

RHG member no: 1077

Lourdes Dueñas-Blinco

Joined: February 2010

Amidst juggling family, work, pets, volunteering and having fun, Lourdes is a hobby artist who finds time to paint when inspiration strikes. To nurture a secret childhood dream, she studied painting at the age of 23 from a private tutor during weekends for 1½ years.



When she left her home town to work at the former Philippine Refugee Processing Centre in 1988, she continued to practice on her own, mainly concentrating on watercolours. Along with other closet artists working in the camp, she joined her first art exhibition in 1992 and sold her works for the first time. Albeit reluctantly, Lourdes also ended up teaching some young Vietnamese refugees how to paint as part of her job as a cultural worker. Life then brought changes and challenges but she continued to paint in whatever corner she found herself in while continuing to work full time. Finally, she had her first (and only) solo exhibition in 2000 which featured her floral watercolour paintings.

In 2003, Lourdes arrived in South Australia when she got a scholarship grant to study for a master's degree at Flinders University, completing it in 2004. She migrated to Australia in 2005 and discovered the joys of painting a variety of subjects in acrylic and water-soluble oil. In 2010, she became a member of the Red House Group and has sold some paintings via their regular group exhibitions at Gallery M in Marion. Along the way, she started to win some awards for painting and photography as well. Some of her works can be found in the homes of private collectors in the Philippines, USA, Canada, Norway, Melbourne and of course, South Australia. Recently, she completed a 365-day sketchbook called "Draw Something Everyday" and is now on to her second collection. Mostly using pencil or watercolours, she does this every morning wherever breakfast may be.

membership update

Welcome to new Red House Group members who have joined since the last newsletter: **Paula Alexander, Donna Staehr, Liz Jenner**

Also welcome to new 'Friend' of Gallery M: **Renee Finn**

DIARY DATES

Sunday 28 August

Close of Gallery M Open Contemporary Prize 2016

Monday 29 August: 4pm

Exhibition Committee meeting

Friday 2 September: THREE EXHIBITION OPENINGS

Opening Night Hours 5 - 8pm

'Mingle' evening in Signatures Cafe from 5.30pm

- ▶ **Largely Miniature** (HALF)

artworks by members of the **Marion Art Group**

Guest speaker: 6pm Stephen Skillitzi, Master Fine Arts

- ▶ **Fractured Dawn** (QUARTER)

an exhibition of paintings by **Janette Humble**

Guest speaker: 6.30pm Mr Chris Brooks, Principal, High Performance Learning

- ▶ **OUT 'n' ABOUT ... in South Australia** (QUARTER)

a selection of artwork, retrospectively from the last 40 years by **Dean Ormond**

Guest speaker: 7pm Dr Felicity-ann Lewis, Senior Lecturer, Flinders University

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 Patriitti Wines



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Red House Group member exhibitions

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

Reminder:

Members' artworks from the *Clique* exhibition have returned from Burra and can now be collected from Gallery M.

Hi fellow Red House Group members
 What a sad few weeks we have had at Gallery M, coming to terms with the passing of our dear Ian Willding. We gave Ian a fitting farewell on Friday evening 19 August at the gallery he loved so much.

Apologies to those of you that did not hear the news of the memorial event, but we had to rely on social media and email to spread the word about the celebration of this amazing man. We have a tribute book here if you would like to write something, or just take the time to read some of the inspirational comments made by those who will miss him.

Now we have to look forward to the months leading up to Christmas, and the organisation of our annual City of Marion Community exhibition. If you are a resident of Marion it is a great opportunity to show your work in Gallery M at no cost. Entry forms will be on the Gallery M web page.

See you soon...
 Julie & the team



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

SAD NEWS

It is with great sadness that we advise our Red House Group members of the recent passing of our dear colleague and friend **Ian Willding**, on Tuesday 9th August. He died peacefully at Flinders Hospital, after a brave and determined battle with lung cancer.



