

PROJECT GALLERY 90

'SHELF LIFE'

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Artist's Statement

Expired, obsolete and abandoned, the objects in SHELF LIFE have passed their 'use-by' date. From marine detritus cast adrift, tossed ashore and collected on coastal walks to once ubiquitous colonial ceramic vessels or obsolete laboratory apparatus, the individual objects nevertheless each hold a unique memory of a previous, valued life.

As an interiors' stylist, for decades I scoured flea markets, garage sales and junk shops for unusual props for photo shoots, accumulating an indispensable wunderkammer (cabinet of curiosities) filled with bottles, shells, obscure bric-a-brac: often of little or no commercial value and no practical use but admired and acquired for its shape, colour, texture or simply quirkiness.

Admitting that much of this accumulated 'treasure' had also passed its useful shelf life, the act of carefully recording the individual details of these beautiful but useless objects became a cathartic means of letting go, a way of preserving their memory and exploring ideas of transience and the passing of time. In a sense they are vanitas, like the 17th century Dutch 'mementos mori' still life paintings that remind us of the transience of earthly things, that life is fleeting, all this shall pass.

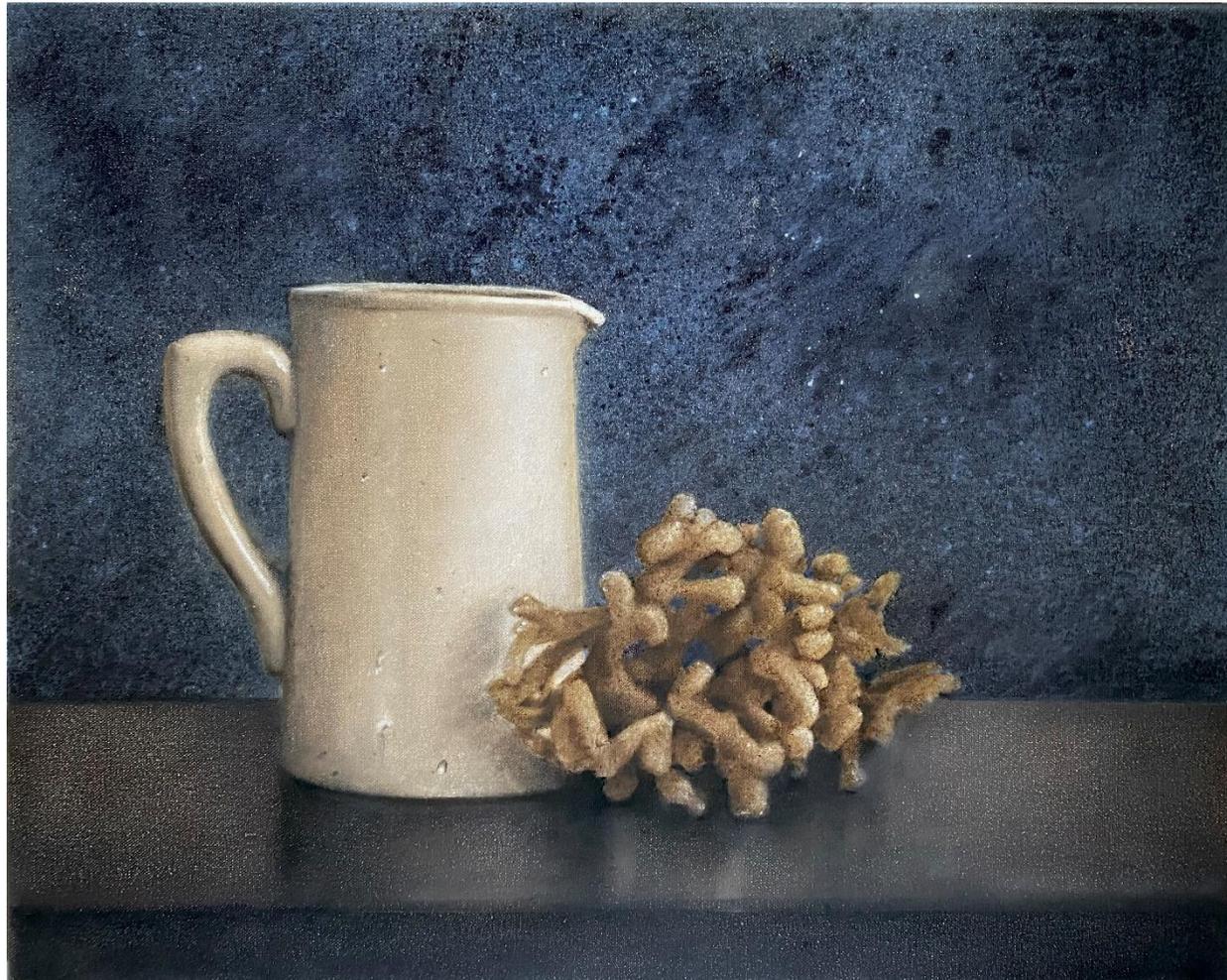
By recording the transient beauty and collective memory inherent in discarded or obsolete things, in a paradox the paintings in turn extend the chosen object's 'shelf life' indefinitely.



