



# Bright Art Gallery & Cultural Centre AUTUMN 2024 Newsletter

Welcome to the AUTUMN edition of the Bright Art Gallery Newsletter – April 2024

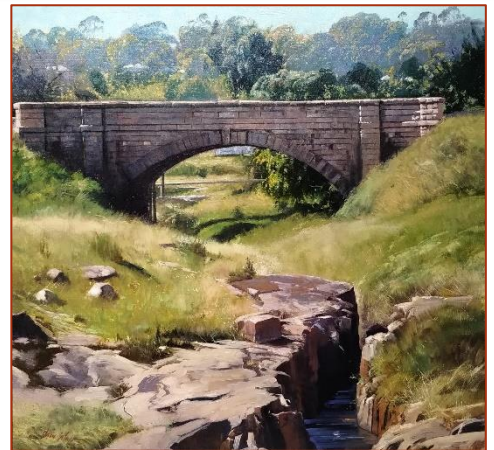
## IMPORTANT DATES

Thu 28 Mar – Sun 12 May 12 noon Autumn Art Exhibition open 10am-4pm daily  
 Sun 12 May 1pm to 5pm, Mon 13 May 10am-4 pm Collect Autumn Art – Buyers & Artists  
 Sat 29 Jun to Sun 14 Jul Winter Art Exhibition  
 Thu 26 Sep – Mon 4 Nov Spring Exhibitions  
 Fri 8 Nov – Thu 21 Nov P-12 School Exhibition – including set up and take down dates  
 Fri 29 Nov at 7pm Opening of the Summer Exhibition & Members Christmas Function  
 Sat 30 Nov – Mon 27 Jan 2025 Summer Exhibition

Opening Night of the 62<sup>nd</sup> Autumn Art Exhibition 27 March  
 Exhibition open daily 10am to 4pm until Sunday 12 May at noon



Judge Lyn Mellady announcing the winners of the 2024 Autumn Art Exhibition



And the Winners are:

Grand Acquisitive Prize *Bright Morning, Beechworth* by Chris White ↑

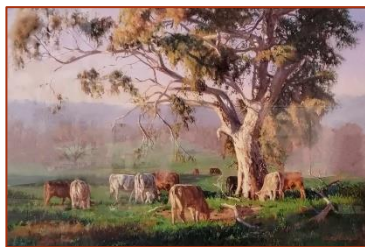
← Best Oil *Morning Glory* Sue Hourigan

Best Acrylic *Layabouts* Astrid Bruning →

↓ Best Pastel *Across the Gorge* Stephen McCall

Best Watercolour ↓

*Singing the Blues*  
Colin Shaw



Best Other Medium

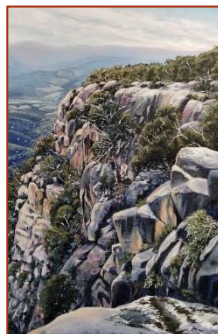
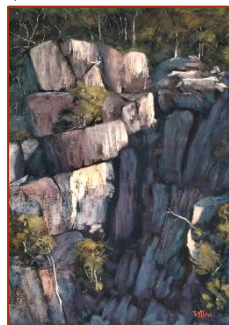
*Equine Beauty*

Glenn Hoyle ↓

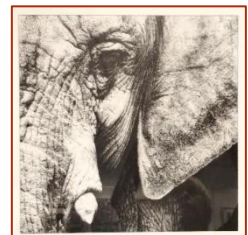


Best Painting of  
a Scene within  
the Alpine Shire

*Top of the Morning Mt Buffalo* ↑  
Sharon Barry



Best Monochrome  
*The Elephant Close Up*  
Melissa McGuinness-Binion



Best Small Painting  
*Amongst the Cumquats*  
Lyn Cooke







Lyn Mellady presenting Sharon Barry with her award.

It was another successful Opening – A well-attended and pleasant evening to celebrate the opening of the 62<sup>nd</sup> Autumn Art Exhibition. Mayor John Forsyth opened proceedings with an interesting summary of the many developments and improvements over the years since the first exhibition in 1962. It was



interesting to note that Yvonne Ward from Porepunkah and her brother Ian were both present on that first occasion!

President Steve McCall then introduced the Judge, Lyn Mellady, who gave a detailed and

interesting explanation for her choices of winners.



Sales then proceeded and nearly \$10,000 worth of quality works found new homes. This year we have 428 paintings in the exhibition. Be sure to visit so you



can enjoy the wonderful collection of art works.

