



## • CRAFT/PROFESSION

Dominique HACQUES specialises in framing artworks. She creates unique and unusual frames to embellish works by local artists, using her skills and talent to showcase various forms of art, sculptures, paintings, prints and drawings. Her frames protect and enhance the artworks.



Dominique exhibits her work in her studio at Maison des Artisans craft centre. She uses various traditional framing techniques to provide a perfect setting for works by local artists. “A frame is made to complement and enhance a work of art”, she explains.



Dominique also makes cartonnage items, fashioning objects from paperboard, glue and fabric.

## • BACKGROUND

Dominique has always loved making things with her hands and has worked in various areas including oil painting, sewing, drawing, photography and gem cutting. As she explains, “My experience with all these crafts led me quite naturally to take an interest in framing”, and she has worked as a framer for 8 years.



It was Dominique Guiguin, a professional picture framer also based at Maison des Artisans craft centre, who

inspired her with the passion and ambition to persevere. Thanks to her friend’s knowledge and expertise, Dominique mastered techniques like classic framing, 3D deep box frames and framing artwork between two pieces of glass.

In 2016, she also completed a course in “small-scale cartonnage”. She learnt folding, assembling, gluing and cutting techniques which gave her the skills to design card holders, chequebooks, passport holders, notepads...

## • INSPIRATION AND ART/DESIGNS

“My inspiration is guided by the work I am framing” explains Dominique, “my designs have no limit but that of my own inspiration”.

Sculptures in gaïac, in driftwood, deer horn, soapstone, half a nautilus, tapa bark, carved arrows, totems, paintings... All works by local artists which Dominique brings her expertise to embellishing by framing them between two pieces of glass, with or without sand, adding supports such as braided raffia.

Frames created with intricate and meticulous skill which transform an artwork into a new artwork.