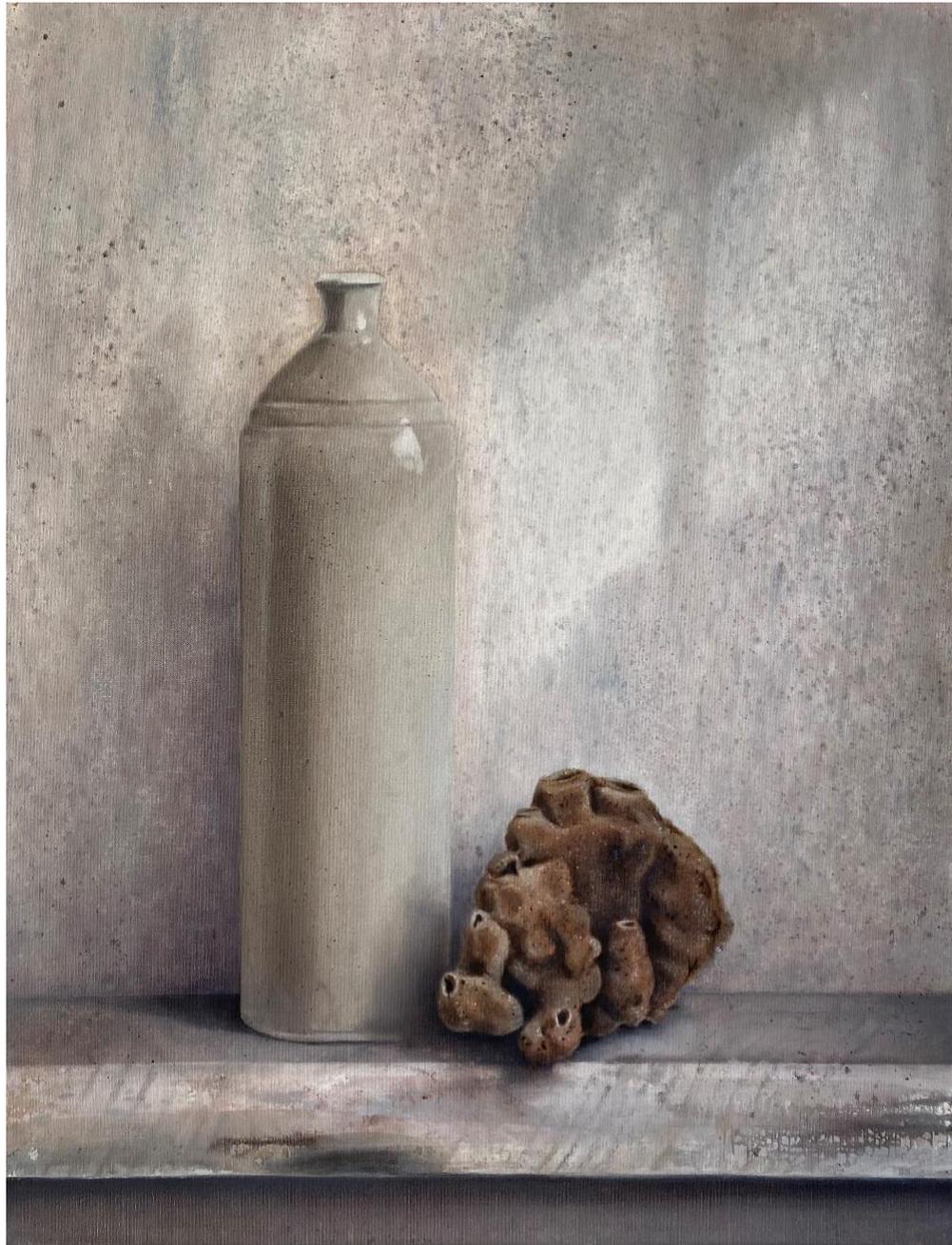
'Shelf Life #14' oil on canvas 41x51cm framed \$1,250



