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artsbark

editor's desk

Welcome to the November issue of Artsbark, this is a joint effort by Sandra and Bridget as Bridget has been away on holidays. She would like to report back that economic crisis or not, the art galleries of New York are still drawing great crowds, and it was fabulous to be somewhere where there is so much art and interesting architecture which permeates all aspects of daily life.

Meanwhile Arts Upper Hunter, led by Rebecca Fowles, hosted two more art camps through the October school holidays, as part of the ArtStart Project. The first, at Vacy, focused on circus and hip hop skills and the second at Murrurundi, on creative writing and songwriting. Participants were asked "what was the best thing about the camp". Comments ranged from: "learning new things/skills", "truly the best camp I've ever been on, good food, good relationships, good workshops", and "the people, both those who came and those who supervised. They were awesome." Most importantly they all enjoyed meeting new people and making new friends. There will be a further two camps in early December. Check our website for more information, and contact Rebecca. The *ArtStart NSW Youth Arts and Skills Program* is a NSW Government initiative funded by the NSW Department of Education and Training.

Another wonderful opportunity for the young people of the region was initiated by the Maitland Regional Art Gallery. The gallery received funding from Arts NSW to provide free art gallery visits, including travel and art workshops, to qualifying schools. There were 11 successful schools from the Lower and Upper Hunter region. The Broke Public School is one of the participants. Arts Upper Hunter is also currently working on a proposal to establish a youth arts network and program that would be run by youth in the area with assistance from us and funding potentially from partnerships with government and private industry. At this stage we are consulting with groups who may have an interest in participating in helping to establish the program. Please contact Bridget to find out more.

You may recall that the ABC set up a website Artpost last year, www.abc.net.au/tv/artpost/ where artists can post their work, bearing in mind that the ABC may use the website to source content for television. They are also currently actively seeking stories for 2010 for *Artscape* and a new program *Art Nation* which will replace Sunday Arts in a new format. If you have a project/story you think might be of interest please contact Jenny O'Meara at O'Meara.Jenny@abc.net.au.



Some of the participants at the ArtStart Art Camp at Vacy

Our website is also continuously changing in part due to the hard work of, Clare Tilyard, our "*Connectivity*" Project Officer. Clare has been very busy connecting with artists, museum and historical societies, and venues throughout our region, and she has posted this information on our website for you to access. It is not too late for you to become involved. If you are an artist, manager of a venue or committee member of a local Museum/Historical Society, the forms can be directly downloaded from the website. If you would like to know more about this project, please contact one of our offices.



November

1-29 **Muswellbrook Local Art Award & Charles Blandford Retrospective plus the Williams River Valley Artist's Project Exhibitions**

The Awards include: works on paper, ceramics, photography, painting and the Esther Bellis Youth Prize.

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 **Heritage Craft Day**

There will be a wide selection of handcrafted gifts, traditional cooking and a variety of plants for sale as well as a barbecue and Devonshire Teas available. Proceeds to Camp Quality Manning Valley Support Group.

9:30 am to 2pm. Mondrook Hall on the Tinonee/Wingham Road near Taree. For details call Margaret Ezzy on 6553 1264.

4 **Reg Mombassa - Author Talk**

Join them for a glass of wine and listen as Reg tells about his life and presents images of his art work. 6:30pm, Newcastle Regional Art Gallery, Newcastle. Bookings essential, MacLean's Booksellers, 4969 2525.

7 **Art talk on the Dobell Drawing Prize**

Artist Christine Pike will show slides and talk about the Dobell drawing prize, she also will be showing a number of original William Dobell drawings. 3pm Shiloh Art Studio, 303 Dungog Rd, Martins Creek (near Paterson). Session will go for approx. 1.5hrs with refreshments, contact Bernie Meyers 4938 8142

6 & 7 **Opera Murrurundi**

World renowned pianist Sharolyn Kimmorley will be accompanying "Opera Stars of the future" with music by *Donizetti, Mozart, Bizet, Rossini, Gilbert & Sullivan* and *Rogers & Hammerstein*. Both concerts will have similar music but will be different for those interested in seeing the two performances.

