

# **Newsletter July 2013**

#### Greetings

#### Vale Tom Spence (1952-2013)

I only got to know Tom when I was one of many who helped Tom produce his last exhibition at the SRAG. Despite the motor neuron disease which rendered him incapable of doing anything physical, Tom faced the world with a cheerful determination and courage. His characteristic, predominantly black and white (mainly using graphite) works will not be forgotten. He often told me that he was colour blind.

He was an inspiration, and will be sadly missed, but I think he was ready to go, as life was becoming increasingly difficult.

http://coryrossiter.wordpress.com/2013/06/17 /in-memory-of-thomas-spence-1952-2013/

http://www.google.com.au/#q=tom+spence+ australian+artist&ei=0tPLUfdCPCXiAeE4IGoCA&start=0&sa=N&bav=on.2, or.r\_qf.&fp=f57ee5a430221a4c&biw=1920&bi h=888

## Looking Out: Looking In

Our biennial exhibition at the SRAG is **less than a month** away. Opening night is **Friday July 26.** 

**Entry Forms** should have been delivered by now. If you have not yet entered please do so immediately, as entries have to be finalized so that the catalogue can be printed.

**Delivery:** Works are to be delivered to Stanthorpe Regional Art Gallery on

**Wednesday July 17** or **Thursday July 18**. Where possible, please coordinate with John Donnelly (works from Tenterfield), Sue Jurd (07 46843308), or Laurie Astill (accepting deliveries to 'Artworks on Davadi' 10am to 2pm Tuesday 16 July) to deliver works on your behalf. Large and fragile works from potters and/or sculptors, may be delivered directly to the Gallery on Monday 22 July between 1.30 and 3.30 pm

**Dispatch:** At the end of the exhibition, unsold works will be available for collection from the gallery at **1:30pm Sep 3**. Anyone wishing to go to dinner after the opening of LOLI please advise Louise as she is booking a table at the Thai restaurant in Stanthorpe.

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# NB membership fees are due in July

And check out our website http://www.granitenet.com.au/groups/crafts/b orderline User ID and password **Borderline10** and fredwilliams (new password)

# **The Tenterfield Traveller**

A Creative Journey in Tenterfield with Christine Porter

#### A report from Sue Jurd

Tenterfield Traveller Art Workshops with Christine Porter, were an outstanding success. The weather was very Tenterfield, with interesting comments coming from the participants as they battled the elements on Mt Mckenzie, or sat in the carriages at the Railway. This was an area we might have to consider, but generally the concentration and enthusiasm outweighed the cold.

Christine Porter gave generously of her time and knowledge and I am sure everyone came away with some added knowledge.

The exhibition, which is still on display at Forest to Furniture demonstrates the amount of work produced and the amount of talent within our region.

The week started on Saturday with a watercolour workshop, Sunday was drypoint etching, then two days off, which everyone agreed was a good idea. We had time to think about the weekend and to prepare for the next three days. Wednesday started back with drawing what is in front of you and was very good for the non-drawers amongst us, Thursday, Mt Mckenzie to draw or paint the landscape and Friday drawing/painting the figure. Each afternoon was back to the studio to work on your own, with help from Christine, and all the other participants, who were keen to share knowledge and ideas.

People made good use of the etching press and some beautiful prints have come from that area.

Many ideas are floating around at the moment for next year. A full report will be tabled at the next meeting and ideas and suggestions will be sort for 2014.

Thanks to all the members who helped, cooked and offered their support during a very hectic week.

# **Fay Boyd Fine Art School**

September 22 to 26 www.fayboydsfineartschool.com

# **Stanthorpe Art Gallery**

### 20 June - 21 July

**Winter in the Gallery -** the Gallery will feature a variety of selected works contained within the Southern Downs Regional Council collection. From paintings, fibre art/textiles, sculptures, to works on paper, and ceramics.

#### **STANTHORPE ART FESTIVAL 2014**

See June Newsletter

# Manager: Kathleen Davies 07 4681 1874

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http://www.srag.org.au/index.php

The following item was received from the SRAG early in June.

#### WANTED

**An artist** who would like to collaborate with a writer (name not for publication), to produce a series of children's books entitled

"Bowles Beene and Minge Penney"-'the cleverest and best animal Crime Detectors and Crime Solving Unit'

in the world!

