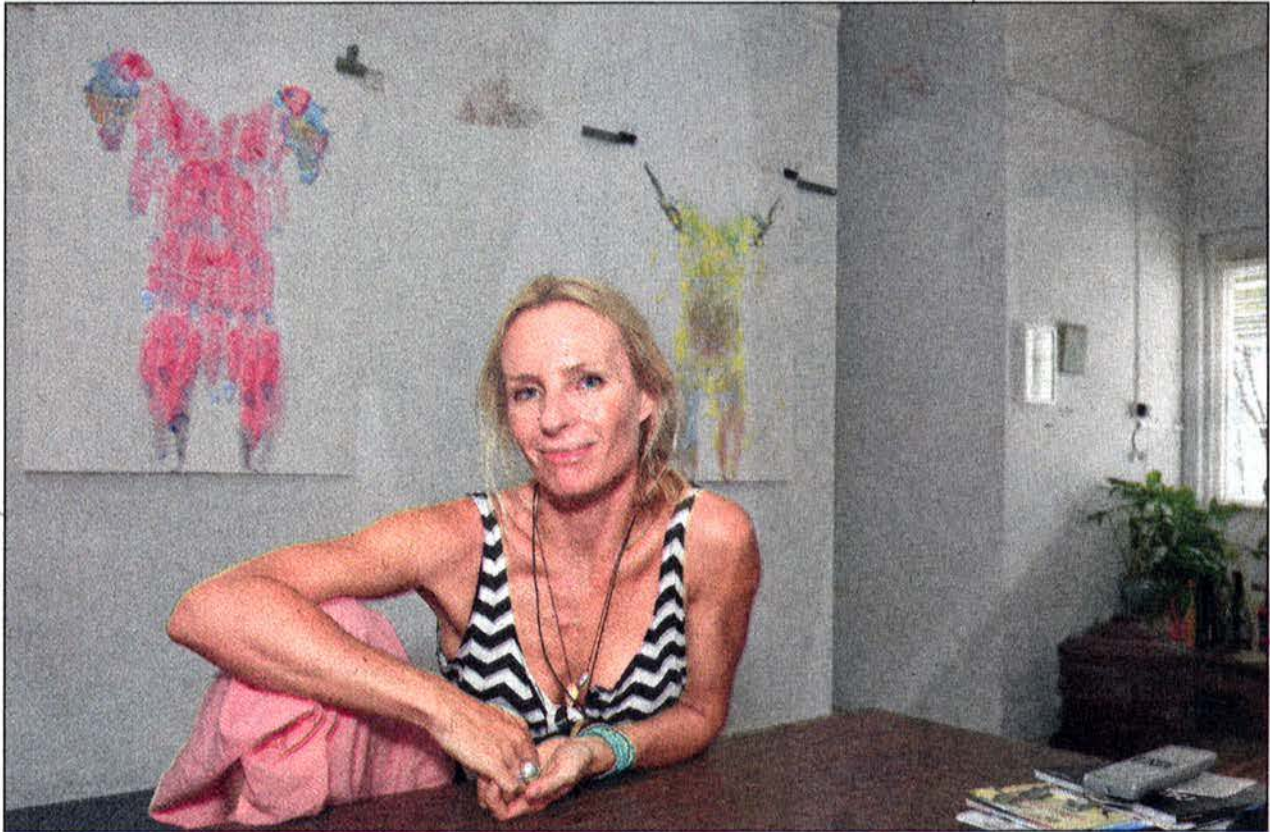


ARTISTS' OPEN HOUSE



Frances Alleblas, 42

Visit: Her home and studio. Block 2 Woking Road, 02-03

Dutch artist Alleblas moved to Wessex in 2002. "I still remember the first time I walked into the estate," she says. "It was a marvellous little oasis of jungle in a rapidly developing city. My mind instantly felt calm and I knew I had to live here."

The other big draw is what she calls "a real sense of community". "It feels like a village." Indeed, while this interview is on, her neighbour Siang Chin drops by for a quick chat and watches the photo shoot. The relaxed vibe helps the artist focus on her art, she says. A graduate from the Willem de Kooning Art Academy in Rotterdam with a bachelor's degree in fine art, she lived in Bali before moving to Singapore in 2002 with her husband, who teaches philosophy at the Singapore Institute of Management and Singapore Management University. The couple do not have kids.

Alleblas' work on paper, including drawings and prints, reference memory and are often an exploration of what she calls a "state of continuous longing".