

Jo's longstanding love of art and art history began when, as a child, she made frequent visits to art galleries and museums. She read Art History at Leicester University, then went on to study for a post-graduate diploma in Oxford, specialising in the art and architecture of fifteenth century Italy. After completing her studies she worked in a bookshop, which led to a happy and successful twenty-year career in the book trade, eventually running a specialist art bookshop in London and working with the auctioneers, Christies. She also enjoyed teaching adult education classes in Art History and for twelve years she was a volunteer guide for Tate Modern and Tate Britain. Jo is now a freelance lecturer. Some years ago she lectured on several P & O cruise liners and currently lectures for The Arts Society, the Art Fund, Friends of Dulwich Picture Gallery and for local arts groups and societies.