

NEWSLETTER

Produced by the Friends of the Cowra Regional Art Gallery

IN THE GALLERY to Sunday December 13.



2009 Regional Student (Youth) Art Exhibition and Awards

On Saturday 28th November, the 6th Annual Exhibition encompassing 130 entries from students in years 10,11,12 from 10 central west high schools, was opened at the Cowra Regional Art Gallery by Dr Peter Wilson Senior Lecturer and Director Creative Arts, Charles Sturt University, Bathurst.

Peter Wilson (pictured at right), spoke on the value of art in promoting the development of numeracy and literacy.



Exhibition Judge, sculptor and artist Ken Hutchinson (at left), was enthusiastic in his praise of the energy emanating from the show. He felt that overall the works were innovative and original, the artists sometimes making very brave attempts to express themselves. The works were well crafted engaging the viewer. Ken also commented on the highly skilled 'photoshop' work demonstrated in some of the works.



Gallery Director Brian Langer expressed appreciation of the

co-operation received from the schools and visual art teachers in planning the exhibition and also the local businesses and community organizations who have so generously supported the Awards.



At left:

First Place Year 12

Tamika Gallagher – Molong High School
Motorhead Digital media

Below left:

First Place Year 11 (Country Energy Award)

Marc Peuten - Forbes High School
Deception Digital montage
with Chas McPhail Regional General Manager
Western Region Country Energy

Below:

First Place Year 10

Mak Cavanagh - Hennessy Catholic College,
Young
Untitled Painting

See all awards next page.



2009 Regional Student (Youth) Art Exhibition and Awards - Results.



Award Certificates were presented by:
 Left: The awards Judge Ken Hutchinson (centre);
 Chas McPhail Regional General Manager
 Western Region Country Energy
 who presented the Country Energy Award to Marc
 Peuten (Forbes High School) for 'First Place in Year
 11'



Above: Exhibition opening



Left: David Henley, who presented the award for
 'First place in Year10" to Mak Cavanagh
 (Hennessy Catholic College, Young)

Right:
 Brian Webster presented the award
 for 'First Place in Year 12' to Tamika Gallagher
 (Molong High School).



The 2009 Award recipients were:

Year 10 Award Winners

- First Place in the Year 10** - Mak Cavanagh Hennessy Catholic College, Young
- Merit Award in Year 10** - Tori Evans – Orange High School
- Highly Commended** - Kristine Tree – Cowra High School
- Highly Commended** - Emily Devery – Cowra High School
- Highly Commended** - Joe Smith – St Raphael's Central School, Cowra

Year 11 Award Winners

- First Place in Year 11 (Country Energy Award)** - Marc Peuten - Forbes High School
- Merit Award in Year 11** - Jessica Shortland - Blayney High School
- Highly Commended** - Hanna Hetherington – Orange High School
- Highly Commended** - Jackie Glasson – Orange High School
- Highly Commended** - Melaina Chapman – Orange High School

Year 12 Award Winners

- First Place Year 12** – Tamika Gallagher – Molong High School
- Merit Award Year 12** – Georgie Parkman – Hennessy Catholic College, Young
- Highly Commended** – Sarah Alexander – Molong High School
- Highly Commended** – Hayden Cook – Forbes High School



Above: Winner Digital Art Award
 By Hannah Baxter
 Untitled Digital media

Open Section

Photography Award – Jeffery Cotter – Molong High School
Highly Commended – Emma Bembrick – Hennessy Catholic College, Young

Digital Art Award – Hannah Baxter - Boorowa High School
Highly Commended –Angela Bell – Molong High School
Highly Commended – Madelaine Wheeler – Orange High School

3-D Art Award – Emma Harrison - Boorowa High School
Highly Commended – Amanda South – Boorowa High School
Highly Commended – Kristen Ryan – Cowra High School

The winner of the People's Choice Award will be announced on 16 December 2009

Below are some of the works which won Highly Commended
 or Merit Awards



Right:
 Winner
 Photography
 Award
 By Jeffrey Cotter
 Used to play tennis
 Photograph



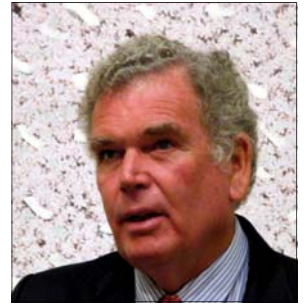
Right:
 Winner
 3-D Art
 Award
 By Emma Harrison
 Art Teacher
 Sculpture





The Calleen Collection 1977 - 2009

On Friday 30th October, Mr Peter Fagan (at right) opened the latest showing of the complete *Calleen Collection* which is housed in the Cowra Regional Art Gallery.



Peter is the son of Mrs Patricia Fagan OAM who instigated the acquisitive *Calleen Art Award* which now draws interest Australia wide.

The first acquisition in 1977 is pictured above. This was Thelma Greer's oil *Still Life*. Since that time, the collection has grown and illustrates the changes in art expression and approach over the years.

2002 *Calleen Art Award* winner Mandy Martin was present on the night, and Rowen Matthews, the winner of the 2009 *Calleen Art Award*, was also present for the opening. Rowen is pictured below left with Mrs Jenni Fagan enjoying the exhibition.