There would be several books in the series, each containing two animal detective stories. Anyone interested, is invited to telephone the writer on **4681 0108** after 4.30 pm

# Warwick Art Gallery

#### July 4 to 11 August 11 Portraits of a Tea Cosy - Loani Prior and Mark Crocker

The highlight for our annual calendar will be the Australian premiere of the exhibition *Portraits of a Tea Cosy*. Work on this exhibition started in 2012 when Queen of Tea Cosies Loani Prior and photographer Mark Crocker travelled to six towns in three states meeting tea cosy guardians and recording their stories. From these meetings Mark has produced 40 black and white portraits of the interviewees with their tea cosies in colour. Their stories have been turned into an audio presentation and delightful quotes about family, friendship and the joy of owning something handcrafted.

This exhibition also stars 20 exuberant TEA COSIES created by Loani Prior, author of three best selling books, Wild Tea Cosies, Really Wild Tea Cosies and How Tea Cosies Change the World. They are knitted objets d'art, woolly sculptures; clever and funny.

#### Karina Devine (Gallery Director) Tel: 07 4661 0434

Email: <u>artgallery@warwick.qld.gov.au</u> www.warwickartgallery.com.au Are you interested in Volunteering as a roving ambassador for the Jumpers & Jazz in July Festival?

#### What do you need to know to volunteer:

have an interest in the Festival

• Have the ability to familiarise yourself with the Festival Program

• Have an interest in Warwick and surrounding areas.

• Be able to attend the Jumpers & Jazz Volunteer induction & training day on Wednesday July 10 from 9am – 11am.

For more information contact **Shona Gibson** Events Coordinator Warwick Tourism & Events **07 4661 9073** <u>www.warwickevents.com</u> <u>www.facebook/EventsWarwick</u>

## **Ceramic Break Sculpture Park**

#### Through July "Collaboration"

A group of indigenous artists coming together to commemorate the Myall Creek Memorial Weekend.

"Bondi" Warialda, NSW 2402 Australia

### Phone/Fax: 6729 4147

Email: kerry@cbreaksculpturepark.com.au http://www.cbreaksculpturepark.com.au/index .htm

## **Monthly Artists @ Lorenza's**

Nola Sindel will not be having the exhibition, "Nature's Palette" at Lorenza's in July, and apologies to anyone who had planned to come to the exhibition. For info about exhibiting at Lorenza's - contact **Allan English** on **07 4681 0504.** 

## **Glen Innes Art Gallery**

# The gallery will be closed from June 15 until July 14.

#### Email: giartgallery@gmail.com

For more information phone the Glen Innes Art Gallery on **02 6730 2610** or **John Lobley** on **02 6732 7073.** 

## **Texas Regional Art Gallery**

June 29 – August 10 Essence of Australia:The Changing Elements Paintings Joan Cooper Warm glass sculpture by Len Cooper

Gallery Hours: Tues-Fri 10:00am-4:00pm Sat 10:00am-1:00pm Tel **07 4653 2614** 

# New England Regional Art Museum (NERAM)

#### **Richard Green REMOTE AND WILD**

Helicopter pilot and photographer Richard Green has for over 20 years explored Australia's wildest places. This collection spans the whole continent and his images are a testament to the timelessness of the environment and the majestic splendour of nature. **OPENS 28 JUNE** 

### Permanent Collections PLAYTIME!

Images of childhood and a carefree world specially hung with small children in mind. This exhibition will include works such as *Weekend Camp* by Kenneth Macqueen and the colour linocut *School is Out* by Ethel Spowers. **OPENS 28 JUNE** 

**UNE School Art Prize LET'S HANG IT 2012** is held annually with the purpose of encouraging talented young artists in regional New South Wales. **OPENS 19 JULY**.

**Behind-the-scenes guided tours** of the storage racks housing the artworks from NERAM's collections are available by appointment. Cost is \$11 per person and advance bookings are essential. NERAM is home to more than 5,000 works of art which means that it is not possible to exhibit all the artworks at once. You can, however, book a storeroom tour and explore the breadth our nationally significant collections.

If members would be interested in a group tour, contact John Donnelly. <a href="http://www.neram.com.au/">http://www.neram.com.au/</a>

**Next Meeting** will be held on **Saturday July 20 at the Jennings Hotel.**