

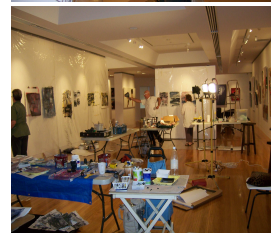
Artspoken

August-September 2011

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Gentle reader,

I hope this edition of Artspoken finds you well and warm and planning to come to the Gallery. We have many exhibitions and cultural offerings over the next few months designed expressly to lure you from the fireside! The opening of 3 separate exhibitions at 6pm on Friday 29 July is not to be missed. These diverse shows involve painting, sculpture and prints to reveal/celebrate work by some of the region's most talented creatives. All 8 artists involved will be present on opening night, including special guest Angus Nivison. Angus worked closely with five regional artists at Boambee reserve last year; mentoring, teaching, learning, sharing techniques, ideas and inspiration. *Angus and Friends* is an outcome of that time. The residency that led to this exhibition was generously sponsored by Gallery supporters Phil and Diana Doyle. Sadly Phil died last year, but his vision is with us still, and manifests in this compelling show.



Angus Nivison Workshop 2009



Detail of work by John Van Der Kolk



Above: Sara Bowen
Silent City

Dramatic and beautifully articulated sculptural works by John Van Der Kolk will also be well received by his manifold admirers on opening night, while Sara Bowen's prints and installations will undoubtedly increase our awareness of the skill and beauty of print making. In short each of these exhibitions reveal the high calibre of practising artists in our region.

The Gallery is also delighted by the emergence of *Coffs Youth Avant Garde Art*. Events proposed by this group include film and sculpture-making workshops, art wars, art house movie screenings etc. for people aged under 26. Please let your friends, children, grandchildren and neighbours know about this brilliant, new, youth driven initiative. Contact details of the organising committee are on the enclosed flyer.

To other important news: Entry forms for EMSLA, the Gallery's own national art competition for still life painting, are now available at the Gallery and on Coffs Harbour City Council website. I urge you and your talented friends to enter. Planning has already begun for this year's opening night event and weekend festival. This is EMSLA's 5th year and we plan to party! EMSLA opens on Friday 18th of November 2011. Please put the entire weekend aside for this, the Gallery's most prestigious exhibition and cultural event.

Finally a little update on the Friends of the Gallery (inc). Although in their infancy the Friends are already planning a fabulous, fundraising and profile lifting event. Details will be revealed in their first newsletter. That their new patron (and the Gallery's) is internationally acclaimed pianist Roger Woodward is in itself cause for celebration. If you haven't joined, please do. You can pick up a membership application form at the Gallery on opening night. As Roger Woodward says *You know you want to join your Friends!* Hoping to see you at the Gallery.



Above: Friends of the Gallery

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CHRG - Home of EMSLA - the Eutick Memorial Still Life Award

FORTHCOMING EDUCATION & PUBLIC PROGRAMS

Education and Public Programs



Above : Alan Morris explains the finer details of printing.

Behind the scenes the gallery conducts many worthwhile programs that are appreciated by groups that normally have limited access to the gallery and museum. The outreach program to residential care facilities is one such program. As a presenter of this program it is constantly rewarding and encouraging to see the immediate and positive effect on the participants. Their faces liven and conversation flourishes as they engage with each other and discuss the objects that have been taken to their residential care centre.

News of the positive impact has spread and I am seeking assistants to meet the demand. You may be a current gallery or museum volunteer or a potential volunteer. Please contact Sue on 66484861 if you are interested.

The printing programs delivered this month were very popular and Alan Morris (donor of the printing equipment) is preparing another adult workshop. Anyone interested in becoming part of the development of the printing program should also contact Sue.

Introduction to printmaking for adults (18yrs +)

Saturday - 16 July - 1 - 4pm

\$10, all materials supplied. Meet at the Gallery.

Wendy Stokes Botanic Garden workshop

Saturday - 23 July - 9.30am - 3pm

Meet at Botanic Garden reception

\$20 Payments by 15 July to the gallery reception to confirm a place.

Bring your own art materials, chair, easel and lunch.



Wendy Stokes *New Territory* in her studio.

Children's box making (9-14yr olds)

Saturday - 20 August - 2.30 - 4 pm

\$10 all materials supplied. Bookings close 12 August

Volunteer Exhibition floor talk

Friday - 5 August - 10-11am

Free. Morning tea provided. RSVP to Sue on 66484861.

Help needed: With two large school group bookings in August and September I am seeking volunteer guides. Please attend the floor talk and register your interest..Training sessions will be held in August & September.

Paper & simple booking making with Sara Bowen

Adult's class - Tuesday - 30 August - 10 - midday

\$10. (volunteers and friends \$5). All materials supplied. Bookings close Friday 26 August.

Children's Class, Saturday - 10 September - 10 - midday

\$10 - All materials supplied. Bookings close Friday 2 September.

For program details enquire at the Gallery reception 66484863 or Sue 66484861

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