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editor's desk

Welcome to the February edition of Artsbark. Bridget is still on leave and therefore I am putting pen to paper once again.

In the November issue, Bridget reported that Arts Upper Hunter had applied for grants to fund 3 projects. I am very pleased to advise we were successful with 2 of these applications. Arts NSW is funding the "Portraits of Place" project. This is for intensive film making workshops to be held in Gloucester and Dungog. The other successful application was the Artstart 2009 project funded by TAFE. AUH will hold a series of art camps for young people, 12-24 yrs, across the Hunter region. We will keep you informed of the progress of these projects and how you can become involved in them.

Speaking about grants, just a reminder that applications for the Country Arts Support Program will close on the 13th of February. There is also a range of other grants closing shortly, and some are included in Artsbark, however I would strongly recommend visiting our website www.artsupperhunter.com.au. At last count, there were 11 listed with closing dates throughout February.

As my role is office based I contacted some of our contributors for news of our region.

Leanne Barrett of the Gloucester Art Gallery, reported early January, the opening of the Peter Blanchard's exhibition was a great success. "Peter's work is very beautiful and he has sold six pieces already".

Jane Sullivan and Peter Carlin advised they have opened the Courtyard Cafe at Haydon Hall, Murrurundi. Peter said, "For February we are introducing a range of photographic cards that are by the Muswellbrook photographer Roger Skinner. This is a new avenue for us as we add a Photographic Art component to our gallery which will be called "Painting with Light" This along with the Courtyard Cafe now means that people can enjoy the art & the scenery of Murrurundi over a coffee or lunch at Haydon Hall". The cafe will be open Thursday to Sunday, 11am to 5pm.

Gail Bragg and the members of ADFAS Scone are very excited about their first lecture for 2009. Mrs Maggie Campbell Pedersen FGA ABIPP NADFA, will be speaking on "Organic Gems as Adornment". The following day is the "Maggie's Roadshow", so remember to take along your amber, ivory, and other organic jeweller etc you have. For more information see the listing and call Gail on 6543 4620.

Carey Duggan of the Singleton Youth Venue said they have been very busy finalising the Singleton Youth Venue, Youth Band Competition being held for Youth Week. Carey said there is a pool of \$700 prize money and they have already had interest from 6 bands, and this is before the release of publicity! There are 2 heats and a final planned at this stage.

On a sad note, George Anderson, a prominent Upper Hunter aboriginal artist, who painted the Reconciliation Mural for the community of Muswellbrook and the Welcoming Mural at Aboriginal Health in Wallsend Hospital, passed away on New Years Day 2009. As a tribute the Muswellbrook Regional Art Center has hung George's "Wet Season" in the Centre Court Gallery.

Kind regards, Sandra Reichel



George Anderson, photo supplied by the Muswellbrook Regional Art Centre.



February

- 1-8 **Recent Acquisitions 2006 - 2008 & the "Leica Photography" Exhibitions.**
Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre, Cnr of Bridge and Market Sts, Tuesday to Friday 10am – 5pm, Saturday 10am – 1pm, Sunday 2pm – 5pm, for details, please call 6549 3880.
- 1 **Wildlife Photographer of The Year 2008**
This exhibition consists of 80 photographs selected from thousands of entries from over 80 countries and from both talented amateur and professional photographers. The exhibition closes 8th March. Australia Museum, 6 College St, Sydney. Free entry. 9:30am to 5pm, daily. For details call 9320 6000 or visit <http://www.australianmuseum.net.au/visiting/general/>
- 1 **Yapang Marruma**
"making our own way" (stories of the Stolen)
A moving account of the ongoing effects on local Aboriginal families of government policies relating to the Stolen Generations. Month program includes: symposium, and various workshops. Exhibition closes 15th March.
Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery, First St, Booragul. Tues to Sunday, 10am to 5pm. Admission free. Ph 4965 8260, or visit www.lakemac.com.au
- 2 **HSC 2008 Body of Works**
Exhibition closes 1st of March. Gloucester Art Gallery, Denison Street. Open Friday to Sunday 10am to 4pm. Free entry. For more details call 6558 3157.
- 4 **Opening of "art works"**
This is an exhibition by the Fine Art Staff of the Newcastle Art School. It is being opened by Ron Ramsey, the director of Newcastle Regional Art Gallery. The exhibition runs until the 20th.
Opening 5:30 to 7:30pm. Front Room Gallery, 582-608 Hunter St, Newcastle West. Tuesday to Friday 11am-5pm, for details please call 4929 0348.
- 6 **An Evening with Major Glenn Todhunter**
Glenn is the first and only amputee aviator in the history of the Australian Defence Force and will be telling his remarkable story. This is presented by the Scone Neighbourhood Centre, The Virtual Shed program, and is a men's only evening.
Muswellbrook RSL Club, 6:30 for 7pm, gold coin donation. Booking essential on 6545 2562.
- 8 **Community Markets at Broke**
Community market with various stalls including: books, bric-a-brac, local produce, gourmet foods, gifts and bargains.

