



**Connect by Lesley Allen-Dring (glass)**

A wood can be special for very personal reasons. Artist Lesley Allen-Dring says: “The woods behind my home are a special place to think, to contemplate and to connect with the earth. My inspiration comes from an ancient Chinese proverb:

A man is born gentle and weak, at his death he is hard and stiff;  
Green plants are tender and filled with sap, at their death they are withered and dry.  
Therefore the stiff and unbending is the disciple of death.  
The gentle and the yielding is the disciple of life  
A tree that is unbending is easily broken.”