



FRIENDS OF THE HIGHWAY GALLERY

Newsletter - December, 2017 Convenor: Marie Donald

Message from the Convenor

The end of 2017 is fast approaching with Christmas and family festivities to come.

We look forward to our Friends Christmas Lunch on Monday Dec 4 commencing about 11:30am. This year we are supporting Cottage by the Sea and Anne Catchpole, the Melbourne based Cottage Community Relations Officer will be attending the Lunch and will briefly give us up to date information.

Festive Gifts is our last Exhibition for this year and we now look forward to yet another full programme of Exhibitions for 2018, the first 3 listed on the next page. More details in your Feb NLR

Thanks to those of you who have taken a turn or 2 on the roster. In spite of the hot, humid and stormy weather many people have ventured out to add our handcrafted gifts to their Christmas shopping.

Our Membership Renewal forms will go out in late January with your Feb NLR. Although Friends' renewal is due Jan 1, 2018 we feel there is enough to attend to at this time of year. Happy Christmas to you all.

Friends' Coffee Mornings

1st Monday of each month 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Report of Monday November 6 - Speaker: Pratibha Madan

At the Coffee Morning, on Nov 6, we again found the day before Melbourne Cup holiday was our best attended first Monday for the year due to other organisations not operating.

Pratibha, gave us an excellent description and demonstration of the techniques of decorating candles and the old art of quilling.

Her candles and cards are popular in Festive Gifts. Pratibha also played a big part in setting up the exhibition assisting other exhibitors to display their work. When you read on you will see that Pratibha is also working towards further Exhibitions next year, for her own work and introducing other artists to our venue.

Monday - December 4 - Our Christmas Lunch

The plan is to arrive at the Gallery around 11:00am with a plate of food to share. The oven will be on as some people have already indicated they will bring food to heat.

Anne Catchpole will speak briefly about Cottage by the Sea at about 11:15, just prior to our Lunch.

As mentioned at the November Coffee Morning we have a large Christmas stocking to collect small gifts for children who are brought to Queenscliff for a holiday at Cottage by the Sea. A suggestion of \$5+ value gift to be put in clear cellophane so the Cottage staff will know for what age or gender without needing to unwrap. There is a packet of cello bags, about exercise book size, at the Gallery which will be suitable.

Suggestions for gifts are soaps, face washers, socks, books, crayons, notepads, jewellery like bangles, hair clips etc etc. When children arrive at the Cottage, there is a welcome on their bed with a useful gift.



Current and Forthcoming Exhibitions and Events

Festive Gifts at the HG

November 22 to December 3

We are into the second week of our **Festive Gifts** exhibition which will finish, to the public, next Sunday Dec 3 with Afternoon Tea from 3pm. The drawing of the Christmas hamper raffle at about 3:30pm.

The following day will be the Friends' Christmas Lunch commencing about 11:30am. Those Friends members who have work on display will be able to collect their unsold pieces after the lunch.

The Book Launch last Sunday of "**Wanted: Greener Grass**" by Liliane Grace attracted a large number of people from all over Melbourne. Liliane is one of our newest HG Friends. The nature of the Gallery created joy for those who had found one of Melbourne's best kept secrets. The book is on sale at the HG Gift Shop.



These 3 Exhibitions will start 2018 off at The Highway Gallery



"Celebrating Women" - IAA (Indian Australian Artists)

February 21 to 25

An exhibition, to celebrate womanhood, by a group of professional and emerging Indian artists, based in Australia, bringing together various contemporary and traditional art styles

At Left: A work by **Pratibha Madan**, a HG Friends' member.

"Black Dog" Art of Amaroo Neighbourhood Centre clients

Feb 28 to March 11

"Kaleidoscope" Exhibition by Mohammed Nazeer

March 14 to 25

A solo exhibition inspired by exotic textures and vibrant hues of the world. Mohammed's exhibition will showcase an array of acrylic and pastel artworks.



Exhibitions outside Monash, featuring HG Friends members, which are on now!

"Collective Hues" IAA (Indian Australian Artists) On display until Sunday Dec 3

1 Hillsmeade Dr, Narre Warren Sth, 1:00 -7:00 pm (Mon, Tue Closed)

Enquiries: **0490413200**

"Stillness and Life" at Yarra Sculpture Gallery

December 7 to 17

Work by students of art to unlock their imagination, in doing so to learn techniques and skills to deliver ideas in the most powerful way possible.

At the **Yarra Sculpture Gallery** 117 Vere St, Abbotsford.

Gallery Hours: Thurs to Sun 11am to 4pm 9419 6177

Featured at right an exhibit by another HG Friends' member

Prue Clarke, entitled "Are you Listening" Flyers at the HG



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