

RHG member no: 0870

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Joined: 2006

I am a baby-boomer from Brighton. I now live at Glenelg and work as a fulltime children's author, having left my part-time teaching job in 1990 to take on this risky, satisfying writing business.

I've also worked as an actress and writer with Patch children's theatre and creating television commercials and video voiceovers.

Aged 16, I went to Wattle Park Teachers' College and two years later I started teaching at St Morris Primary School. I loved reading to my Year 5 students and became passionate about children's books. I still always read aloud whenever I do author visits in schools.

I'm what's called an 'accidental author', meaning I began with no real knowledge of writing and no real decision to become a writer. However, after an encouraging nudge from an ex-teaching-colleague-turned-publisher, I began to write more. After years of rejections, I now have 100 books published with both educational publishers and trade publishers. I write picture books, junior fiction, novels, poetry and non-fiction. Many of my books and poems have won awards, and been translated and distributed worldwide.

Other than reading, creating mosaics from recycled crockery, tiles, and found objects is another of my passions, and on the weekend I scurry into my little studio, down by the chook-yard; a little hideaway which my husband built from recycled materials. There I while away the hours, enjoying the sensory creativity of colour and texture, and the cutting and positioning of bits and pieces, while listening to music.

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DIARY DATES

Sunday 31 July

Close of 'With Words / Without Words' & 'Fine Art Photography' exhibitions

Monday 1 August: 4pm

Exhibition Committee meeting

Friday 5 August: EXHIBITION OPENING

Opening Night Hours 5 - 8pm

'Mingle' evening in Signatures Cafe from 5.30pm

► **Gallery M Open Contemporary Prize 2016**

an exhibition of selected finalists' artworks in various media, with \$4,500 in prizes.

Guest speaker & presentation of Prizes: 7pm

His Worship the Mayor of Marion, Kris Hanna.

Friday 12 & 19 August: 5 - 8pm

SPECIAL EVENING VIEWINGS IN GALLERY M:

Free entry, all welcome.

Thursday 18 Aug: 7pm

Red House Group Board of Management meeting

Thursday 22 September: 7pm

RHG Annual General Meeting (in Gallery M)

A new Board of Management for 2016-2017 will be elected at the AGM - please consider nominating for a position on the Board. All members welcome.



Gallery M is proudly operated by the Red House Group on behalf of the City of Marion
The Red House Group at Gallery M thanks the City of Marion and Patritti Wines



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membership update

Welcome to new Red House Group members who have joined since the last newsletter: **Heather Bradley**

Also welcome to new 'Friend' of Gallery M:
Peg Tohl



SPECIAL EVENING VIEWINGS IN GALLERY M

Red House Group member exhibitions

2016

▶ 5 - 28 August (RHG & non RHG members)
 Gallery M Open Contemporary Prize 2016

2017

- ▶ 13 January - 5 February (HALF GALLERY)
- ▶ 12 May - 4 June (HALF GALLERY)
- ▶ 29 September - 22 October (HALF GALLERY) to be confirmed

Have you thought about having your own exhibition? Gallery M is a very versatile space, with the movable walls allowing quarter gallery, half gallery or whole gallery exhibition spaces.

A quarter gallery space is ideal for a solo artist, or why not link with a like minded artist and have a shared exhibition.

More information about exhibiting can be found at www.gallerym.net.au

Hi fellow Red House Group members

This is a busy month for art lovers - with the SALA Festival in full swing, there are a lot of exhibitions to get out and see. Of course, we hope that you and your friends all come along to Gallery M to see our Art Prize exhibition, which features contemporary art selected independently by a panel of judges.

Another date to put in your diary is the Red House Group AGM - to be held in Gallery M on Thursday 22 September.

If you have thought about becoming more involved in the management side of the group, and of Gallery M, nomination forms for the Board will be sent out in August.

All members are invited to become involved - if you would like more info please give me a call to discuss further.

Also - don't forget membership fees are now due - thanks to everyone who has renewed already.

See you soon...
 Julie & the team



CONGRATULATIONS...OPPORTUNITIES...EVENTS...ART+ABOUT

ART & ABOUT

Urban Cow Studio. *Ode to a Flower.* Anna Small and Warren Pickering, 4 - 27 August. The mystery and awe of a flower is the constant inspiration to the artistic metalwork team Anna Small & Warren Pickering. New and recycled metals have been used to create blossoming large wall flowers, up-cycled vintage garden tools, Warren's small leaf sculptures and Anna's jewels made of copper and silver. Opens - Thurs 4 Aug, 5.30 - 7.30pm. **Urban Cow Studio**, 11 Frome Street, Adelaide. Mon - Thurs 10 - 6pm, Fri 10 - 9pm, Sat 10 - 5pm & Sun 12 - 5pm. T: 8232 6126, E: urbancowstudio@gmail.com www.urbancow.com.au

