



A Body of Knowledge

A compilation of photographs and text created by world renowned photographer **Michael Coyne**, in collaboration with award winning writer **Graham Pitts** and members of Positive Women Victoria.

It is brought to SA by Women's Health Statewide, a community service of the Children Youth and Women's health Service.

Over the past few years the HIV Women's Project, South Australia has completed several successful projects that increased the community's understanding of women's experiences of living with HIV. This year they are bringing the stunning photographic and text exhibition 'A Body of Knowledge' to SA for World AIDS day 2010.

'A Body of Knowledge' was developed by Positive Women Victoria and is a compilation of photographs and text created by world renowned photographer Michael Coyne in collaboration with award winning writer Graham Pitts.

The power of the exhibition comes from the amazing images, and also the different parts of the women's body which have words over them which reflect the lives of women who live with HIV.

"The fear and stigma associated with HIV silences many positive women. A Body of Knowledge has enabled women to have a voice whilst maintaining confidentiality" says an HIV positive woman. "Art is a brilliant form in which to create awareness. The photos are beautiful and create a feeling of calm and openness to hearing the message of the women's lives." says another.

HIV positive people telling their stories has proven to be a very powerful education strategy across Australia. The images and words of HIV positive and affected women portrayed in the exhibition are very real and engaging. Included in the exhibition are images of HIV negative women with the challenge for the viewer tell who is positive amongst the group?

This exhibition challenges the myths associated with HIV in Australia and especially about women and HIV. These myths often conspire to lay blame or judge people living with HIV / AIDS.

By showing this stunning exhibition in SA it is hoped that there will be increased understanding and compassion for people living with HIV in Australia and also promote the message that HIV/AIDS affects women too. It is also hoped that it will encourage HIV positive women to tell their stories and connect with other HIV positive women for support.



EXHIBITION FLOOR TALKS

There will be two floor talks during the exhibition, from 2pm on Sunday 7th & 14th November. This is an opportunity to hear an HIV positive woman speak about what its like to live with HIV in Australia. Free entry - with a relaxed and informal atmosphere.

'A Body of Knowledge' will be launched by 5AA radio personality Amanda Blair at **6pm, on Friday 29 October**
Entry is free - all welcome



The Art Of Giving

An exhibition of artwork in various media by members of the **Red House Group Inc.**

This new exhibition by members of the Red House Group is perfectly timed to solve those pre-Christmas gift giving dilemmas. There are approximately 80 artists participating, working in a wide variety of media. The clever angle to this exhibition is that all work is priced under \$250, which makes buying an original piece of artwork very affordable. The work will also be available for collection once it is purchased, so no waiting to collect and appreciate your new acquisition.

As well as paintings, drawings and photography, there will be an array of 3D artworks including glass, ceramics, timber and textiles. Christine Beck has created a range of tiny collectable glass 'fairy' figurines. New RHG member Kevan Brown is exhibiting a sculptural time piece in glass



wood block print by Ros McDougall

and stone. Marty Cielens is showing a hand crafted artist book.

Textile work includes felt sculpted bowls by Jan Edwards, a hand crafted vessel by Denise Avery and machine embroidered pieces by Jackie Pearce.

Willem Kurvits and Mike O'Donoghue are once again showing their beautifully hand crafted timberwork, which is always popular.

Jewellery by Erica McNicol, Anthea Smith and June Stephenson adds a touch of sparkle. Marie Sheridan is showing hand painted porcelain, glass artist Stephen Skillitzi is displaying one of his amazing sculptures, and Julie Pritchard has hand painted a glass platter. Rose Walker is showing ceramics, Bev Whittington has created pottery pieces.

The Red House Group Inc originated in 1994, and since then over 1,100 artists have become involved. It is



mixed media by Jennie Yann Goh

a not for profit, artist managed group that operates Gallery M on behalf of the City of Marion. There are currently about 300 financial members, with many being involved as volunteers at Gallery M, helping in the shop and gallery.

'The Art of Giving' will be launched by RHG Chairperson Ines Patriitti, Director of Patriitti Wines at **7pm, Friday 29 October**.
Entry is free - all welcome.

24 October

CLOSE OF CURRENT EXHIBITION

29 October - 19 November

TWO EXHIBITIONS

- ▶ *'The Art of Giving'*
Artwork in various media by **members of the Red House Group Inc**
- ▶ *'A Body of Knowledge'*
Developed by Positive Women Victoria. A compilation of photographic images and text created by award winning photographer Michael Coyne.

FLOOR TALKS

**2pm Sunday
7 & 14 November**

Hear HIV positive women speak about what it's like to live with HIV in Australia.

Relaxed and informal - all welcome

28 November - 7 January

WHOLE GALLERY EXHIBITION

- ▶ *'9th Annual City of Marion Community Art Exhibition'*
All residents of the City of Marion area are invited to exhibit their artwork. No fee to enter. Download an entry form at www.gallerym.net.au or call on 8377 2904

14 January - 6 February

TWO EXHIBITIONS

- ▶ *'Call of the Beloved'*
Paintings featuring Persian calligraphy by **Shahin Azadegan**
- ▶ *'Truth-Compassion-Tolerance'*
International exhibition by artists connected with the Falun Dafa Association

11 February - 6 March

WHOLE GALLERY EXHIBITION

- ▶ *'First Exposure'*
Graduation exhibition by Tea Tree Gully TAFE SA photography students

talking shop



handcrafted timber
Canasta card box
(set of cards included)
by

Anthony Horsfall

\$87

Other interesting handmade items in various Australian timbers are also available. Ideal gifts !

no gift like the present

As Christmas rushes toward us, think 'Gallery M' for gifts. We have a range of unique handmade items by talented local artists, all at affordable prices. If you would like to give something special, or are not sure what to give, come to Gallery M. You will be surprised what you can find.

fabric 'cat' bag
designed and created
by
Althea Holmes

\$50



handpainted porcelain ginger jar
by

Marie Sheridan

\$35

fabric textile toy birds
designed and created
by

Erica McNicol

\$23 each

