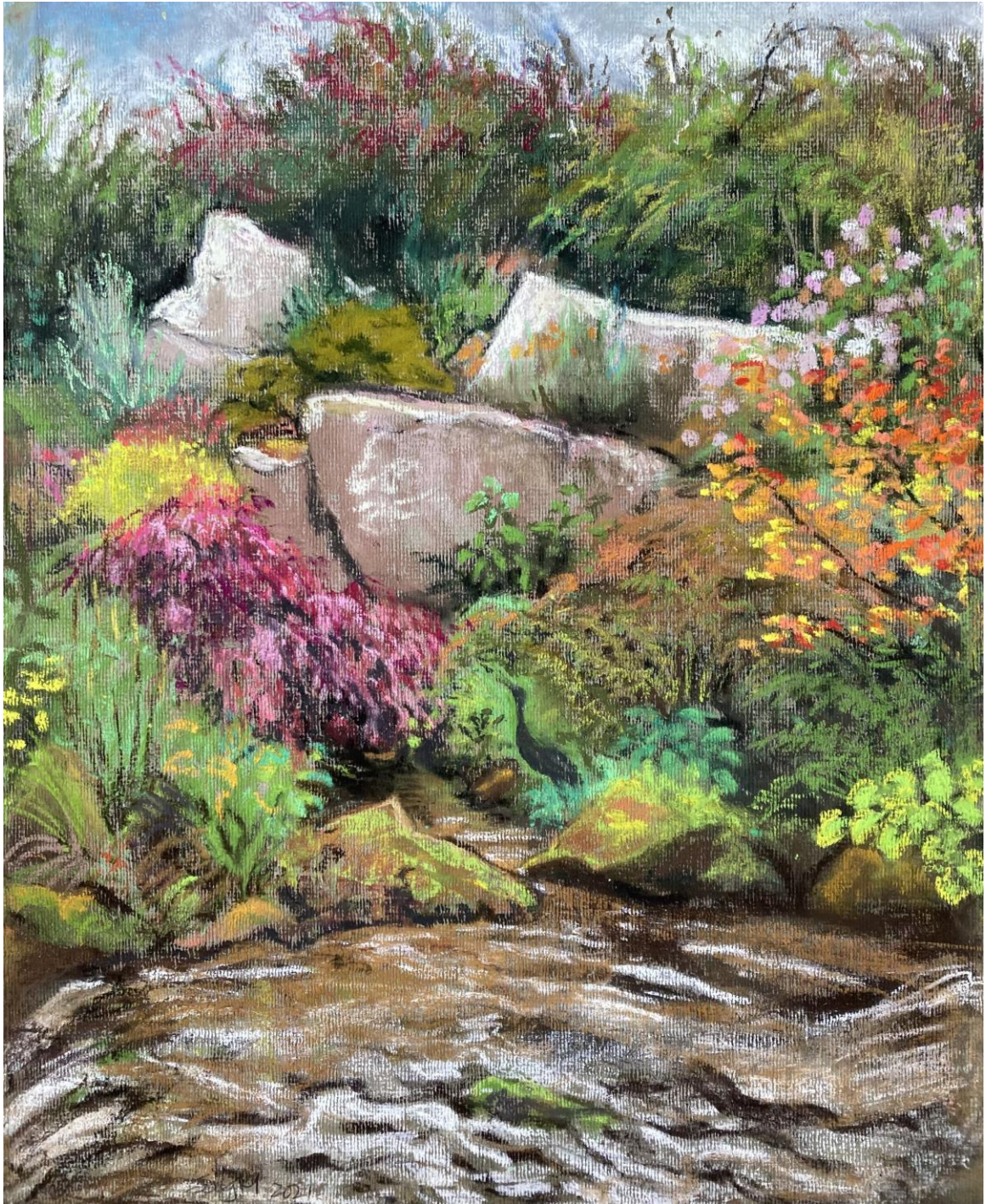
*I loved working there, sitting myself amongst the ferns and the moss, looking up the winding steps through native trees, discovering secretive corners, rock sculptures, streams and pools and also formal spaces, all created with an extraordinarily high level of horticultural expertise and without the use of harmful chemicals.*

*Unfortunately I had to stop visiting during the covid scare, but I used that time to make oil paintings in my own studio, from the work I had done in the garden. I also did some paintings of my own garden. As the work mounted up I realised I had the makings of an exhibition. When I broached the idea with Tom Kenny, he was both encouraging and enthusiastic. "We'll call it Lorna's Garden" he said. And that is what we have done."*

## About the Artist

Jay Murphy was born in Dublin and studied fine art in Dun Laoghaire School of Art and Central London School, London. She is a Founder member of the *Fíor Uisce* in Dublin and later the *Western Artists* group. She is also a member of the *Island Connection* group of painters and sculptors which arranged exhibitions on various European islands, from Inisbofin, Inismore to Malta & Tenerife etc. She is currently a member of *AKIN*, a group of five artists, an offshoot of *Western Artists*. *AKIN* received a Galway City Council award in 2002. Jay has exhibited widely in solo and group shows since 1975. She has illustrated a number of books, notably *Gonella* and *Litany for the Pig* by Eva Bourke. Her work has appeared in numerous group shows, and one person exhibitions in the Stone Gallery, at An Dámhlann in Spiddal, the Lincoln Gallery, Dublin, the Carroll Gallery, Longford, the Kenny Gallery, Galway and the Galway Arts Festival. She has work in many private and public collections. Her solo exhibition *HYDRO* at the Norman Villa Gallery as part of the Galway Arts Festival and was selected by the Irish Times art critic Aidan Dunne as one of the highlights of the visual arts in 2011. Her recent exhibitions include Hamilton Gallery, Sligo, Claremorris Gallery, Mayo and Taylor Galleries, Dublin.





*Harry's Garden with Pool, Pastel, 16x12in*





*New Zealand Tree Fern, protected for Winter, Pastel, 16x12in*

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