'Shelf Life #1' oil on canvas 61x153cm framed \$4,500



'Shelf Life #13' oil on canvas 41x51cm framed \$1,250



'Shelf Life #2' oil on canvas 91x71cm framed \$2,790



'Shelf life #12' oil on canvas 41x51cm framed \$1,250



'Shelf Life #3' oil on canvas 52x63cm framed \$1,690



'Shelf Life #11' oil on canvas 51x41cm framed \$1,250



'Shelf Life #4' oil on canvas 50x40cm framed \$1,250



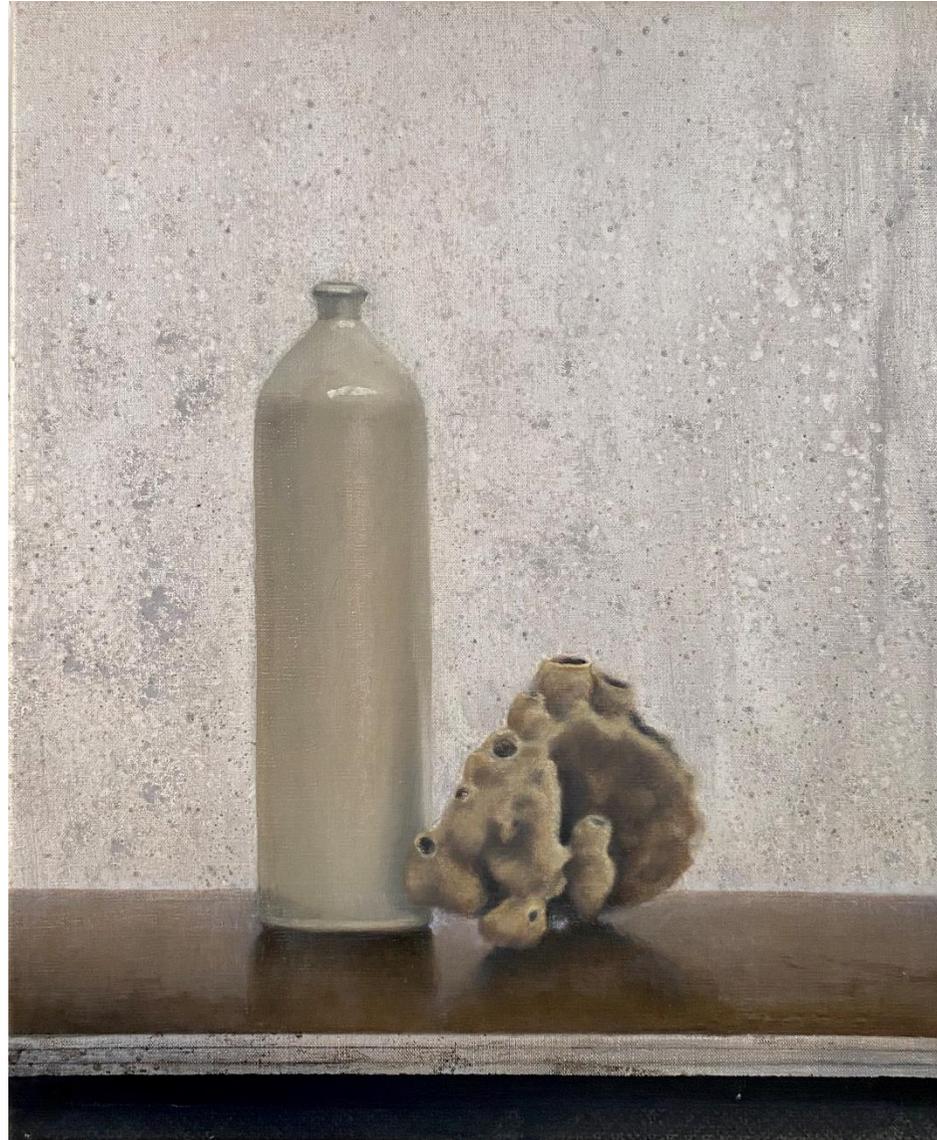
'Shelf Life #10' oil on canvas 51x41cm framed \$1,250



