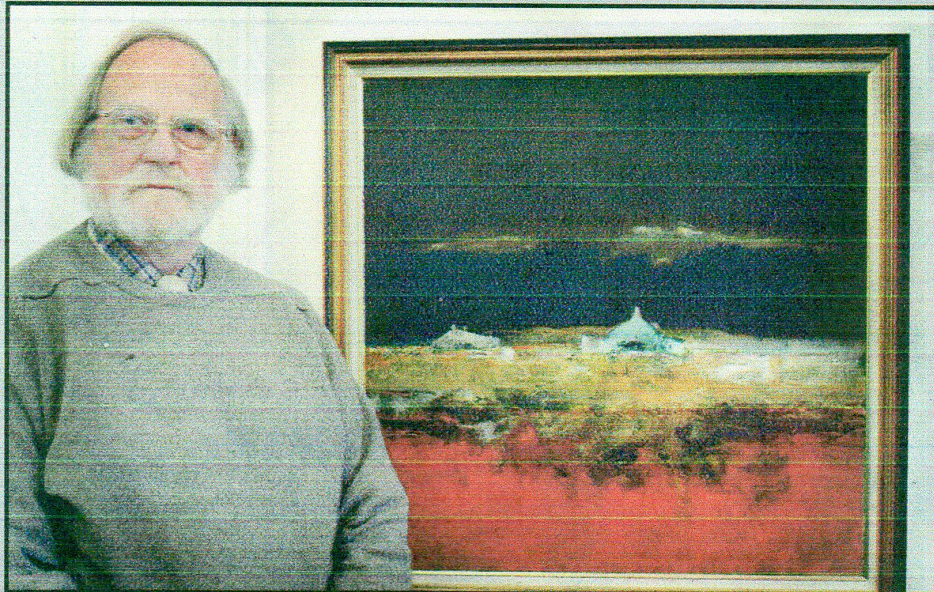


Greenock artists' work recognised by top London gallery

EXHIBIT: THE late Gordon Wyllie is pictured with his painting Crofts in Autumn which is being sold at Panter and Hall's gallery in London. He used to be an art teacher at Greenock Academy.



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Top two's talents on show

TWO Greenock artists are being honoured at a top gallery in London.

Works by the late Alexander Galt and Gordon Wyllie are being exhibited in Panter and Hall's gallery in Mayfair.

Alexander Galt died in 2000 and is famed for his paintings of Inverclyde and boats on the River Clyde.

Gordon Wyllie died in 2005. He was a former art teacher at Greenock Academy and his paintings of crofts around Scotland are still very popular with art buyers.

The paintings are being exhibited as part of an Artists of Fame and Promise show.

In December, the gallery will dedicate a whole exhibition to the work of Gordon Wyllie.

A spokesman for the gallery said: "The late Gordon Wyllie was a painter of small scale, intimate works of his beloved Scottish croft houses. His enormous talent as a painter was matched only by a humanity and warmth of personality that endeared him to all those that came into contact with him. A great friend

of Panter and Hall, his death in 2005 was an enormous loss to the Scottish art world and his many collectors who had also come to know him through the gallery."

Gordon was born in Greenock in 1930 and lived in the area all his life. He taught at Greenock Academy for 20 years and became principal examiner in art and design for Scotland.

His paintings were mostly of small crofts and he told the *Tele* in 2004: "I have known the west coast of Scotland since 1935. We used to go on train journeys when I was a child and I have walked and cycled throughout the landscape."

Gordon's work is available to buy from the Panter and Hall website and during the Artists of Fame and Promise show his painting, *Crofts in Autumn*, is going for £3,850.

Various Alexander Galt paintings are on the website and Above Cloch Road at Faulds Farm, Gourrock, is on sale for £2,800. Art lovers can see the collections at www.panterandhall.com.

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