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# artsbark

## editor's desk

Happy New Year and welcome to the January issue of Artsbark. Bridget is on leave so I am putting pen to paper.

Arts Upper Hunter has had a good response to the opening of the 2010 Country Arts Support Program. In 2009 CASP supported 10 projects in the Upper Hunter region including the Singleton Public Library's writing workshops for young teens, Scone Arts & Crafts' *Workshop Program and Exhibition*, and the Gloucester Arts and Cultural Committee's *Gloucester Art Trail*. Applications for the 2010 CASP round closes on the 12th of February so there is still plenty of time. For more details please see the entry under Grants and Residences section of this Artsbark, give our office a call or visit Regional Arts NSW website, [www.regionalartsnsw.com.au](http://www.regionalartsnsw.com.au)

Newcastle's Cultural Stomp Festival is inviting communities throughout the Hunter to get involved in the 2010 event. The festival is an annual celebration of ...Community... Unity.....Cultural Diversity..... the Environment.....and.... Social Justice. Individuals and groups who have a project they'd like to see included are invited to submit an outline for inclusion. Whether you are performer/s such as a dance group, a choir or band/ensemble - whose style suits the ethos of the festival - have an Art or film project, a written or spoken word presentation/idea, even an environmental display or workshop, they want to hear from you. The festival happens on 1st of May in Civic Park .You can find more information on the festival at [www.myspace.com/culturalstomp](http://www.myspace.com/culturalstomp). Direct inquiries can be made to the festival director - Maureen O'Brien - at [stomp.newcastle@gmail.com](mailto:stomp.newcastle@gmail.com)

The board of Arts Upper Hunter was saddened at the recently meeting when Gina McClure, our board member representing the community of Gloucester Shire, resigned. Gina has been a board member for three years and the board thanked her for her contributions. If anyone in the Gloucester Shire area is interested in this position, could they please contact Bridget on 4992 1003.

Finally, a reminder that our offices are currently closed. The Dungog office re-opens on the 5th of January.

Sandra Reichel



Helen Nash, Val Angel, Glenda Hughes, Doreen Scriven.  
Photo courtesy of the Muswellbrook Regional Art Centre

## January

### 2 Collections Exhibition

This exhibition features works from: Teresa Byrne, Betty Lambley, Charlotte Drake-Brockman, Yvonne Harris, Asher Milgate (photography) and Fran Wachtel. It runs until 17th January. Scone Arts and Crafts. 63 Kingdon St, Scone. Opening most Fridays to Sundays, 10 am to 4pm, for details call Pam 0418 441 128 or Scott 0427 101 697.

### 2 Sediments of Haptic Play by Tanya Alexandra Richards, and Days of Summer by Salvatore Zofrea Exhibitions

These exhibitions run until 28th February. Maitland Regional Art Gallery, 230 High St, Maitland.

## events + festivals



Open Tuesday to Sunday, 10am to 5pm. For details call 4934 9859 or visit [www.mrag.org.au](http://www.mrag.org.au)

**2 Annual Youth Art Award Exhibition 2009 - Down To Earth**

The Gallery's inaugural Young Artist Award exhibition displays the art work of talented young artists from across the Hunter Valley. Runs until the 31st of January. Cessnock Regional Art Gallery, 16 Vincent St, Cessnock. Tue to Sat 10am to 4pm. For details call 4991 6619, or visit [www.crag.net.au](http://www.crag.net.au)

**5 The Winning Photographs from the Muswellbrook Shire Art Collection**

Exhibition runs until the 25th of January. Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre, Cnr of Bridge and Market Sts, Tuesday to Friday 10am – 5pm, Saturday 10am – 1pm, Sunday 2pm – 5pm, for details call 6549 3880.

**8 Glorious Gloucester Exhibition**

The Gloucester Environment Group is presenting this competition which has the theme of "What makes Gloucester special to you". Exhibits will encompass a wide range of mediums, and runs until 31st. Gloucester Gallery, Dennison Street, Gloucester. Open Friday to Sunday, 10am to 4pm, for details 6558 3157.

**8-17 Flickerfest 2010**

The 19th International Short Film Festival, Flickerfest 2010 features 97 films, including 45 Australian. Bondi Pavilion, Bondi Beach. For program and ticket details please visit [www.flickerfest.com.au](http://www.flickerfest.com.au)

**16 Summer Short Fun Films**

A selection of films suitable for the family, inc teens. Barrington Hall, 4-6pm, 8-10pm, tickets at door, adults \$15, con \$12, child under 10yrs free, air con, for details call Deborah 6558 4324.

