

RHG member no: **1441**

Michelle Driver

Michelle is an artist working in the ancient and time-consuming medium of hand woven tapestry.

After spending many years working in needlepoint, Michelle decided to learn woven tapestry by correspondence with South West TAFE in Warrnambool in 2010.

After graduating in 2015, she has since been producing artworks exclusively in woven tapestry. She enjoys the idea of taking a historically rich medium and twisting it to create non-conformist, thought-provoking contemporary pieces.

She is drawn to tapestry as it is unconventional and largely under-represented in contemporary art galleries. A seemingly domestic medium can be transformed into art works which are both tactile and visually striking.

After being a finalist in the Emma Hack Art Prize and the Gallery M Contemporary Art Prize in 2016, Michelle won the Port Pirie Open Prize in August. This has further encouraged her to pursue greater exposure for woven tapestry, and prove that unconventional mediums can be included within the contemporary art world.

In 2012, she decided to teach herself handweaving on an 8 shaft table loom after being inspired by the BBC series 'Mastercrafts'. This instigated a brand new passion for creating unique handmade scarves in cotton and wool, which although complicated, is more relaxing than the technically challenging medium of tapestry.

You can find a selection of Michelle's scarves under the label 'Threefold Designs' in the Gallery M shop.

www.threefolddesigns.com.au



membership update

New members are always welcome.

Annual membership: Full Member \$35; Concession Member \$25 - Ask Gallery M staff for details.

DIARY DATES

Sunday 23 October: Close of the two current exhibitions '*a light in the dark*' & '*Far - Far*'

Monday 24 October: 4pm
Exhibition Committee meeting

Wednesday 26 Oct: 7pm
Red House Group Board of Management meeting

Friday 28 October: EXHIBITION OPENING
Opening Night Hours 5 - 8pm
'Mingle' evening in Signatures Cafe from 5.30pm

- ▶ **Continental Drift**
an exhibition of artworks by **Harekrishna Bag, Loka Nithi Bag, Vijay Kowshik, Eileen Lubiana, Alison Main, Alan Ramachandran & Ian Willding**
Guest speaker: 6.30pm Mirna Heruc - Director, University Collections, University of Adelaide

Saturday 5 November - 2pm: MEET THE ARTISTS
At Gallery M - A chance to talk to some the the artists from the current exhibition in a relaxed and informal atmosphere.

All welcome. free entry

Monday 31 October: Closing date for entries
15th Annual City of Marion Community Exhibition

Thursday 30 November: Closing date for entries
'Journey' - Red House member exhibition



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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SMITHSONIAN RED HOUSE

Red House Group member exhibitions

2017

▶ 13 January - 5 February (HALF GALLERY)

'Journey' -

A half gallery exhibition of artworks in any media. We journey out into the world or inward into our imagination. Our artwork is also a journey, beginning with the blank canvas or untouched clay block, we find our way forward. Think imaginatively - artwork does not have to represent an actual journey.

▶ 12 May - 4 June (HALF GALLERY)

▶ 29 September - 22 October (HALF GALLERY)

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.

There are x2 half gallery spaces vacant in 2017

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

Hi fellow Red House Group members

Thanks to those that attended the AGM on 22 September - the minutes are enclosed with this mailout. Welcome also to the new Board elected for 2016-2017.

We have been busy creating our new web site www.gallerym.com.au which is now up and running (was .net.au). Please take the time to have a look, offer any feedback, and update your contacts to the new email address info@gallerym.com.au

The old email address will remain active for some time, but the old website can no longer be viewed, as the software for building it has been updated.

A reminder to our shop exhibitors - if you have Christmas stock to display, please get it in as soon as possible so it can be priced etc in plenty of time. Always call first if you are bringing in large quantities of any stock, to ensure staff are available.

See you soon...
Julie & the team



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

ART & ABOUT

Chambers Gallery, City of Marion. Two member exhibitions to see here over the next few weeks - Splashout Art Studios & Betty Anderson. **Splashout on Marion.** Members of Splashout Arts Studios & Gallery. Closes 28 Oct. For more info T: 8296 3859 E: art@splashout.net.au **Beauty From Ashes.** Betty Anderson. Teaching herself from early in 2008, Betty developed her unique style of almost photo-realism, full of detail and light. Not happy with landscapes she concentrated on flowers and still-life to learn how to paint light, shadow, shape and colour to eventually do what she loves - portraits. Runs from 2 Nov - 30 Nov. **Marion Council Chambers Gallery**, Admin Building, 245 Sturt Road, Sturt. Mon - Fri: 9am - 4pm (except when in use by council). T: 8375 6891 to confirm availability.

