



Mosaics and More

HALF GALLERY EXHIBITION

An exhibition of traditional, abstract and art deco style mosaic and glass art by **Ella Baume; Barbara Flaum; Noeline Hardy; Diana Laidlaw; Ann Ni Kkelson and Sheridan Stewart**

This exhibition brings together six women from very different backgrounds, who have a shared passion for glass and mosaics. Their work ranges from decorative panels, pots and décor, to sculptural pillars and spheres – all capturing the brilliant beauty of cut glass and ceramics.

The ancient tradition of mosaics can be traced back to the 5th century BC, and examples still exist of intricately designed floors of stones, marble and glass. Romans used mosaics to decorate the floors and walls of their homes and temples, and this ancient ornamental artform has been rekindled many times over the centuries. Artists who work in this fascinating medium still use many of the same techniques, and are limited only by their imagination.

Ella Baume has been working with all forms of tesserae (types of materials used to make mosaics) for the past four years, and loves using stones in her work. She is inspired by a rock, or texture or colour, enjoying the abstract qualities of the natural environment.



mosaic sphere by Diana Laidlaw

Barbara Flaum is 'hooked' on the creative possibilities of mosaics. She works mainly with Italian glass tiles and imported stained glass, which is cut and sometimes fused to create unique and beautiful special effects. Her special interest in Australian flora and fauna is reflected in her individual designs.

Noeline Hardy studied and taught lead lighting before

opening her own studio and showrooms three years ago. She now makes glass mosaic for her own recreation and enjoyment.

Diana Laidlaw was South Australia's longest serving Minister for the Arts (1993-2002); but it is in her life post politics that she has found an art from that is a perfect fit for her personality. She finds smashing the tiles is energising, re-creating the pieces is absorbing, and the final form and colours make bold statements.



mosaic birdbath by Barbara Flaum

Ann Ni Kkelson had a career in journalism before her interest in mosaics enabled her reputation as a serious artist to grow. Using glass only, she has developed her own abstract style that presents the diversity of shapes, colours and textures of nature.

After 16 years as one of Australia's most successful radio presenters, **Sheridan Stewart** has taken time out from the media to explore her other talents. Her unique style of mosaic focuses on wall features and mirrors, incorporating the use of tiny hand-cut tiles and found objects.

Mosaics and More demonstrates the versatility of mosaics, showing both their beauty and function.

'Mosaics and More' will be officially opened by Hon John Hill MP, Minister Assisting the Premier in the Arts, at 6 pm Friday 15 June.

Footloose

HALF GALLERY EXHIBITION

Artworks in various media by members of **the Red House Group Inc**

For this exhibition, members of the Red House Group were issued with a new challenge - all artwork had to be one foot square (30.5cm or 30cm square), and if hanging, had to be unframed on stretched canvas.

Approximately 65 pieces of artwork are on display, and artists have used unique ways of complying with the specifications. Digital photography has been printed onto canvas, and hand woven textiles have been attached to canvas.

All 3D work also has to conform to the same dimensions, with interesting and imaginative results.



(above - from left) one foot square artwork on unframed canvas - 'Deep Creek National Park' acrylic by Mary Smith; 'Button Allsorts' photography by Janine Paris; 'Fall' acrylic & mixed media by Jennie Yann Goh

For example, Geoffrey Herbert has created a canvas sculpture, Margaret McCaul a ceramic sculpture.

All of these affordable and compact artworks are sure to delight.

'Footloose' will be opened by Chloe Fox MP, Member for Bright, at 6.45pm Friday 15 June.

EXHIBITION PREVIEW: Gallery M is open for a special exhibition preview from 6 - 7pm, Thursday 14 June. Don't miss the opportunity to view both new exhibitions in a relaxed and informal atmosphere. The preview coincides with a special live radio ABC 891 broadcast from 7 - 10pm by personality Peter Goers, in the MCC Domain Theatre. Free entry. Signatures cafe will be open from 6 - 7pm for coffee and snacks.

10 June

CLOSE OF CURRENT EXHIBITIONS

PLEASE NOTE:

*Gallery M is closed Monday 11 June
(Queens Birthday public holiday)*

15 June - 8 July

TWO EXHIBITIONS

- ▶ **"Mosaic & More"**
An exhibition of traditional and contemporary mosaic and glass art sculptures and wall pieces by **Ann Ni Kkelson, Barbara Flaum, Diana Laidlaw, Sheridan Stewart, Ella Baume and Noeline Hardy**
- ▶ **"Footloose"**
Artworks - in a range of media, but each on one foot square unframed canvas by members of the **Red House Group Inc**

13 July - 5 August

TWO EXHIBITIONS

- ▶ **"Freedom"**
An exhibition of abstract and semi-abstract paintings by **Harry Leach, & landscapes by Hans Koppan**
- ▶ **"Along The Edge"**
An exhibition of acrylic paintings by **John Hamilton**

10 August - 2 September

WHOLE GALLERY EXHIBITION

A SALA Festival event

- ▶ **"Four Voices"**
Four award winning artists come together in a broad ranging exhibition of works from lyrical to bold, abstract to realism, painting to sculpture, landscape to portraiture. **Kon Heyer, Louis Ginsberg, Coralie Armstrong & Liza Merkalova**

7 - 30 September

WHOLE GALLERY EXHIBITION

- ▶ **"A Rural Perspective"**
Watercolour paintings - landscapes, seascapes and the built environment by **Robert J W Landt .**

Gallery M welcomes exhibition proposals for 2008 from artists working in any media. Information can be found at www.gallerym.net.au

talking shop



(left)
'Dark Night Dreams' Cuff
Naturally patinated Sterling Silver with hand-forged silver wire design.

\$338.50



(right)
'Jasper Weave' Bracelet
Red Jasper & Sterling Silver, with hand woven links

\$96.50



(above) detail

new bling

by
Eleanor James
(Smoke and Mirrors Designs)



(left)
'Multi Texture' Bracelet
Naturally Patinated Sterling Silver & Lapis Lazuli

\$115.50



(left)
'Red Tile Chainmaille' Cuff
Sterling Silver & Red Czech Glass.

\$270

(below)
'Ornata' Stud Earrings
Amethyst, Garnet & Sterling Silver

\$95

