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Alphington artists including illustrator Sharyn Madder have their studios open to the public this weekend. Picture: JANINE EASTGATE

Sharyn's sketching life goes on show

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YOU might sometimes catch a glimpse of environmental illustrator Sharyn Madder out and about sketching.

"I go out into parks and other places to do rough sketches and take notes, but do most of the work in my studio," she said.

Madder is one of the 11 local artists who will open their studios to the public during the annual Alphington Open studio weekend.

Her intricately detailed work includes illustrations for Parks Victoria, Melbourne Zoo, Healesville Sanctuary, Vox Bandicoot and Museum Victoria.

Books such as *Alfreda the City Penguin* and *The Smallest Horses* have also used her work.

Artists opening their studios include marble mosaiccer Cetta Pilati, sculptor Beatrice Magalotti, ceramist Bridget Foley, painter Andrew Sutton, silk painter Jeanette Wilkins, jeweller

Avis Gardner and textile designer Wendy Roche. Katie Roberts, Anne Warren and Jill Anderson will also show their latest works on paper.

Alphington Open Studio Weekend will be held on November 22-November 23, from 11am to 6pm.

For more information go to alphingtonstudios.com