9am to 1pm. McNamara Park, Broke Village. For more details call Wendy Lawson on 0429 198 871

- 21 **Opening of 40th Muswellbrook Open Art Prize**
This exhibition will run until 23rd March.
Opening 6pm. Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre, Cnr of Bridge and Market Sts, Tuesday to Friday 10am – 5pm, Saturday 10am – 1pm, Sunday 2pm – 5pm, for details please call 6549 3880.

March

- 2 - 29 **"Recent Works" by Jean Spokes**
Gloucester Art Gallery, Denison Street. Open Friday to Sunday 10am to 4pm. Free entry. For more details call 6558 3157.
- 10 & 11 **"Organic Gems as Adornment: Amber, Coral, Pearls, and others"**
This lecture is by Mrs Maggie Campbell Pedersen and being presented by the ADFAS Scone. On the following day there is "Maggie's Roadshow" and people are invited to bring along their jewellery etc. Bookings required for workshop, \$35 inc morning tea & lunch. Scone Arts and Crafts Hall, Kingdon St.
10th - 6pm for 6:30pm. 11th - 9:30am. For more details call Gail on 6543 4620 or Jill on 6545 1822.
- 13 & 27 **SYV - Youth Band Competition Heats**
Presented by the Singleton Youth Venue and held in celebration of Youth Week. Final is the 3rd April 6:30pm, \$5, drug & alcohol free, Singleton Youth Venue, Pitt St. Singleton. For details call 6571 4687.

- 27 & 28 **Gloucester Show**
This show will have something for everyone, with side show alley, pavilions of displays and a range of ring events. For more information please call Ann Plumridge on 6558 2468 or visit www.gloucestershow.org.au

- 27 & 28 **Upper Hunter Regional Show & Expo**
This year's displays include: art, photography, handicrafts, needlework, cookery, flowers/plants, produce. There will be a horse show, fireworks, sideshow alley etc. Muswellbrook Showgrounds, Maitland Rd. For more details call 6541 2014 or visit www.upperhuntershow.com.au

February

- 4 **Auditions for "Caught in the Net"**
Muswellbrook Amateur Theatrical Society (MATS) is running this hilarious sequel to their 2008 show "Run for your Wife". Wanted 3 males, 2 females, and 2 teenagers. The show will run for 3 weeks in May.



7pm, Muswellbrook Workers Club, Sydney St. Contact Judy McMahon for perusal script details on 65 451488 or 0407227655.

9 Calleen Art Award 2009 - entries close

This is an acquisitive art award of \$10,000 for a contemporary artwork in any painting medium i.e. oils, acrylic, mixed media (only if paint remains the dominant medium).

For full details or to download an entry form, please go to the Cowra Art Gallery website at www.cowraartgallery.com.au/

18 2009 Upper Hunter Show - entries close

Entries close for a range of categories including photography, needlework, flowers and pot plants. There are numerous sub categories. For full details please visit www.upperhuntershow.com.au and look under "Form" or call 6541 2014.

17 "Off the wall", Art Melbourne - entries close

For emerging artists. Up to 20 artists will be selected to have their work professionally installed and featured in a full colour catalogue sponsored by Art Almanac. For details visit <http://www.artoffthewall.com.au/>

27 SYV - Youth Bank Competition - registrations close

The Singleton Youth Venue is holding this competition with total prize pool of \$700. There are 2 heats, 13/3 & 27/3 and the finals 3rd April.

For full details visit the Singleton Youth Venue, Pitt St, or call 6571 4687.

Ongoing Avant Card, We Love 3D Project

This is an ongoing exhibition held at The Studio, Sydney Opera House. Each month one individual sculptural piece will be displayed inside a clear viewing box on top of Avant Card's most unique display. For details email avantcard@avantcard.com.au or call 02 9699 4433.