Ian joined the Red House Group in 1994, and served the Exhibition Committee and RHG Board of Management for over twenty years. Ian played a crucial role in overseeing the display of each exhibition at Gallery M, and also found time in his busy schedule to volunteer at opening nights and other events at Gallery M. His dedication was extraordinary.

He was an amazing person and a brilliant artist, who touched so many lives in a positive way.

Our condolences to Ian's family at this sad time.

Kaare Nygaard was a long time Red House member (joined in 2003), past Board member, artist and lover of art. He passed away on 4 July at age 82 years. Kaare had a fine appreciation of contemporary art, and enjoyed his visits to Gallery M where he would always offer his expert critique of the work on show.

His smile, and his cheeky sense of humour was infectious. He will be missed by the Gallery M team.

Our sympathy to his wife Paddy and their family.

OPPORTUNITIES

Guildhouse Mentoring Skills. 13 Sep 2016. Members \$70 Guests \$100
 If you're leading workshops or teaching, you'll benefit from this intensive workshop that will help strengthen your mentoring skills and improve learning outcomes. Working with experienced mentor, Helen Bock, you'll gain an understanding of multiple mentoring techniques and how to adapt to different learning styles. Helen Bock is a Community Cultural Development Worker with more than 35 years experience in mentoring and the South Australian arts sector.
Guildhouse, Level 1 38 Hindley Street Adelaide T: 08 8410 1822 E: guildhouse@guildhouse.org.au W: www.guildhouse.org.au

OPPORTUNITIES (cont)

City of Marion, Marion Cultural Centre. *Marion Celebrates 2017*
 The Marion Celebrates festival will be returning to the Marion Cultural Centre as a twilight street party on Sat 25 March 2017 from 4pm to 9pm. This award winning free community festival with the theme *Many Cultures, One Earth* celebrates our diversity and our community spirit through stalls, food trucks, main stage performances, roving performances, workshops, art installations and plenty of activities to enjoy for all ages and interests. If you are interested in being involved, contact Anita on 8375 6692, or email anita.mcdonald@marion.sa.gov.au.

Southern Ocean Art Prize. The Southern Ocean Art Prize (SOAP) is an open art prize attracting artists and audiences of all ages from around Australia. All participating artists have the chance to compete for significant cash prizes in their chosen fields and also present new works for sale and exhibition. The unique, historic and picturesque town of Robe plays host to SOAP. The iconic Robe Institute houses the art works and is also where the opening night awards and celebrations are staged. Applications close Fri 21 Oct 2016. For more info and how to enter go to www.southernoceanartprize.weebly.com

ART & ABOUT

Friends of the South Australian School of Art. Fundraiser. \$10 Members/ 5 Students/ \$15 non members. Thom Buchanan, on his work. Tues 6 Sep 2016. Drinks 6pm for 6.30pm start. **Friends of SASA**, SA School of Art, University of South Australia, Bradley Forum, Fifth Floor, Hawke Building, corner of Fenn Place and North Terrace. E: info@friendsofsasa.com

Red Poles Gallery *Alchemical Traces* A photographic exhibition by 12 contemporary South Australian handcraft photographers as part of the Shimmer Festival. Using complex and protracted techniques of traditional laboratories of 100 to 150 years ago, processes such as Tintypes, Ambrotypes, Daguerreotypes, Cyanotypes, Salt Prints and other hand-made photographs are explored. Showcasing some of SA's leading analogue and alternative image-makers to celebrate the chemical image in the digital age. Opens Sat 3 Sep at 3pm. Exhibition dates 2 Sep to 2 Oct. **Red Poles**, Art Gallery, licenced cafe-restaurant, art classes, B&B, cellar door for Brick Kiln Wines & Vale Ale Beers. 190 McMurtrie Rd, McLaren Vale. Open Wed - Sun 9-5pm. E: redpoles@redpoles.com.au T: 08 8323 8994 www.redpoles.com.au