*Autumn in Bright* a lovely pastel by Lyn Mellady, which she kindly donated as this year's raffle prize

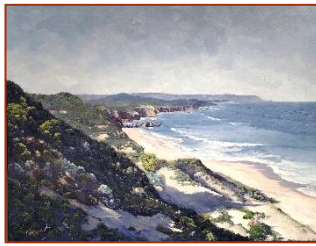
**All Highly Commended:**

*The Forest Floor* Regina Brewster →

← *No Riding Today (Finland)* Terry Jarvis

*Garner Tales* Linda Weil ↓

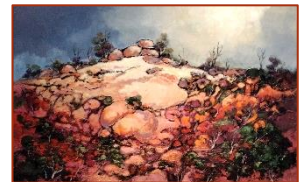
↓ *The Black Brumby* Fumage painting (technique in which an image is created by painting with smoke from a lighted candle) by Maegan Oberhardt



← *Portsea Backbeach* John Whitelaw



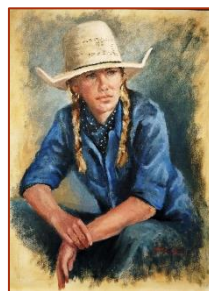
← *Celebration* Sandra Dare



*On the Way to the Top* ↓ Julie Goldspink



↓ *A Cool Mallee Morning* Ben Winspear

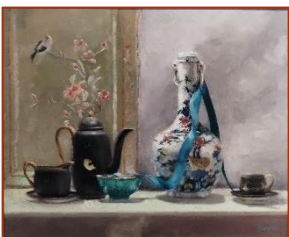
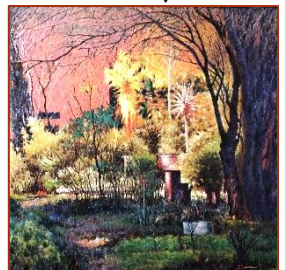


*Granite Country* Geoff Paynter →

← *The Jillaroo* Pamela Moore



*Majestic Garden* Do Noble ↓



← *The Blue Ribbon* Fiona Bilbrough

*Bo and Bojangles* Jim Van Geet →

**Congratulations to All Artists & All Winners!**



## President's Prattle

Hi everyone-and welcome to some cooler Autumn weather!!



Since the last report there has a lot been happening. It was wonderful to be able to have a second Cafe Culture type performance for the year, this time featuring the Canadian group **Belle Miners**, featuring some lovely harmonic songs by four very talented musicians - 3 from Canada with a very good Australian drummer in support. Some eighty

people came to enjoy themselves at Porepunkah Hall. My special thanks to Jenny McNaught and Yvette Van Urk for organisation and to Carol Styles and Jenny and Fraser McNaught for hosting the performers.



Now the Autumn Art Show is up and running. We had a very successful opening night with about ninety people who were able to admire the winning works, as well as all the other wonderful paintings, and sample some fine wine from Ringer Reef and delicious finger food provided by Dave McKinnon of High-Country Chef. Sales were very good and as I write this on Tuesday afternoon things are looking very promising for another successful Exhibition.

We also had a very successful afternoon walkaround and afternoon tea for our volunteers on the Sunday prior to the opening. Congratulations to those who managed to predict a winner -a prize will be coming your way soon!

Can I once again ask people to consider helping by sitting at the front desk-the more we have the more the load is spread, and it makes Kim's job a lot easier.

Hope you can all make it to the Gallery over the next few weeks if you have not been able to already.

Cheers, Steve McCall

### Bright Art Gallery Winter Exhibition

Sat 29 June to Sunday 14 July 2024

This exhibition is open to ALL ARTIST MEMBERS  
of the Bright Art Gallery (Alpine Artists)

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE ON THEME OF 'WINTER'



From the Permanent Collection 'On Mt Buffalo' by Richard Herzog (acquired in 1983)

### Next exhibition coming up is the Winter Exhibition

Entry forms are going out in the next couple of days and will be available on the website.

Also selected works on the theme of 'Mountains' from the Permanent Collection plus the Buckland Screens.

### Spring Exhibitions

'The Vision of Dear Kate' by Tasmanian artist Jane Giblin. There will be workshops to go along with this fascinating exhibition.

Plus the Alpine Artists Spring Exhibition & selected works from the Permanent Collection



The Bright Singers' Christmas Concert



New signs & banners promoting the gallery. Thanks to Carol Styles for design & organisation.

### Bright Art Gallery & Cultural Centre Committee

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**President:** Steve McCall (Autumn Art Exhibition Coordinator) **Treasurer:** Jon Lilley  
**Vice President:** Roy Ward (Assets & Council Liaison) **Association Secretary:** Renata Armishaw  
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