6pm, St Paul's Church, Mount St. Murrurundi. Tickets \$30 from the Murrurundi Tourist Information Centre.

6-8 **Folk In Broke**

This is a 3 day folk festival with multiple stages, workshop program, dance program, kids fest, blackboard concerts, dedicated session venue/s, markets and a feast of local and interstate artists. Nightingale Vineyard, Broke. Venues are undercover. Tickets ranges \$25 to \$75. For details call Eden 6579 1259 or visit www.folkinbroke.com.au

6 **"The Drinks Are On Me", Wendy Fraser Photographic Exhibition.**

This is an exhibition of alternate photographic works inspired by the Thunderbolt bushranger legend. The exhibition runs until the 29th.

Official opening 8pm.

Gloucester Gallery, Dennison Street, Gloucester. Open Friday to Sunday, 10am to 4pm, for details 6558 3157.

7 **Sculpture in the Vines**

This year *Sculpture in the Vineyards* officially opens with a Lantern Parade through the streets of Wollombi, after dark. Music, performance, workshops and general frivolity to follow throughout the weekend. The exhibition runs until the 26th January 2010. For details visit www.sculptureinthevineyards.com.au or call Tara Morelos on 0403 469 753.

7 **Thank You For The Music**

This concert will feature: The Beatnix, Doobies, Eagles and Classic Rock with Glen Shamrock, and Bjorn Again with music from 60s, 70s, and 80s.

3pm, Wyndham Estate Winery, 700 Dalwood Rd, Dalwood. For more details please visit www.thankyouforthemusic.com.au

8 **The Art of Photojournalism**

Marking the 30th anniversary of leading photojournalism agency Contact Press Images, this exhibition offers a rare insight into the making of some of the most iconic news images of the past three decades. Runs until 6th December.

Official opening 4-6pm.

Cessnock Regional Art Gallery, 16 Vincent Street, Cessnock. Tuesday to Sunday, 10am to 4pm. For details call 4991 6619 or visit www.crag.net.au

10 **Screening of Billy Rose's "Jumbo"**

This movie starring Dorris Day, Stephen Boyd, Jimmy Durante and Matha Raye, and is being presented as part of the Golden Oldies for the Golden Oldies series by the Upper Hunter Museum of Rural Life & Cultural Centre in Aberdeen. Includes a 3 course meal.

11:30am, Aberdeen Bowling Club, \$10. To book or for more information call Jan Sumner on 6543 7150.

12-14 **Art Show at Dungog Agricultural Show**

Official opening is 12th, 7:30pm, \$5.

Dungog Showground. 8:30am till late. Entry into show includes entry into Art, Needlework, Craft exhibitions.

14 **Inaugural Collections Exhibition**

This exhibition will feature works from: Teresa Byrne, Betty Lambley, Charlotte Drake-Brockman, Yvonne Harris, Asher Milgate (photography) and Fran Wachtel

Runs until 24th January 2010.
Scone Arts and Crafts. Kingdon St, Scone. Opening 10 am to 4pm, most Fridays to Sundays, details will be in the Scone Advocate or by calling Scone Visitor Information Centre 6545 1526 or curator, Pam Saunderson-McLeay 6545 9493.

14 "Undertow" Exhibition by Hanna Kay

This exhibition deals with issues of migration and displacement from the artist's personal response to the subject. Hanna Kay was born in Israel and moved to Australia in 1989. She now lives in Murrurundi. Opening 28th Nov. 5.30pm runs until Jan 9th 2010 Tamworth Regional Gallery, 466 Peel St. Call 6767 5459 or visit www.tamworthregionalgallery.com.au

14 Bands In Concert

Featuring the Singleton Town Band Senior & Junior, Hunter Central Coast Regional Wind Ensemble, Singleton Pipes and Drums, Combined Schools Band, S.A.T.S, and the Singleton High SHS Jazz Band. 6.30 pm, Civic Centre Auditorium, Singelton. Adult \$15, Conc \$10, child \$5, tickets at the door. For more details please call Catherine 0419 404 149

17 Don Tate, *The War Within* - Author Talk

Don will be speaking about his experiences during the Vietnam War as a regular army infantryman. Don will be showing a rare colour film taken during the war and now valued at over \$100,000. Cost \$10. Bookings essential. 6-8pm. Singleton Library, 8-10 Queen St. Phone 6578 7500.