'Shelf Life #5' oil on canvas 50x40cm framed \$1,250



'Shelf Life #9' oil on canvas 51x61cm framed \$1,690



'Shelf Life #8' oil on canvas 52x45cm framed \$1,300



'Shelf Life #7' oil on canvas 50x40cm framed \$1,250



'Shelf Life #6' oil on canvas 50x40cm framed \$1,250



'Sea Wrack #2' oil on canvas 20x25cm framed \$590



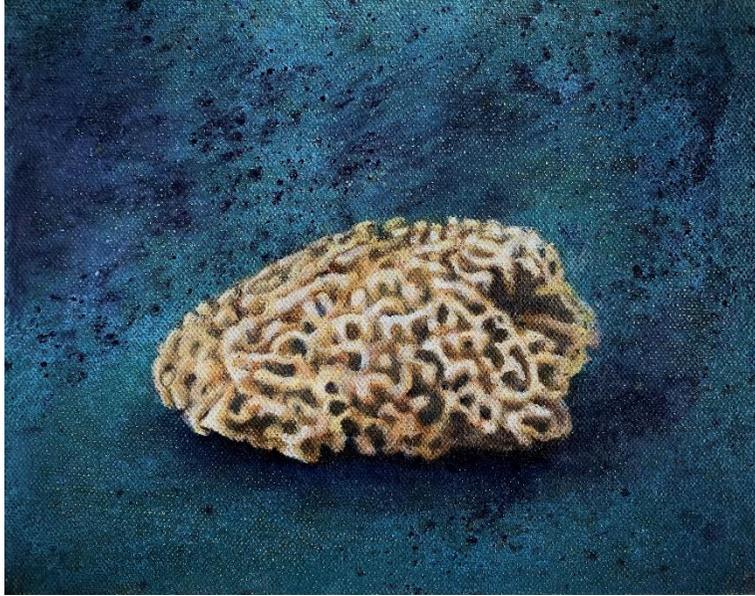
'Sea Wrack #1' oil on canvas 20x25cm framed \$590



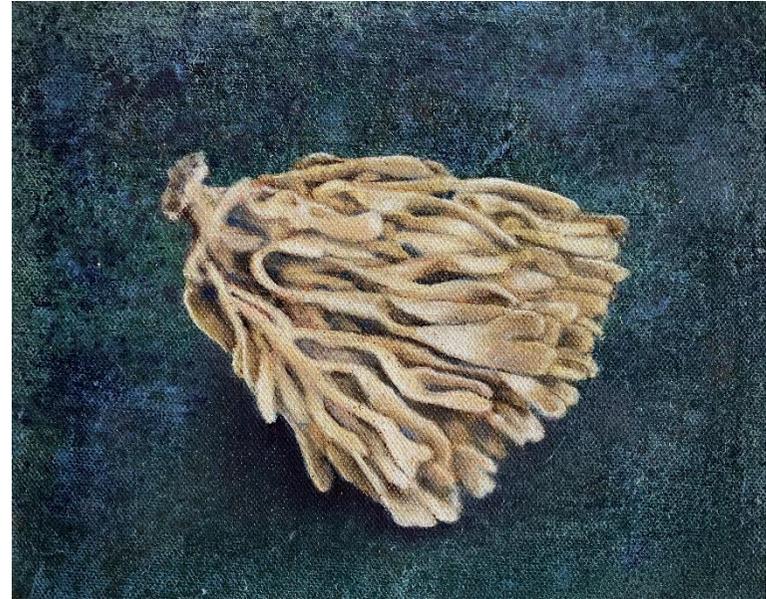
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