March

9 John Jameson Production Competition- entries close.

Would you like to get your ideas for a short film produced. Just come up with a great 3 minute short film idea with an unexpected ending. John Jameson Productions will produce the 3 winning ideas with a budget of \$20,000 per film. For full details visit www.jamesonwhiskey.com.au/johnjamesonproductions/

18 2009 Upper Hunter Show - entries close

Entries close for a range of categories including: art, school handicrafts, open handicrafts, folk art, cake

decorating & sugar art, cookery. There are numerous subcategories, including adult and children sections. For full details including prizes and entry fees, please visit www.upperhuntershow.com.au and look under Forms.



Twilight Soiree, Opera at the Tops. Photo supplied by Nick Black of Five Lines Productions.

February

13 Country Arts Support Program (CASP) - applications close

Small grants of up to \$3,000 for art and cultural projects such as, but not restricted to: workshops, performances, artist-residence programs, exhibitions etc. For an application form and guidelines please visit www.regionalartsnsw.com.au and select grants or call Arts Upper Hunter and we can post you a copy.

15 Janet Holmes a Court Artist's Grant - applications close

This grant provides assistance towards the costs of public presentation of visual arts, craft and design. Amounts available are: \$500 for individuals, and \$1,000 for groups. For details visit www.visualarts.net.au

16 Festival Australia - applications close

Festivals Australia is an Australian Government program which funds Australian regional and community festivals to present quality cultural projects. Funding is available to add a new or special sort of cultural activity. For details visit http://www.arts.gov.au/arts/festivals_australia

27 Australian Army Research Grants Scheme - applications close

This grant is to support and encourage research into the role and involvement of the Army in the

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development of the nation. Maximum \$15,000. For details visit <http://www.defence.gov.au/ARMY/AHU/Advice.asp>

Open Community Hall Renewal Fund

The NSW Government announced the Building the Country funding package in November 2008. The CHRF is 2.5 million over 5 years to help small communities renovate, extend or upgrade community halls. No closing date. For details call Office of Rural Affairs on 6393 000.

February

not to miss

5 Enrolments for Certificate 2 Visual Arts and Contemporary Crafts

TAFE Hunter Institute, Singleton campus is offering this course which covers: drawing, painting, print making (including lino), art history and OH&S. Certificate III is also available, conditions apply. Certificate II, is being held Tuesdays, 5 hours per week, for 18 months. For details please call Dorothy Wishney on 6578 7133 or 6578 7100.

11 Media Publicity Workshop

The Scone Neighbourhood Resource Centre presents this workshop which will cover: submitting copy in the correct format, basic news writing and reporting, submitting photos with captions & media relations. Scone RSL Club, 6:30 to 8pm, \$10 per group. For details and to book, call 6545 2562.

28 Curds, Whey & Wine - Cheese Making Classes

Hands on cheese maker classes, complemented by a wine and cheese matching tutorial with winemaker Barry Kooij. Bookings essential. 10:30am to 3pm. Arrowfield Estate Pokolbin Cellar Door, Hermitage Rd. \$150 per person including morning tea and lunch. Ph 4998 7440.

Arts & Media Short Courses

TAFE Hunter Institute, Newcastle West campus is offering a wide range of courses. For more information or to enrol please call 4929 0345 or visit <http://www.hunter.tafensw.edu.au/artshowcourses>, search for course and follow prompts.

Art Classes at The Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery

The gallery is holding a range of courses including intensive weekend workshops on Writing, Textiles & Collage and Drawing & Painting the Landscape. There are also an 8 session course on Intermediate Watercolour and Drawing & Printmaking Fundamentals. For full details contact the gallery on 4965 8260 or visit www.lakemac.com.au, select gallery, then Education.

March

10 Building Your Audience, People in the Arts Course - registrations close

Being held 24th March. This is a TAFE Accredited Disability Awareness & Access Training, and 1 of only 2 courses planned for 2009. Accessible Arts Training Room, Walsh Bay, (Sydney). For details call Jane Pollard 9251 6499, ext 3, or visit www.aarts.net.au



Participants at a Basic Water colour Workshop. Photo supplied by the Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery.

Contributions to the March 2009 edition of Artsbark closes 21st February 2009.

To be included, please forward your contribution to Arts Upper Hunter; see below for details. Please include:

Facts of the Event eg: Name, Date, Time, Venue, Ticket costs etc,

Description of the event/opportunity etc 1 or 2 sentences.

A contact name and phone number for more information regarding the event/opportunity.

Name and contact details of the person lodging the contribution.

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