**22-24 Romeo & Juliet**

Valley Artists presents *The Mad Cow Theatre Company* production of this play, which has been set in 1972 Ireland, with the events of Bloody Sunday. 8pm, Laguna Hall, Laguna. Adults \$20, Pen \$15. To book call 4998 3419 or [boxoffice@valleyartists.org](mailto:boxoffice@valleyartists.org)

**24 Inaugural Upper Hunter Vegetable Festival**

A fun day for the family. Vegetable displays & auction, market stalls, rides and entertainment. Proceeds to Westpac Rescue Helicopters. 12pm, Skellatar Park Race Track, Muswellbrook. Gold coin entry, for details including categories, stall holder enquiries, please call Les on 043 907 6489.

**28 Muswellbrook Australia Day Photographic Award**

Exhibition runs until the 28th February. Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre, Cnr of Bridge and Market Sts, Tuesday to Friday 10am – 5pm, Saturday 10am – 1pm, Sunday 2pm – 5pm, for details call 6549 3880.

**February**

**12 Collection February 2010**

This exhibition features works by Joy Cooksey, Jean Davies, Michael Lodge and author Angus Bishop. It runs until 18th April. Scone Arts and Crafts. 63 Kingdon St, Scone. Opening most Fridays to Sundays, 10 am to 4pm, for details call Pam 0418 441 128 or Scott 0427 101 697.

**19-21 Newcastle Craft Expo**

Hundreds of exhibitors, workshops, woodworking, hobbies & craft displays, entertainment, giveaways, lucky door prizes. Exhibitors include Needlecraft, Pyrography, Folk Art, Floral Art, Dolls, Knitting, Toys, Tools, Timber, Woodturning and much, much more. Newcastle Entertainment Centre. 10am to 4.30pm Adults \$15, children \$5. For all the details please visit [www.craftfest.com.au](http://www.craftfest.com.au)

**27 Week in Serenity**

This is a comedy, written by Georgie Wallace, which made it's premier in Sydney last November. It is about 4 women, who do not know each other, who go to a health resort. 7:45pm Gloucester Senior Citizen. For enquiries please call Maureen Hjorth on 6558 1037.

sheri's bon mot

*" Create like a god  
work like a slave"*

Constantin Brancusi

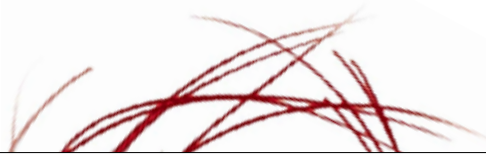
**January**

**Open Wear it with Pride**

85 talented artists are sought to design 85 T-Shirts for a national art project to celebrate the 85 new same sex law reforms. For all the details please visit [www.wearitwithpride.com.au](http://www.wearitwithpride.com.au)

**8 Muswellbrook Australia Day Acquisitive**

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**Photographic Award – entries close**

This award is open to residents of Muswellbrook Shire and the theme is “rural life”. Prize is \$400. For details visit the Muswellbrook Regional Art Centre at [www.muswellbrook.nsw.gov.au](http://www.muswellbrook.nsw.gov.au) or call 6549 3880.

**8 ACVA Virtual Art Lab, Call for Proposals - submissions close**

ACVA Lab is looking for up to 10 Australian artists working in virtual art, hybrid art, net art, augmented reality, and real-time audio-visual 3D environments to attend an Australia Council for the Arts backed workshop. For all the details visit [www.acva.net.au](http://www.acva.net.au)

**15 Adelaide Perry Prize for Drawing - entries close**

This is an acquisitive prize open to Australians for a drawing completed within a period of 12 months prior to the 15th January 2010. The prize is \$15,000. For details [www.plc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.plc.nsw.edu.au)

**28 2010 Maitland Art Prize - entries close**

There are 4 sections and a prize pool of \$2550. For details please visit <http://show.maitlandonline.com/> or call 4933 6725.

**28 2010 Bald Archy Prize - entries close**

Australia’s most popular, irreverent, irrepressible and outrageous art competition. The competition is open to all and is “just for fun”. For an entry form call 0439 672 213 or email [baldarchy@westnet.com.au](mailto:baldarchy@westnet.com.au)

**February**

**5 The 22nd Muswellbrook Photographic Award – entries close**

This Award is open to Australian residents. The Open Prize is \$6,000 (acquisitive). For details visit the Muswellbrook Regional Art Centre at [www.muswellbrook.nsw.gov.au](http://www.muswellbrook.nsw.gov.au) or call 6549 3880.

**19 2010 Pascall Prize For Critical Writing – nominations close**

This prize is awarded to a critic whose work over the previous 12 to 18 months has contributed significantly to public appreciation, enjoyment and understanding of the area or areas of the arts in which he or she is involved. The Pascall Prize is \$15,000. For details [www.aussing.com.au/pascall/Pascall\\_Guidelines.htm](http://www.aussing.com.au/pascall/Pascall_Guidelines.htm)



Brooks Tran’s, *Marinus Plasticus Nullus Degradus*, Photo courtesy of the Cessnock Regional Art Gallery.