22 Gloucester Bookshop Writers Festival Lunch

Special new event - authors Jan Latta, wildlife photographer and writer will be presenting her book *Diary of a Wildlife Photographer*. While Lucienne Joy journalist and broadcaster will talk about her new novel *Alterior Motives*, a story of the dark secrets of marriage. Bookings essential, as a guest chef is preparing lunch. 12 noon, Gloucester Senior Citizen, \$65, for details call 6558 1208.

22-23 Christmas Exhibition

Shiloh Art Studio presents works by Cathie Blissett, Lyn Burn, Donna Cavanaugh, Kathrin Longhurst, Bernie Meyers, Christine Pike, Robyn Werkhoven. Including print making demonstrations. 10am -4pm, Shiloh Art Studio, 303 Dungog Rd, Martins Creek, contact Bernie for more details on 4938 8142, www.bernziemeyers.com

26 Sharyn Munro - Author Talk

Sharyn Munro is a freelance writer, award-winning short-storywriter, and author of the highly successful

The Woman on the Mountain. Sharyn will be reading from her latest book, *'Mountain Tails'*, (Exisle 2009) followed by wine, cheese and other treats. Bookings essential.

6-8p, Singleton Library, 8-10 Queen St. Phone 6578 7500.

28 Historical Movies Under The Stars

See the classic Australian 1946 film *'Bush Christmas'* and shorts by starlight (weather permitting). Enjoy a BYO picnic or BBQ before the movies. Accommodation or camping available overnight. Bookings essential. Callicoma Hill Eco-Cabins, 529 Mt Royal Road, Carrowbrook. Adults \$8 Children \$4. For details call 6571 1208.

28 Singleton Farmer's & Craft Markets

There will be a wide range of craft and farm produce. 8am to 1pm, Singleton Showground, Bathurst St, Singleton. For details call Kevin Eade 4930 5156.

28 Barrington Community Markets

There will be a wide array of goods available, including: local honey, local mustard, local herbs & plants, local hand made jewellery, local crafts, large selection of bric-a-brac, books, movies, morning teas and more. 9am to 1pm, Barrington Hall, Argyle St, Barrington. For more details call 6558 4324.



December

4 10th Anniversary Show Gloucester Gallery

A selection of works by artists who have had shown at the Gallery over the past 10 years. The exhibition runs until the 3rd January. Opening 6pm



Gloucester Gallery, Dennison Street, Gloucester. Open Friday to Sunday, 10am to 4pm, for details 6558 3157.

- 5 **Messiah**
The Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music is proud to present Handel's most famous work for choir, orchestra and vocal soloists.
7pm, Muswellbrook High School, adult \$15, child \$10, for more details and booking call 6541 4888.
- 5 **Comedy Short Film Festival**
This festival will be featuring the winners of the Foster Film Festival 2009, including 2 local Gloucester films. This event is proudly supported by GACCI and the Barrington & District Progress Ass.
8pm, Barrington Hall. Tickets adults \$15, con \$12 and available at the door.
- 7 **Red Cross Christmas Trees & Wreaths Exhibition and the Local Artists' Selling Show**
The Christmas Trees and Wreaths is a very popular bi-annual event featuring local artists, community groups and schools. The Local Artists' Selling Show has local artists making their work available to the public. Exhibitions run until the 20th. Official Opening at 6pm. Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre, Cnr of Bridge and Market Sts, Tuesday to Friday 10am – 5pm, Saturday 10am – 1pm, Sunday 2pm – 5pm, for details 6549 3880.
- 20 **Carols by Candlelight**
8pm to 9.30pm, Christian Israelite Church Grounds, Goulburn St, Singleton. For more details call Nancy Gray on 6575 2200.



