

Pictures by a British lady

Inspired by a visit to a monk, Wendy Parker has painted views of Bad Nenndorf in Germany.

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Pictures of the scenery in Bad Nenndorf have been painted many times before, but the fact that a British artist has painted a picture in acrylics of the views in the spa town is rather unusual. Wendy Parker tells the newspaper SN how she came to do this.

Wendy has already captured the St Godehardi church on canvas and three pictures of the Nenndorfer Dwarf Beech Avenue were painted in her studio in England. One of them has the title "Monk amongst the Dwarf Beeches". In it, is a monk dressed in orange, who can be perceived behind the arched dwarf beeches and this can only be the Buddhist Bhante Sukhacitto, who has been based in Bad Nenndorf for a few years now. Actually, as Wendy explains, Bhante Sukhacitto is a friend of hers. She stayed with him a while ago to do a so-called retreat. During this time out, the monk led his group to Dwarf Beeches Avenue, where Wendy took a photo showing Bhante Sukhacitto behind a tree. Wendy used this snapshot as a source material for her painting after her return home to England and this is how she created the other two Dwarf Beech paintings.

"Only now and then do I paint from my imagination," explains the Brit about the way she works. As a matter of fact in the case of the church in Nenndorf, she endeavoured to use her powers of memory.

"I wanted to paint the church, because it reminded me of the scene in Germany" says Wendy. Admittedly this is located in England, but it strongly resembles the look of the St Godehardi church in Galenburg.

As a rule, Wendy paints landscapes in acrylics. She varies the technique a lot and is inspired by Van Gogh. She has had postcards made of some of the Buddhist's subjects for Bhante Sukhacitto and his house of their honourable friendship. Wendy has already been a guest in Bad Nenndorf three times and has done a German course there. She wants to paint other pictures of the town soon and because Wendy recently went to Berlin, some of the capital's sights may be converted to acrylics soon.