



**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Artist opens her studio to visitors  
Melanie Williams – Artist/Encaustician**

37 Artists in Gwynedd will be opening up their studios to the public for the first time as part of North Wales's ever popular Open Studios scheme. Helfa Gelf

**Mel Williams – Artist/Encaustician**

Mel Williams is a Bala based artist who has developed her painting skills through experimentation and enthusiasm. She is inspired by the natural beauty of the Snowdonia National Park. She enjoys using vibrant colours, texture and patterns and has discovered a love for encaustic painting. Encaustic painting is burning pigment mixed with beeswax onto a chosen surface. The heat needs to be at least 160° to melt the wax, she uses various hot tools to burn onto the surface and then other tools to shift and shape the wax into colourful images. The finished picture is both lightfast and vibrant. An indoor environment, even if very warm will not melt the wax.

Arlunydd sydd wedi sefydlu ei hun yn y Bala yw Mel Williams ac wedi datblygu ei pheintiadau drwy frwdfrydedd ynghyd a bod yn barod i arbrofi gyda gwahanol ddeunyddiau. 'Byddaf yn arbrofi'n gyson gyda syniadau newydd a defnyddio celfi/offer gwahanol i drawsnewid y lliw cwyr i ddelweddau artistig' Caiff ei hysbrydoliaeth o edrych ar brydferthwch naturiol rhyfeddol Parc Cenedlaethol Eryri. Mae'n mwynhau defnyddio lliwiau dirgrynol i greu gwead a phatrymau a thrwy harbrofi darganfyodd 'celf cwyr'- Encaustic art. Gwneir hyn drwy ddefnyddio lliw wedi ei gymysgu a chwyr gwenyn – ei doddi ar y papur gyda gwres o tua 160 gradd selsiws. Yna gellir ei daenu gyda nifer wahanol o gelfi i adeiladu'r testun. (Delweddau) Gwelir y peintiadau gorffenedig yn rhai byw ac diddos rhag oleuni a thymheredd pob dydd.

**September 2010 opening times:**

all days 11am - 5pm

**10** Friday  
**11** Saturday  
**12** Sunday

**17** Friday  
**18** Saturday  
**19** Sunday

**24** Friday  
**25** Saturday  
**26** Sunday

**Late Friday  
opening:  
10** Friday  
**17** Friday  
**24** Friday

For further information about the event please go to:

[www.helfagelf.co.uk](http://www.helfagelf.co.uk)

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