Work by Chicken in the Window artists Charlotte Drake Brockman and Fran Wachtel. Photo courtesy of the artists.

November

12 & 16 Maitland Repertory Auditions

The Maitland Repertory will be performing 12 Angry (Men) Jurors by R.Rose, adapted by S.L Sergel from 7th to 24th April 2010. They are seeking 8 men, 6 women, 25 to 80 years, various nationalities.
7pm, Maitland Repertory Society, corner of High and James Street's Maitland, opp. Maitland Townhall. For a registration form (to be returned prior to audition) and more details contact Director, Miranda Lindtner-King on 49337150 or email adamiranda@bigpond.com

13 Legs on the Wall, Artist in Residence 2010- applications close

Legs on the Wall is offering a professional development program for emerging and mid career physical theatre performers in 2010. Selected artists will participate in the artist in residence program at NIDA. The focus will be on Vaudeville. For all the details visit www.legsonthewall.com.au

13 AbaF Margaret Lawrence Bequest Scholarship - applications close

The AbaF Margaret Lawrence Bequest Scholarship is designed to encourage senior managers of arts and cultural organisations to develop their leadership and management capability. For all the details please visit www.abaf.org.au

15 Newcastle's Red Lantern Night Market - expressions of interest for stallholders close

Markets will be held 4th, 11th & 18th of December. The Olive Tree Market is seeking expressions of interest from designers, emerging artists etc wishing to become stallholders. For all the details please contact Justine on 0439 649 058 or email images to redlanternnightmarket@hotmail.com

16 Legs on the Wall - applications for General Manager close

Legs On The Wall is seeking a General Manager. This person will be responsible for leading the management, production and administrative aspects of Legs on the Wall's business. For details visit www.legsonthewall.com.au

20 Stanthorpe Art Festival 2010 – entries close

The Stanthorpe Art Festival 2010 (Queensland) is open to all forms of art media and organized by the Stanthorpe Art Gallery Society Inc. (SAGS). Total prize pool up to \$30,000 in prizes and acquisitions. For all the details please visit www.srag.org.au

30 Cessnock Regional Art Gallery Youth Art Award 2009 – entries close

For residents of the Hunter Valley aged 15-22 yrs. Prize is \$5,000 acquisitive & \$1,000 people choice, non acquisitive. The theme is "Down to Earth". For details visit www.crag.net.au or call the gallery 4991 6619.

30 Curate it/Exhibit it: Your Space 2010 - submissions close

Cessnock Regional Art Gallery is currently seeking proposals from Hunter Valley artists and curators for solo or group exhibitions for July/August 2010. For visit www.crag.net.au or call the gallery 4991 6619.

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4 WetlandCare Australia National Art and Photography Competition 2010 – entries close

To celebrate World Wetlands Day 2010 on the 2nd February, WetlandCare Australia is hosting its 3rd annual Australia-wide art competition, offering categories for children and adults. Total prize pool includes \$5500 cash plus prizes. For all details please visit <http://www.wetlandcare.com.au/default.asp>

7 Australia Council's, Connections Residency – applications close

The Connections Residency program supports a range of residency and placement opportunities for artists with non-arts businesses and industries for up to \$30,000. Visit www.australiacouncil.gov.au/grants

11 Hill End Artist in residence program 2010 – applications close

The Hill End Artists in Residence Program is open to Australian and international visual artists, curators and arts writers. The Residency Program is based in Haefligers Cottage and Studio and Murrays Cottage at Hill End. For all the details visit www.hillendart.com.au

drug and alcohol-free music events across the state in 2010. Indent will also deliver free workshops to those successful in their application for funding. For details visit www.indent.net.au

6 Upper Hunter Shire Council Cultural Activity Grant - applications close

Incorporated, non profit, community based organisations in the UHSC can apply. For guidelines and application form visit <http://upperhunter.local-ec.nsw.gov.au/> and select Latest News or call your local office council office or Scone 6540 1141.