SplashoutArtStudios *Bold'nBright Exhibition.* Big, bold, bright artworks by various members of Splashout. 5 - 8 Aug, Fri - Sun 9am - 4pm. **Splashout Art Studios & City Holdfast Bay BRIGHTON ARTS MARKET** Jetty Road, Brighton, Splashout Art exhibitions, painting demonstrations, come and try stall. Sun 21 Aug 10am - 4pm. **Splashout Art Gallery**, 71a Jetty Rd Brighton. T: 8296 3859 E: art@splashout.net.au W: www.splashout.net.au

Samstag Museum of Art. *Experimenta Recharge.* The 6th International Biennial of Media Art. Featuring the work of 20+ Australian artists and several international artists who employ, critique and experiment with media and technology. Works draw upon photography, biology, sculpture and installation, electromagnetics, sound art, robotics, gaming, dance, the World Wide Web, performance, 3D printing, animation, film, video, and analogue television. **Samstag Museum of Art**, Hawke Building, City West Campus, UniSA, 55 North Terrace, Adelaide. Open Tues to Fri 11am - 5pm, Sat 2 - 5pm. Closed public holidays. Free admission T: 8302 0870 E: samstagmuseum@unisa.edu.au.

SALA 2016 RHG MEMBERS' OPEN STUDIOS

Liza Merkalova 6 - 28 Aug **Sat & Sun only** 11am - 4pm Studios, sketches and recent paintings by Liza at her studio 'Everafter', 116 Eyre St Seaview Downs. T: 7123 4962 www.lizamerkalova.com

Stephen Skillitz SKILLITZAPHRENIA Glass Studio & Sculpture Garden. FREE signed small glass dish for every visitor. 7 - 22 Aug **Sun & Mon only**, 11am - 5pm. T: 82984156. 15 Rudford Street, Brighton.

Leonid Olijnyk *Fine Art Photography* 5 - 28 Aug, **Fri - Sun** 10am - 5pm. Opening 5 Aug 10am - 5pm. Visitors are welcome to enjoy coffee, music & discussion of photography. 6 Yalpa Rd Marino T: 8298 7777 www.photographicartgallery.com.au

OPPORTUNITIES

St Peter's Cathedral, North Adelaide. *The Cathedral Art Prize & Exhibition.* **Non-acquisitive 1st prize: \$3000.** This significant event in South Australia's art calendar is open to exhibits in oil, pencil, ink, acrylic, pastel and mixed media. PHOTOGRAPHIC AND/OR PRINTED WORK NOT ACCEPTED. Each artist may submit up to two exhibits. Hanging fees apply: \$20 for each standard size exhibit, \$50 for large exhibits. Registration closes 16 Sep 2016 at 5pm. Exhibition dates: 4 - 12 Nov 2016. For more info and entry go to www.stpeters-cathedral.org.au/artprize.

The 2017 Brighton Jetty Classic Sculptures Exhibition 10th Anniversary. **Call for Entries.** This is an annual event with sculptures exhibited both indoors and outdoors including a 'Sculpture Walk' along the Esplanade at Brighton, SA. Exhibition dates: 25 Jan - 7 Feb 2017. Entries invited from local and interstate sculptors, working in any medium including metal, wood, stone, ceramics, glass, or soft sculpture. Artists must be 15 years of age or older. Prizes totalling \$20,500 are awarded in various categories: indoor and outdoor sculpture, environmental, youth, emerging artist and peoples' choice. To enter: Please refer to conditions of entry and complete the online form at: www.brightonjettyclassicsculptures.com. Each entry must include good quality digital images of either the finished sculpture or a maquette (scale model) OR detailed artist sketches/designs.

Hahndorf Academy. *Heysen Prize for Landscape 2016* call for entries. Acquisitive \$15,000 1st prize encourages artists to express their deep connection with, or their deep concern for, the Australian landscape and environment. People's Choice Prize Non-acquisitive, \$1,000: **Deadline for entries:** 5pm Friday 12 August. More info at hahndorfacademy.org.au/heysen-prize/

CONGRATULATIONS

Steven Duncan recently won the prestigious SA AIPP Landscape Photographer of the Year Award, competing against very highly recognised photographers including the National Landscape Photographer of the Year 2015. The South Australian Professional Photography Awards are run by the Australian Institute for Professional Photography (AIPP).

David Taylor's poem titled *Not Word - Not Name - Desert Lore*, received third prize in the Open Poetry section at the 2016 Banjo Paterson Writing Awards, announced at the Orange Readers and Writers Festival (NSW) in July.