

arts news

raising the profile of the arts in the Echuca Moama region



chair report

At last we can welcome back family and friends from Melbourne and at last even hope for a normal Christmas. I'll never complain about not finding a parking space in the Port area ever again! The Foundry is all geared up for the visitations with the final exhibitions this year looking like they will actually be able to run without being cut short and a great new program for 2022 now in place.

To complete the Foundry program it now just needs Members to fill the gap over the Christmas holidays between 2021 and 2022 with all that they have created over the past year for the Members' Summer Exhibition for all those city and interstate visitors who have been denied the joy and pleasure of experiencing our wonderful towns and river for so long.

A notice will be sent out this month advising the date of members AGM which will be held in the Foundry. I look forward to welcoming as many members as possible because it will be doubly special this year because it is our 10th anniversary and also because as a team we have survived the past two years of disruption ready for the next decade.

At our October committee of management meeting I was able to thank your committee members for all they have achieved during the year working in the background to keep the business of EMAI and the Foundry running, with the support of our band of stalwart volunteers on behalf of our members and the general community.

The AGM will be an opportunity for all members who have an interest in the arts in our community to join me in showing our appreciation for the hard work our volunteers and the committee do to provide us all with a varied, sometimes challenging, but always interesting program of events during the year.

I look forward to sharing our vision for the next 10 years and hearing about your thoughts and ideas.

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PAST EXHIBITION: RICH RIVER QUILTERS & FRIENDS

An explosion of colour and textiles greeted visitors to The Foundry during Rich River Quilters & Friends exhibition. The huge variety of work ranged from traditional patchwork (the type most of us are familiar with), through to textile art which allowed for even more imaginative input from these talented artists.

Visitors were also treated to a range of soft toys, baby wraps, napery and hand made gifts; many of which were sold.

Over 830 visitors attended who were both visiting quilters and holiday makers visiting from regional Victoria. The members enjoyed the interaction with the visitors. Not only did we enjoy the compliments but were able to benefit from some of the comments. "Husbands" made some amazing observations! A display of "Meet the Makers" helped engage the viewers with the makers.

We found the "Viewers Choice" engaged the visitors with the different exhibits, with people often making an enquiry of how something was made. Whilst there were a number of varied exhibits that were popular, the magnificent Lions Centenary Quilt made over 2 years by Margaret Bryans received the most votes.

Once again, we are indebted to the Foundry Arts Space for including us in their program as it enables our makers greater exposure and helps the public perception of a "Quilt Exhibition" be brought into this century.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021 - 2022

THE FOUNDRY
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THE ROADS AND THE RIVER 15th Oct. - 7th Nov. DENYSE K DALTON, MEG DOLLER, KATHRYN LEHAR, ROBYN MACLEAN, NERIDA MURRAY & JUDI PALMER

POLAR OPPOSITES 12th Nov. - 28th Nov. LEANNE CUFFE, KRISTEN DYER, MICHELLE GODDEN, JUDI PALMER, JOAN STEVENS & KATHLEEN WATSON

MEMBERS' summer exhibition 3rd Dec. 2021 - 30th Jan. 2022

THE FOUNDRY SUMMER EXHIBITION

**ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS*
IT'S TIME!!**

Our annual exhibition held over the summer holidays is a much anticipated event for our artist members and incorporates the perfect time and venue for showcasing and selling your artworks.

so if you haven't already...start creating!



*not a member? why not join up?
just get in touch... via email, thefoundry@emai.org.au, call 0475 448 452 or drop in & leave your details. \$30 annual fee, \$25 concession.

CURRENT EXHIBITION: THE ROADS & THE RIVER



—.....—
Kathryn Lehar
Meg Doller
Nerida Murray
Denyse Dalton
Robyn MacLean
Judy Palmer
(L-R) —.....—

Who would have guessed that these six wonderful Elmore artists saw each other's work in person for the very first time at their group exhibition launch? Covid played such a huge factor in the time frame between submitting their individual expressions of interest and the coming together of their exhibition that all planned meetups and visits to each others' studios simply could not happen.

Then the much anticipated public launch was restricted in numbers, meaning only the artists' nearest and dearest could attend. Meg Doller (right), spoke about the individual and combined passions of the artists and while wine, strawberries and chocolate were consumed, lots of joyous conversations blossomed.



And weren't we treated to a fabulous environmental art exhibition?

