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Blue Knob Hall

by Heather Kimber

Gallery Update

It's been a huge year for Blue Knob Hall Gallery. Our community gallery has seen our exhibition program continuing, new programs established, our on-going monthly Artists and Friends lunches, fund-raising events and raffles organised, major grant applications submitted, special functions and more – all achieved through the tireless work of our wonderful volunteers!

Let's keep our fingers crossed that our grant applications will be successful in the New Year, and we can move forward with specialist workshops, regular film nights and other events. Well done everyone – and a sincere thank you to all our members for their help in all sorts of ways. On behalf of our beautiful community gallery – have a great 2008!

We are pleased to announce our 2008 program of exhibitions. (see box). Included are a couple of shows which have been very popular in the past. Our annual Fibre Fantastic exhibition is always a stunning showcase of our local and regional talent, and we have also included another wildlife show 'Fur, Feathers and Flora', as this has given us an opportunity to exhibit local works as well as artists further afield (including Wildlife Australia artists).

If you would like to exhibit in any of these programmed exhibitions, please contact the Gallery on 6689-7449 for further details.

Artists' And Friends Lunch

The Café will re-open 10th January. Artists and Friends

Lunches are held on the last Thursday of the month, and the next one will be held on Thursday 31st January at 12.30pm.

Cost is \$12 per person for a two-course gourmet vegetarian feast. So, please contact the Gallery on 6689-7449 to book your place. We look forward to seeing you there!

Current Exhibition

The Gallery's current exhibition is our Christmas show titled 'Myths and Magic' and is an extraordinary show of magical creatures and a collection of myths from the past and present. The exhibition will run til 3rd February.

We also have an ongoing wide range of smaller affordable works in our 'Centrestage' display. So come along and be enchanted! The Gallery is open 10am-4pm Wednesdays to Sundays.

"Blue 2 – Under 1 Roof – Fund Raising Raffles

In 2007 we were able to raise just over half of the \$5,000 we need for our contribution to the Gallery extensions. Congratulations to Rae Conway and Sharon MaHaffey who won our last raffle prizes.

Our next raffle is underway with three prizes: Hebel Sculpture 'Ground Zero' by Mac McMahon, Felt Shoulder Bag by Robin Moore, Ceramic clock 'Harvest Time' by Ruth Sutter.

Raffle tickets are \$2 each and can be bought from Blue Knob Hall Gallery, or from the Nimbin Artists' Gallery.

2008 Exhibition Program
 6th February – 30th March – 'A Memory That Persists' Works due in by Sunday 3rd February, Official Opening Thursday 14th February, 6.30pm
 2nd April – 1st June – 'Fur, Feathers And Flora' Works due in by Sunday 30th March, Official Opening Thursday 10th April at 6.30pm
 4th June – 3rd August – Annual 'Fibre Fantastic' – Fibre Show. Works due in by Sunday 1st June, Official Opening Thursday 12th June, 6.30pm
 6th August – 5th October – 'Poetic Art' – Inspiration from Poetry and Pros' Works due in by Sunday 3rd August, Official Opening Thursday 14th August at 6.30pm
 8th October – 30th November 'Changing Seasons – Changing Times' Works due in by Sunday 5th October, Official Opening Thursday 16th October at 6.30pm
 3rd December – January 2009 – 'Myths & Magic – Christmas Show' Works due in by Sunday 30th November, Official Opening Thursday 4th December at 6.30pm

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Loads of Local Art



Regional Gallery

Nimbin at Heart IV

Showing now, until 27th January at Nimbin Regional Gallery (the Rainbow Building in the Community Centre), from 10am to 4pm daily.

This is a group show including painting, sculpture, photography, basketry and more. It's not to be missed. The artists include Margie Rojo, Leigh Arnold, Donna Sharam, Len Martin, Claire Larrivée, Christine Robinson, Thorsten Jones and Rodney Sharpe.

Autumn Arts Extravaganza 2008

Saturday 22nd March to Sunday 27th April, 10am to 5pm daily. The 2007 Extravaganza was a huge success for Nimbin Art and Artists, Attracting more than 15,500 visitors. Many returned numerous times as the exhibition was so splendid. Some came each day to hear our local musicians and poets.

We are now seeking expressions of interest from artists wishing to exhibit. The opportunity is even better this time as the Exhibition will be on for 37 days – over five weeks – to include Easter and the school holidays, so even more visitors are expected.

Contact Nimbin Artists Gallery, PO Box 60, Nimbin or on 6689-1444 with your proposal for an exhibit, to volunteer to help or to perform during the show etc.



Studio Showing

Earthly Connections

Painting and Sculpture in the Hinterland Saturday 19th January – Monday 28th January

'Earthly Connections – Art for the Body, Mind and Spirit' is an exhibition by three local artists – painter - Shirley Miller; wood sculptor - Warwick Saxby; and ceramicist - Heather Kimber. The exhibition is being held at Shirley Miller's studio home at Jarlanbah Community and will incorporate some fabulous new works of paintings, wood and mixed media sculpture as well as some ceramic sculptures for the garden. Shirley's work will feature large multi-paneled canvases as well as smaller more intimate 'found object' pieces, which reflect a new direction she is taking in her acrylic and gouache painting.

Warwick will be featuring his beautiful miniature wood carvings, which are inspired by the Japanese form, 'netsuke'. As well as netsuke,

he sculpts larger wooden pieces combining found objects and bronze, and he also makes a popular series of carved Australian animals from native woods.

Heather will be featuring a range of 'Earth Wands' and 'Earth Callers' – totem poles for the garden. These ceramic and 'found object' works are created from earth, air, fire and water and make a serene, meditative focal point for gardens.

All three artists will be available to discuss their works, and there will be ongoing demonstrations of the artists at work throughout the exhibition.

Visitors are welcome to bring a picnic lunch and relax in the gardens. Refreshments will also be available, catered by 'Di's Folly'. Opening hours are between 10 am and 5 pm daily.



Works by Heather Kimber (above left), Shirley Miller (top right), Warwick Saxby (above right).



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