



DELIGHTED: Photographer Clare Iles, whose work has won her an arts award

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## Beauty in eye of beholder

**PHOTOGRAPHS** of rotting rubbish across the East of England have led an Essex artist to an award.

Clare Iles, of Great Bentley near Colchester, picked up the £1,000 prize from the 12th annual East international exhibition.

Judges were impressed with the way she presented 550 images - taken

throughout a year - in the style of a shanty street stall.

She said: "I am trying to make something beautiful out of what everyone regards as rubbish. I would like to raise questions about the materials I am using."

Ms Iles, 31, said that her experiences of life influenced her work, and she added: "I am delighted to have been

selected to exhibit, and to receive an award for my work is amazing. My work is an assembly of rubbish - the camera is my tool and the photographs just document this."

Ms Iles, who has an MA in fine art, studied at Colchester Institute and the Norwich School of Art and Design.



IMAGES OF LIFE: One of Clare Iles' award-winning photographs