All creatures great and small

Monsoon Gallery is located in the North West town of Broome, WA.

The gallery has the most comprehensive collection of fine art in the Kimberley.

The artwork they display is often related not just to the Kimberley area but to the Pilbara also, particularly with the landscape art they exhibit.

One of their current exhibitions is called 'Creatures' by artist Helen Norton running from the 5th to the 17th August at the gallery but can be viewed online now.

At the age of 26, self taught artist Helen Norton settled in Broome after 10 years of travelling and working in the Western Deserts in the most remote areas of the Australian Outback.

For the next 14 years in the North West she developed her well known style and essence as an artist. Helen was inspired by the archetypal and timeless sacredness of the Pilbara and Kimberley Landscapes.

Much was learned through observing the tenacity, independence and eccentricity of the people within these remote, but basic and material luxury poor locations, which had a richness of experience however, that surpassed poverty of 'things'.

Her obvious love of the outback and her curiosity around the human condition is brilliantly captured in her internationally acclaimed work.

Today Helen resides in Perth but is making a much anticipated return to the North with her exhibition of new works titled 'Creatures'.

"I pondered the appearance of familiar and unfamiliar 'creatures' – the known and unknown beings which evolve as shapes and forms when one is engaged in the most early raw stages of a painting.



· Artist Helen Norton

The paint oozes and drips, pools and floods, ravishes and erodes; and if allowed to do so in the actions and mind of the artist, new or derived creatures step forward... Such are the joys of painting."

If you can't make it to Broome to view this exhibition then you are able to preview and purchase her artwork or any other on the gallery website www.monsoongallery.com.au