**January**

**27 Myer Foundation, Arts and Humanities Small Grants Program – expressions of interest close**

Grants are capped at \$30,000 and are generally made for a twelve month period only. For details visit [www.myerfoundation.org.au/programs/content.cfm](http://www.myerfoundation.org.au/programs/content.cfm)

**February**

**1 Metro Screen Jump Start Production Grant - applications close**

Grants are in the form of equipment and facilities hire. For details visit [www.metroscreen.org.au/grants.htm](http://www.metroscreen.org.au/grants.htm)

**1 Ian Potter Cultural Trust – applications close**

The Trust makes grants of up to \$7,000 to early career artists practising in a wide range of disciplines within the arts. For details visit [www.ianpotterculturaltrust.org.au/home](http://www.ianpotterculturaltrust.org.au/home)

**1 Australia Council, Artist Run Initiatives - applications close**

For young and emerging artists to develop professional skills etc. For details visit [/www.australiacouncil.gov.au/grants/grants/artist\\_run\\_initiatives\\_2010](http://www.australiacouncil.gov.au/grants/grants/artist_run_initiatives_2010)

**5 Perpetual Funding Round 2010 – applications close**

Not-for-profit organisations with TCC and DGC status can apply for grants between \$10,000 & \$100,000. For details please visit [www.perpetual.com.au/philanthropy/5290.htm#We](http://www.perpetual.com.au/philanthropy/5290.htm#We)

**5 DEWHA Programs - applications close**

The Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts are offering the following programs:  
 - Indigenous Broadcasting  
 - Indigenous Culture Support Program  
 - Maintenance of Indigenous Languages and Records Program  
 - National Arts and Crafts Industry Support Program  
 - Indigenous Heritage Program  
 For all the details please visit [www.arts.gov.au/Indigenous](http://www.arts.gov.au/Indigenous)

**5 2009/10 Community Development Grants Program (Sponsorship)**

The grants are for special events such as annual festivals and major cultural events. \$5000. Visit [http://crc.nsw.gov.au/services/grants/sponsorship\\_grants](http://crc.nsw.gov.au/services/grants/sponsorship_grants)

**12 Country Arts Support Program - applications close**

Grants of up to \$3000 are available for projects, with

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with funds primarily covering professional artist fees, travel and accommodation. For details visit [www.regionalartsnsw.com.au](http://www.regionalartsnsw.com.au) or call Arts Upper Hunter.

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

Grants to provide assistance towards the costs of public presentation of visual arts, craft and design. \$500 for individuals, and \$1,000 for groups. For details visit [www.visualarts.net.au/grantsprizes/vcags](http://www.visualarts.net.au/grantsprizes/vcags)

**For more grants and artist opportunities, please visit [www.artsupperhunter.com.au](http://www.artsupperhunter.com.au)**



Roger Skinner Roos and Plumes (Proximity) 2001 gelatin silver print  
Muswellbrook Shire Art Collection image used courtesy of the artist.

**January**

**7 & 31 Introduction to Watercolour Workshop with Betty Lambley**

This half-day workshop is for the absolute beginner. Cost \$65 inc materials. Limited spaces. Scone Arts&Crafts Centre, Kingdon St, Scone. For details & bookings call Scott Cooper on 0427 101 697.

**18 Painting Seascapes in Oils Workshop with Gwendolin Lewis**

For beginners and more experienced. 3 hour, \$25. For booking and materials list please call 0420 298611 or email [gwendolinart1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:gwendolinart1@optusnet.com.au)

**23 Free Acting Workshop and Info Session**

Jillian Russ of the Sydney's Actors College of Theatre & Television (ACTT) will lead. (15+ only)  
The Loft, Level 1, 7A Wolfe St, Newcastle Mall. Bookings call 9213 4500 or visit [www.actt.edu.au](http://www.actt.edu.au)

**24 Introduction to Pastels Workshop with Teresa Byrne**

This is a half-day introduction to pastels. Cost \$65. inc materials. Limited spaces. Scone Arts&Crafts Centre, Kingdon St, Scone. For details & bookings call Scott Cooper on 0427 101 697.

**25 Beginners Clay Group with Scott Douglas Cooper**

An intensive introduction to beginners techniques. Monday nights 6pm-9pm for 4 weeks. Cost \$220. Muswellbrook Ceramics Group Pot House, Lions Park, Lower Brook Street, Muswellbrook. For details & bookings call Scott Cooper on 0427 101 697.

**January**

**21 Contributions to the February Artsbark closes**

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.

**Available to Tour - Studio: Australian Painters Photographed by R. Ian Lloyd**

The studio presents this exhibition of the award-winning photographer's large format portraits of 61 of Australia's most acclaimed painters in their studio environment. For all the details call Mimi Kelly, Manager, Exhibitions & Gallery Development, M&G NSW on 02 9339 9906 or [mimik@mgnsw.org.au](mailto:mimik@mgnsw.org.au) (after 7th Jan).

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