



Art on the Move

WHOLE GALLERY EXHIBITION

Gallery M comes alive this month with unique arty vehicles, mobile artworks that have been created to take part in a funky Street Parade on 1 April. The parade is the focal point for the biennial 'Marion Celebrates' Festival, the biggest community event in the City of Marion.

The artwork, and comprehensive support material documenting the project will be on display prior to the event, but the artwork will leave the gallery for the parade from 11.30am – 12.30pm. It will then return and be on display in the gallery until the conclusion of the exhibition on 15 April.

Various communities have been involved in the project, constructing their amazing means of transport under the supervision of artists Lawrence Wilkes and Leigh Corrigan. The communities include Baha'i, Hindu Temple, and Filipino, as well as students from Hamilton High School.

The Baha'i group have made a spectacular boat, that is perched atop a globe of the world. Reminiscent of 'Noah's Ark', it reminds us that all races need to come together to take care of our world.

Another astounding configuration is a life-sized ox, or 'caribou', pulling a cart of super sized paper maché fruits and vegetables. This has been created by the Filipino community, with the fibreglass coated ox constructed by René and his team. The cart has been painted to liken bamboo, and represents an alternative form of transport that is still often used in the Philippines.

Also from the Filipino group is an exquisite bird, constructed of paper and cane by Norma Hennessy. Environmental issues

again come to mind, with this delicate form drawing attention to the ominous plight of birds and animals in this era of global warming.

A beautifully decorated 'Dolie' or bridal carriage has been made by the Hindu community. Traditionally, the bride is carried to her wedding in the Dolie, which is usually carried on the shoulders of her supporters. A bride, in traditional dress will travel in this during the parade, and the Dolie has been given wheels to allow ease of movement.

Another construction by the Hindu community is the Dancing Horse of Rajasthan, India – inspired by the thought of the horse as transport, as well as from the Kachhi Ghorri Dance. This is virtually a battle dance, in which riders of cloth or paper horses demonstrate the use of the sword and shield. Neena, Shantanu and Jasmine from the Hindu community used bamboo, wire and paper maché to create the horse, which has been embellished with beautiful material and decorations.

Students of Hamilton High School have created a quirky bus, that will be pulled along by a four-wheeled cycle. This fun exhibit is a bit like a 'hippy Kombi van' – with figures inside and surfboards on top.

The documentation of the project will give a unique insight into the planning and construction of these wonderful mobile artworks. It will also acknowledge the many people who worked together to make this project such a success.

The project will be officially "launched" in Gallery M at 2pm, Sunday 1 April during the Marion Celebrates festival.



UNDER CONSTRUCTION....

(above) Dancing Horse of Rajasthan, India, with mahogany spray paint giving beautiful colour and lustre

(below) Project Co-ordinator Lawrence Wilkes with René, and the Caribou before fibreglass cladding is applied.



Marion Celebrates festival

Sunday 1 April, 11am to 5pm

Marion Celebrates is the biggest community festival in the City of Marion. A one-day indoor and out door festival throughout the Marion Cultural Centre with the theme: *Many Cultures, One Earth.*

The day features the Art on the Move street parade from 11.30am – 12.30pm, with funky arty transport creations moving to a street beat.

Stay on and enjoy stalls, children's activities, youth music event, community and professional performers, food, street party, skate park, amusements and activities for everyone.

A FREE FAMILY DAY !

18 March

CLOSE OF CURRENT EXHIBITION

23 March - 15 April

WHOLE GALLERY EXHIBITION

- ▶ "Art on the Move"
Unique modes of artistic transport in conjunction with "Marion Celebrates" street parade

Sunday 1 April

- ▶ "Marion Celebrates"
Marion's largest community festival, with art, craft, live music and recreational activities; adjacent to and in the Marion Cultural Centre.

PLEASE NOTE:

Gallery M will be closed over the Easter Weekend period from Friday 6th to Monday 9 April inclusive.

20 April - 13 May

THREE EXHIBITIONS

- ▶ "Inked!"
Traditional and abstract printmaking by **students of O'Halloran Hill TAFE**
- ▶ "Triple Echo"
contemporary and traditional watercolours by **Dennis Quantrill**
- ▶ "Past & Present"
Mixed media artwork by **Ruth Walker**

18 May - 10 June

TWO EXHIBITIONS

"Indigenuity"
Coinciding with Reconciliation Week

- ▶ "Art of Respect"
Aerosol artwork from City of Marion youth workshops
- ▶ Artwork by contemporary Aboriginal artists

15 June - 8 July

TWO EXHIBITIONS

- ▶ An exhibition of traditional and contemporary mosaic and glass art by **Ann Ni Kkelson, Barbara Flaum, Diana Laidlaw, Sheridan Stewart, Ella Baume and Noeline Hardy**
- ▶ Artworks in various media by members of the **Red House Group Inc**

talking shop



(above)
Red Gum Bowl
by
Mark Glowacki

\$65

(right)

Textile bowl
by
Jackie Pearce

\$40



(left)

Hand painted fused glass bowls (fauna) by **Frans Kat**

\$110 each

Hand painted kiln fired glass
by
Julie Pritchard

(right)
Zebra Bowl

\$38



(left)

Citrus fruit bowls

starting from
\$17 each

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