



Newsletter Winter 2017

Great Alpine Arts Trail - save the date for 2018

Following the success of this year's Arts Trail, it will be held again on the first weekend of May next year: 5th & 6th May 2018, from Ensay to Omeo/Benambrabra, so put it in your calendar! It's a great opportunity for artists to promote their work and raise their profile, for local businesses to embrace a creative focus, and welcome new visitors to our valley.



Huge thanks to Helenka King for putting such a great program together! Particular highlights were the Old Standard Pop-Up in Omeo featuring the work of the Great Alpine Basketmakers, the artists' open studios and galleries, the inclusion of local producers and the synergies between local businesses and artists. There is great potential for this event to grow so start early with your creative thinking caps on – we would love to see lots of exciting new initiatives and partnerships!

WINTER - Photographic Exhibition

Let this frosty season inspire you to take some great photos for our next exhibition: W I N T E R

Works need not be framed for this exhibition as we have a magnetic hanging system. The work can explore the theme in any place, in any way – and should focus on exploring elements of design through photography (line, shape, form, texture, colour, pattern, space, value). Digital works may also be accommodated – please contact the Gallery if you have any ideas you would like to discuss.



The exhibition will open at 5pm on Friday 27th July at the Gallery – come and warm your heart with some mulled wine! Work to be delivered to the Gallery by Wednesday 25th June, with artist details, title, and selling price (if for sale).

Upcoming Workshops

Warm up your winter with some workshops:

Silk Painting Workshop with Ann Bingham

Create your own beautiful hand-painted silk scarf.

All dyes and equipment supplied, one silk scarf provided. Cost: \$70.

One-on-one tuition or small groups, contact Ann for details,

Ph 0427594472, email annb5528@gmail.com



Printmaking with Tracey Johnson & Tiffany Forster

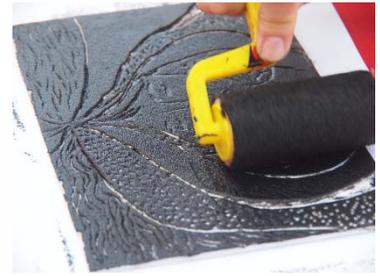
Thursday 26 July, 11am-2pm at Battle Point, or

Saturday 28 July, 11am-2pm at the Great Alpine Gallery, Swifts Creek

A very easy printmaking method using printing foam. Make a series of beautiful prints to take home.

Cost: \$40 per day, includes all materials.

Bookings: ph Tracey 0418 221 078, email mail@traceyjohnson.com.au



Any artists wishing to run a workshop please let us know and we can promote it for you through the Gallery.

Left: Baskets over a mould made in the recent workshop with Lynn Lochrie at the Ensay Winery

Artist Residency at Swifts Creek

We are pleased to announce that our artist for the Great Alpine Artist Residency in August will be Sofie Dieu. Sofie is a Sydney-based visual artist who is working in ink and charcoal as well as textiles and installations. She is currently working on an installation in collaboration with the Hand Weavers and Spinners Guild of New South Wales.

Originally from France, Sofie lived in China for four years before moving to Australia eight years ago. In Sofie's words, *"People grow in, with, through my art. People and their direct environment are motivating my work. I represent people, I collaborate with them, share their stories."* Sofie is interested in the relationship between people's story and landscape, and for the residency, would like to question how words and painting can open new conversations and perceptions with the audience.



Sofie will be running a workshop at Benambra Neighbourhood House and one at Swifts Creek P-12 School, and would love to engage with the artists and creative minds of our local area – so please call in and say hello! Sofie will be in Swifts Creek from 22nd August to 5th September. We will publicise specific workshop dates closer to the time.

The residency has been supported by East Gippsland Shire Council's Arts & Heritage Grants.

Warm regards
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President

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