Below are some of the people who enjoyed a very pleasant evening reviewing the beautifully hung collection.



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Public Program Event Saturday November 14th, 2009.

Artbank

The Cowra Regional Art Gallery was pleased to have Carrie Kibbler, Assistant Curator, *Artbank* to present information about the *Artbank* scheme.

Carrie, who grew up in Cowra, came armed with a lot of explanatory literature for distribution and proved a very knowledgeable and interesting speaker. Artists thinking of submitting their work for possible purchase and inclusion in the program can access the necessary information on the *Artbank* website.

The Australian Government Art Rental Program was based on a Canadian National Lending scheme, and commenced with an Australian Government grant in 1980 to fund purchases and administration. However since 1992 the Program has been fully self funded with no Government assistance.

Artbank now has 9,750 works including works from emerging artists, established high profile artists, photography and indigenous artists, including 3D works - sculptures/ceramics/wood etc.

They tend to purchase Contemporary works, and quite a number of regional artists are represented - some who also appear in the *Calleen* collection.

Around 3,000 works are available for rental by individual or corporate bodies at any one time. Most rentals are for about 2 years. Longest rental so far has been one in Melbourne ongoing for 15 years. Some Embassies keep them for a long period also.

Annual rental rates range from \$100 to \$5,000 depending on the work/artist/size etc. with a minimum 'spend' of \$550.

Artbank also curates collections for Dept. of Foreign Affairs and Trade to show at venues overseas.

At left: Carrie and her audience surrounded by works from the *Calleen* Collection.

From the *Artbank* Website.

"Established in 1980 by the Australian Government as an arts support program, *Artbank* is the largest buyer of contemporary Australian art in the country. Now part of the Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts, *Artbank* promotes Australian culture and the enjoyment of living with Australian art by making the collection available for rent and reinvesting its revenues back in to the collection.

Artbank focuses its support on emerging artists providing access through the collection to the country's most exciting developments in contemporary visual arts."



COMING UP

GALLERY CALENDAR

January/March 2010



EXHIBITIONS

Continuing to 31 January 2010

Transitions: Aspects of European Island and Regional Cultures

Transitions captures the experiences and perceptions of a number of artists concerned with European island and regional cultures since the 1950s and with the experiences of migrants from these locations to Australia. The exhibition offers glimpses of the landscapes, culture and social transitions of island locations such as the Azores, Kythera, Lofoten and Sicily along with continental locations such as Brittany, Normandy and southern Spain. It also presents images of Australia as experienced by migrants from European regions.

The artists in the exhibition are Effy Alexakis, Angela Cavalieri, Nathalie Hartog-Gautier, Axel Poignant, Fernando Gil Pereira Resendes, Claudia Terstappen, Jeremy Welsh, and Salvatore Zofrea.



6 February to 7 March 2010

Marella: The Hidden Mission

A thought provoking exhibition which tells the story of the Marella Aboriginal Mission Farm, from the 1940s to 1980s. The artists in the exhibition have been selected as they are from areas that are relevant to and reflect the lives of the Marella Mission residents, including Moree, Tinga, Dubbo, Sydney, and Cowra.



Photographer unknown Rita Lee and Ralph at Marella Aboriginal Farm, Kellyville c 1957
Courtesy Jackie Palmer, Sydney Anglican Mission Society Council

A special floor talk will be presented by Curator Zona Wilkinson at 11am Saturday 6 February 2010.

13 March to 11 April 2010

The Two Of Us

The Two of Us brings together a showcase of works by one of Australia's most celebrated and prolific artists Judy Cassab and her Sculptor son John Seed. This CRAG exhibition is presented in association with the 2010 Cowra Festival of International Understanding and the Embassy of the Republic of Hungary.

Gallery Awards - Call for Entries

The Gallery is now calling for entries into the 2010 Calleen Art Award (\$12,000 acquisitive) for painting open to artists living in Australia and the Central West Regional Artists Award (\$2,000 non acquisitive). Closing Date 5 March 2010. Entry form details available from

www.cowraartgallery.com.au or the Gallery on (02) 63402190



SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL

From the Friends and staff of the Cowra Regional Art Gallery

The photo shows Santa distributing his gifts at the Friends Christmas party enjoyed by all in the lovely setting of Paul and Betty Rémond's garden.



Over the Christmas period, the Gallery will be **closed** from 21st to 28th December but will be OPEN on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 29th, 30th and 31st December for visitors who may be staying in the town over the holiday period. It will be then **closed** from the 1st to the 4th January, and will return to normal Opening hours from Tuesday the 5th January, 2010.

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“The Friends” is a volunteer organisation formed to support the Cowra Regional Art Gallery, and operates as a committee of Cowra Shire Council. Meetings are held on the first Friday of each month at 5.30 pm in the Multipurpose room adjacent to the Gallery except when the date clashes with a Gallery Opening night. All welcome.

President Jack Mallon Ph 63450363	Secretary Lois Foster Ph 63411408	Subscription Secretary Jenny Thompson Ph 63429331	Newsletter Editor Gwen Clark Ph 63423995	Catering Officer Wendy Quilter Ph 63421652
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The best things in life are not 'things'. Ginger Meggs