



New Beginnings

glass artwork by **Mark Thiele**

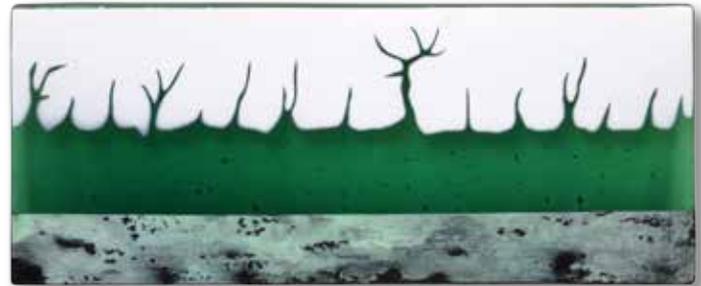
Mark Thiele is a leading Australian glass artist, well known for his exquisite blown forms. This new work was produced through a recent residency awarded to him at the Canberra Glass works.

The wall pieces highlight a new direction Mark's work and he is pleased to be able to show them in his home state of South Australia. The panels represent his first two dimensional works and he sees them as a foundation for his work in the future.



Mark lives south of Adelaide, and has close ties with the Jam Factory, famous for Contemporary Craft & Design. He received a BA in Visual Arts from the Australian National University in Canberra, and winning Australia's most prestigious glass prize (the Ranamok Glass Prize) in 2001 helped to cement his work and reputation as one of Australia's leading glass artists.

Mark also received a grant from the Australia Council in 2006, enabling him to spend time in America to promote his work to some of the most prestigious glass galleries in the world.



His inspiration comes from the rich, striking colours and contours of the landscape in the rugged outback of Australia. "I am excited about the direction my work is taking and the interest it is generating. Through my exploration, I feel I have developed my own style and a way of working that is unique and beautiful" Mark says.

Mark has exhibited in Venice, Italy, Boston, New York, U.S.A. and Australia; and is represented in public and private collections both here and overseas.

Meet the Artist:

Mark Thiele will be in Gallery M from 2pm, Saturday 23 January. Free entry, all welcome.

'New Beginnings'

will be officially launched by

Stephen Skillitzi MFA

Glass Artist

7pm Friday 15 January



△ hand woven tapestry by Michelle Driver



Clique

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

2016 starts at Gallery M with a super display of artwork by members of the Red House Group. The title 'Clique' is not so much a theme as an idea – the only guidance given to artists was that only 2D (ie: wall hanging work) be submitted.

All work will be sized no larger than 60cm high or wide, creating a uniformity of display.

Of course, 2D work can include a range of media, such as paintings, drawings, photography, prints and textiles. There are also wall panels featuring fused glass and glass mosaics, by several different artists.

The Red House Group is a not-for-profit artist managed group, that acts as a focus for art and cultural activities for all individuals and groups in the City of Marion council area and its surrounding region.

◁ watercolour & pastel by Diana Bradshaw

Since its incorporation in 1994 the group has continued to go from strength to strength, with over 1,400 artists joining in the past twenty one years. In any given year membership is over 300 financial members, and approximately 60 of those are showing work in this exhibition.

One of the strengths of the group is the continued involvement over many years by quite a few members. The City of Marion has been very supportive of the group since those fledgling days back in the early 1990's, when local Marion artists approached the council looking for a venue where they could show their work. The old Red House Gallery was a derelict building situated next to the council admin building on Sturt Road, and with council and community support it was refurbished as a gallery, opening in 1994.

In 2001, when the Marion Cultural Centre was built, Marion Council offered the Red House Group the opportunity to manage Gallery M on their behalf. Each year, Red House members get several opportunities to exhibit in this premier suburban visual arts venue. 'Clique' is the first of two RHG exhibitions scheduled for 2016.

An added bonus for artists in this exhibition is the opportunity for their work to be shown at the Burra Regional Art Gallery In April-June this year, with a reciprocal exhibition of artists from Burra and the mid north area coming to Gallery M later in 2016.

'Clique'

will be officially launched by

Adrian Skull

CEO, City of Marion

6:30pm

Friday 15 January

Friday 8 January
CLOSE OF CURRENT EXHIBITION

15 January - 7 February

TWO EXHIBITIONS

- ▶ *'Clique'*
An exhibition of artworks in various media by members of the **Red House Group Inc**
- ▶ *'New Beginnings'*
An exhibition of glass artworks by **Mark Thiele**

MEET THE ARTIST:

2pm, Saturday 23 January

A chance to meet and talk with Mark Thiele in a relaxed and informal atmosphere.

12 February - 6 March

WHOLE GALLERY

- ▶ *'Wanderings'*
An exhibition of textile artworks by members of the **Fibre Artist Network (FAN)**

11 March - 10 April

WHOLE GALLERY

- ▶ *'Views & Vistas'*
An exhibition of artworks by **Cathi Steer & Angelo Gencarelli**

15 April - 8 May

WHOLE GALLERY

- ▶ *'Things Called Art'*
An exhibition of artworks by members of **The Artist's Voice Inc**

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talking shop



(left)

hand painted & hand printed mobile phone cases with strap (different colours available) designed and created by Liz Wauchope \$25 each



(above)

hand painted & hand printed glasses cases (different colours available) designed and created by Liz Wauchope \$25 each

IT'S IN THE BAG!



(above)

freeform crochet purse (different styles available) designed and created by Gemma Fettke \$50



(right)

hand-crafted felted bags (different styles available) by Althea Holmes \$65 each



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