15 NAVA's, The Marketing Grant for NSW Artists - applications close

The aim is to assist professional visual artists and craftpeople in NSW to effectively promote and market their work throughout NSW, interstate and overseas through creative and cost effective marketing initiatives and campaigns. Grants of up to \$1250 (plus GST) are available for individuals, \$2500 (plus GST) are available for groups. For details visit www.visualarts.net.au/grantsprizes/marketing

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. This can include, but is not limited to, framing, media releases, media photographs, advertising, space rental, installation costs, promotional printing, mail outs, documentation, freight, travel equipment rental, insurance, technical assistance and opening costs. For details visit www.visualarts.net.au/grantsprizes/vcags

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1 Playing Australia, Round 35 - applications close

Playing Australia is the Australian Government's national touring program for the performing arts. It is designed to assist the touring of performing arts across state and territory boundaries where this is currently not commercially viable and there is a demonstrated public demand. For all the details please visit http://www.arts.gov.au/arts/playing_australia

10 Community Builders Program – applications close

The Community Builders Funding Program is a community strengthening and capacity building program. It has funds available on an annual basis for time-limited projects in particular regions of NSW, including the Hunter/Central Coast. Funding between \$10,000 and \$100,000 each year for between 1 and 3 years is available. For all the details please visit www2.communitybuilders.nsw.gov.au/funding/2433.html

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"Art does not imitate life

it challenges it"

Jane Barkel

November

2 Indent Partnership Grants 2010 – applications close

Indent, Music NSW's all-ages music program, is offering grants of \$2,500 for young people to stage all-ages,



Workshops

- 2 The Art of Good Health and Wellbeing, Port Macquarie 2009 - registrations close**
 An international conference bringing together professional from health and the arts. Activities and presentations from the 7th - 13 November. See website for more information www.artsandhealth.org
- 15 Life Drawing Masterclass with Ann Cape**
 Students will focus on drawing skills using pencils and charcoals on a large scale. Bookings essential and all are welcome.
 10am -4pm, \$75.
 Cessnock Regional Art Gallery, 16 Vincent Street, Cessnock. Tuesday to Sunday, 10am to 4pm. For details call 4991 6619 or visit www.crag.net.au
- Now Australian Centre for Photography (ACP)**
 The ACP is the country's leading arts centre for the exhibition and publication of, and education in photo-based practice. It also holds a runs a wide range of photographic workshops for various levels of experience. They are taking bookings for first seminster 2010. For details, please visit www.acp.org.au



Murrurundi Spring Flower Show.

November

- Advanced Diploma In Acting - applications close 30th October but enquiries welcomed**
 Hunter TAFE is pleased to launch their new Acting School in Newcastle 2010 and will commence with the Advanced Diploma In Acting. This is a 21/2 yr, full time, practice-led course. For all the details please call Teresa Conicella, Head Teacher Music and Performing Arts on 4923 7595 or via teresa.conicella@tafe.nsw.edu.au
- 6 Information and Enrolment Session for Visual Arts and Contemporary Craft Courses**
 Singleton TAFE will offer Certificate 2 and Certificate 3 courses in 2010, to find out more come to this information session 10am to 12 noon, Block A, Singleton TAFE, York St, Singleton. For details call Dorothy Wishney on 65787133or Campus office on 65787100.
- 21 Contributions to the December Artsbark closes**
 To be included, please forward your contribution to Arts Upper Hunter. 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 for the event/opportunity. Name and contact details of the person lodging the contribution.
- Now The Melting Pot**
 A new social networking site for film makers, The Melting Pot. The Melting Pot is an online portal where filmmakers can collaborate, network and discuss screen projects. www.meltingpot.spaa.org.au
- Now Musica Viva Country/Wide**
 Musica Viva CountryWide brings the best music ensembles to regional Australia. Musica Viva covers the travel and accommodation expenses associated with bringing musicians to your area, and provides you with basic marketing materials. For details visit their webiste www.musicaviva.com.au select CountryWide.

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