The Hahndorf Academy. *The Heysen Prize for Landscape 2016 - Finalists Exhibition.* RHG member **Helen Sherriff** is a finalist along with nearly 50 other artists in this prestigious art prize. Closes Sun 4 Dec. **Hahndorf Academy**, 68 Main St, Hahndorf. Open daily 10am-5pm. Free entry. T: 8388 7250 www.hahndorfacademy.org.au

Royal SA Society of Arts. A celebratory exhibition to celebrate 160 years of RSASA. Opens Fri 28 Oct, 5 - 6.30pm. Official opening at 6.30pm by His Excellency, The Honourable Hieu Van Le AC, Governor of South Australia. The exhibition includes artworks by selected RSASA Members, significant artworks of South Australian artists from the Art Gallery of SA, and selected works from the RSASA Collection. The evening celebrations conclude at 8pm. Exhibition dates: Friday 28 Oct - Sun 4 Dec. **Royal South Australian Society of Arts**, Gallery: Level 1, Institute Bldg Cnr North Tce & Kintore Ave, Adelaide. Mon-Fri 10.30am-4.30pm, Sat & Sun 1-4pm. Closed public hols. T: 8232 0450 E: rsasa@bigpond.net.au www.rsasarts.com.au

Maker Faire Adelaide 2016. A volunteer-run, not-for-profit organisation bringing together creative ideas and like-minded makers, inventors, designers, artists and entrepreneurs. Celebrate the wonders of science, technology, engineering, arts, craft and sustainability. More than 100 imaginative displays, demonstrations, workshops and speaker events. Connect with makers and enjoy food from mobile vendors. Experience old crafts side by side with new technologies. This year's event will be the largest yet, but Adelaide will also be the first Australian city to host a featured Maker Faire, joining cities such as Paris, Austin, Cairo and Vienna. **Main Assembly Building, Tonsley Innovation District, Sun 6 Nov 10am - 4pm.** More info at www.tonsley.com.au/event/maker-faire-adelaide-2016/

ART & ABOUT (cont)

Burra Regional Art Gallery. Two exhibitions over the next few months. *Art of The Flower & Garden.* A Burra Gallery tradition producing powerful and imaginative works in a variety of media. Closes 6 Nov. *The Art of Fiction.* Painted images and installation by Adelaide artist Uta Mooney combined with the written word of American author Glenn Stenson. Nov 10 - Dec 24; launch Sat 12 Nov at 5.30pm. **Burra Regional Art Gallery**, 6 Market St, Burra SA. Tues to Sun: 1 - 4pm T: 08 8892 2411 www.burrageallery.com

OPPORTUNITIES

The Elaine Bermingham National Watercolour Prize in Landscape Painting. Triennial art prize to celebrate excellence and innovation in the watercolour medium. This non-acquisitive prize is open to all Australian artists over the age of 18. Selected finalists will be exhibited in the Webb Gallery, Queensland College of Art, Griffith University at South Bank, Brisbane. \$20,000 cash prize for the overall winner generously donated by Elaine Bermingham plus two Highly Commended prizes of \$2,000 each. \$50 entry fee for each entry, with up to three works allowed per entry. Entries close Fri 4 Nov 2016. Visit berminghamprize.com.au for more info and to submit entries.

Ramsay Art Prize 2017. Art Gallery of South Australia. Entries are now open for this new \$100,000 acquisitive art prize for Australian contemporary artists under 40 working in any medium, including sculpture, painting, drawing, photography, installation, sound, digital and live art. This prize aims to support and encourage contemporary Australian artists to make their best work at a pivotal moment in their career. Entries must be submitted online by 12 Dec 2016. Finalists announced on 26 April 2017 and their work included in a major exhibition 27 May to 27 Aug 2017. The winner will be announced at the official opening on Fri 26 May. Finalists are eligible for a non-acquisitive \$15,000 People's Choice Prize. Full details and FAQs, at www.artgallery.sa.gov.au/agsa/home/Events/Ramsay_Art_Prize

CONGRATULATIONS!

Florence Wee won two First Prizes and Best in Section at this year's *Royal Adelaide Show* for her amazing handmade glass bead jewellery. See Florence demonstrating at the Adelaide Maker Faire at Tonsley - see 'Art & About'.

Helen Sherriff is a finalist in *The Heysen Prize for Landscape 2016.* See 'Art & About' for more info.