



## Artist in residence

Laura Fishman, a member of East Finchley Open, has been appointed artist-in-residence at Stephens House in East End Road, N3, where she is a regular visitor. Until October, she will be painting and drawing on the site as well as working in a little studio in the 'secret tower' in the highest part of the building.

The property is the former home of Henry 'Inky' Stephens whose family owned the ink business familiar to many schoolchildren who owned fountain pens. Towards the end of the year there will be an exhibition of Laura's work at the house. Find out more about Laura and her work at: [www.laurafishman.blogspot.co.uk](http://www.laurafishman.blogspot.co.uk)



One of Laura Fishman's portraits of Stephen's House and gardens



EFO artists' open house weekends are back this month.

## Invite yourself into an artist's house

Members of the local East Finchley Open Artists group are having their 15th annual Open Houses weekends on Saturday and Sunday 4-5 and 11-12 July. In and around East Finchley houses and studios will be opening where you can enjoy, and maybe even buy, all kinds of art, ceramics and jewellery. See brochures and posters in local shops or log on to [www.eastfinchleyopen.org.uk](http://www.eastfinchleyopen.org.uk) for a map of venues.



Greenhouse gas - the day the earth stood still (in East Finchley). Photo Craig Johnson

## Out of this world

Latex alien props and Star Wars Lego are all in a day's work for photographer Craig Johnson. He studied for his master's degree in film and photography at Middlesex University and has been creating award-winning fine art photography for 16 years.

Craig's work taps into fantasy realms and the paradoxes of worlds running parallel with each other. His most popular work is titled Greenhouse Gas,

a series of four staged scenes of a garden in East Finchley shot on large format film using eight-hour exposures.

Another of his pieces is called The Witch is Dead, named after the final scene in the Wizard of Oz but using a modern garage setting with a mannequin's legs poking out of a foggy doorway.

Craig prints onto one-metre aluminium sheets. His work on alien themes has been displayed in shopping centres in Kuala Lumpur and on Oxford Circus tube station's Platform for Art

in 2008. In 2007 Craig won the People's Choice Award at the artsdepot in North Finchley and in 2012 he won the Pride in the House exhibition at Lauderdale House in Highgate.

You can see his work and his props as part of the East Finchley Open House weekends on 4-5 July and 11-12 July from 11am to 6pm at 45a Sedgemere Avenue, N2. Craig is one of many artists opening their homes and studios on those weekends. For full details, visit [www.eastfinchleyopen.org.uk](http://www.eastfinchleyopen.org.uk)

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