Highlights were Nerida's titles - as intuitive as her works, Robyn's superb natural woven pieces - what about that superb framed piece with the writing all around? Meg's booklet of poems and musings about the man made and natural environment - a real keeper. The detail in Kathryn's carefully created natural collage pieces - so interesting. Judi's eco dyed wearable art based on Canadian indigenous clothing - mind-blowing, slow stitching and Denyse's animal based pieces - perfect for this exhibition.



MOVIE LOVERS

Tickets
\$13.50

NOVEMBER MOVIE LOVERS: Limited screenings from the 4th of November.

Immerse your mind in film as an art form, films of political or social merit and provoke discussion through challenge. Movie Lovers films are showcased every month at the Paramount. Commencing in February and running through until December.



EIFFEL

Having just finished collaborating on the Statue of Liberty, Gustave Eiffel is at the high-point of his career. The French government has requested he create something spectacular for the "Exposition Universelle" of 1889 in Paris but Gustave Eiffel is only interested in the city's subway project. His life is turned upside-down when the great lost love from his youth reappears. Their secret affair will inspire him to change the face of Paris forever.

NEXT EXHIBITION: POLAR OPPOSITES 12TH - 28TH NOV.

The Polar Opposites exhibition is born of a group of unique and diverse women. Each with a desire to learn, they meet whilst taking art classes and have formed a bond that now brings them together in an exhibition that expresses their individuality. For each, this art reflects their own personal journey through life, and using art as a conduit, these works coexist with their opposing styles and theme. With their artistic individualism being polarised within, it is of pivotal importance for the viewer to contemplate and reflect upon this as they journey through the Polar Opposites exhibition.

POLAR OPPOSITES

opening 6pm
Friday 12th November

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til 28th November, 2021
Thurs. – Mon. 10am–4pm
13–17 Murray Esplanade, Echuca

LEANNE CUFFE

KRISTEN DYER

MICHELLE GODDEN

JUDI PALMER

JOAN STEVENS

KATHLEEN WATSON



AROUND THE FOUNDRY

One Step Further

Friday, 1st October, to 30th November 2021

Kyabram Town Hall Gallery,
199 Allan St,
Kyabram Vic

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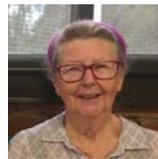
ARTS SPACE



DID YOU KNOW THAT THE FOUNDRY ARTS SPACE IS CENTRALLY LOCATED IN THE PORT OF ECHUCA AND AS WELL AS SHOWCASING EXHIBITIONS, IS ALSO THE PERFECT SPACE TO RUN YOUR ART CLASSES OR WORKSHOPS.

CONTACT SALLY FOR FURTHER DETAILS.
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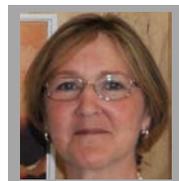


Join the team at The Foundry Arts Space

We are seeking art-loving, community-focused individuals to join us. Volunteering at The Foundry Arts Space is a great way to gain experience and insights into running a community art gallery. Contact us and one of our members will reply.

Echuca Moama Environmental Art Prize

This huge and exciting project has been bubbling along in the shadows for some time and a formidable amount of groundwork has been completed. Now to inject life back into it we are inviting members, volunteers and interested people to contact Faye King or Kerry Williams (via the Facebook page or on 0475 448 452), to find out how you might help. If you have an interest in how exhibitions work from the ground up, environmental art, community involvement, giving back to our gallery in any way large or small, contact Faye or Kerry and find out about "Nature Speaks".



THE FOUNDRY SUMMER EXHIBITION



COMING SOON

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS*

START CREATING YOUR UNIQUE PIECES OF ART FOR THE SUMMER EXHIBITION

EARLY DECEMBER 2021 - LATE JANUARY 2022

FURTHER DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

*NOT A MEMBER? WHY NOT JOIN UP?

BENEFITS INCLUDE MEMBERS ONLY EVENTS, DISCOUNTS ON WORKSHOPS & A WARM, FUZZY FEELING KNOWING THAT YOU ARE NOW AN ARTS PROMOTER! JUST GET IN TOUCH... VIA EMAIL, [THEFOUNDRY@EMAI.ORG.AU](mailto:thefoundry@emai.org.au), CALL 0475 448 452 OR DROP IN & LEAVE YOUR DETAILS.

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