



Gallery Newsletter

Summer 2017

Hoping you all had a wonderful Christmas, New Year and holiday season!

Swifts Creek Puppet Theatre

Roll up, Roll up, it's the famous puppets of Swifts Creek, a very special array of puppets hand made by Pat Oram and Edna Gale in the 1970's.

The collection is currently displayed in the Gallery with some of the scripts from the original puppet shows, which brought interest and enjoyment to many community events and organizations through the 70's and early 80's both in the Omeo Shire and as far away as Bairnsdale and Paynesville. The puppets feature such classics as Punch and Judy and fairytale characters, plus notable political figures from the 1960's and 70's – come on down and see if you can identify Gough and Bob among the collection! The exhibition will run until late February.



Unearthed - Lost Things Found

The next exhibition will be held over Easter (15-18 April) and for a month afterwards, on the theme of lost things found and re-made. This is a theme sure to get your creative juices going – we would love to see lots of innovative new work, in any medium.

Great Alpine Open Studios - Art Trail

We are planning to have the Open Studios Art Trail again on the 6th and 7th May. Any artists wishing to open their studios please get in touch with Tracey on 0418221078 or greatalpinegallery@gmail.com with your details. We need your address and a short description of your studio and artwork – something enticing for visitors! If you don't have a suitable studio space to open, get creative about it – maybe team up with another artist, a local café or other business (mechanic, farmer, bush nurse, pub – whatever) . . . it would be great create an art and food trail meandering across our valley!



Lantern Making for Frouteville

This totally unique celebration of all things creative and delicious about East Gippsland will be held on the 4th and 5th March at Brackenbush Equestrian Centre, Lakes Entrance. If you'd like to help make a large wacky wire lantern to help illuminate Frouteville, there will be a lantern making day at the Gallery in early February - will keep you posted for the date!



Basketry Update

The Great Alpine Basketmakers are gathering their fibres again on Wednesday 1st February for another fun filled year of foraging, making and creating. They are in the process of organising new workshops for the coming year. Contact Jenny Coy for more details, ensaywinery@bigpond.com.au, ph 0419 335 402.



(f)route breakfast

Save the date for the famous (f)route breakfast on Sunday 23rd April at the historic Cassilis Cemetery. We will have some surprise special guests, stay tuned! Be there for a 9am start, bring a plate or a donation for breakfast.



Photographic Exhibition

All you budding photographers out there, we will be having a photo exhibition at the Gallery in June. Be creative with your medium and techniques – take it to the edge! As we have a magnetic display system at the gallery there's no need to frame works if you prefer.

Gallery Business

Don't forget, if you are an artist exhibiting at the Gallery, we now have direct bank deposit payments available for those artists who would prefer that method of payment for work sold. You can pick up a Direct Deposit form at the Gallery or we can email you one.

We also have a new card system in the groovy red filing box for artists instead of using the artist books to record work on consignment. If you could update the details of work in the Gallery onto a card that would be very much appreciated.



We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Penny and Bob Carruthers who are moving to Cowarr. A founding member of the Gallery, Penny's commitment to the Gallery has been enormous. She has been a truly inspiring and talented curator, as well as a very dedicated and respected artist. We will miss her generosity and thoughtfulness, and the standard of quality she has brought to the Gallery - she had inspired us to greater things.

There will a community gathering at the Cassilis Recreation Reserve to celebrate friendship with Penny and Bob on Thursday 26th January at 6pm, bring a plate to share, a drink and a chair. All the very best Penny, we hope to see you back here often!



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Warm regards

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