



MAY 2006 NEWSLETTER

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ARTISTS COLLECTIVE K I MEMBERS

New member:

John Atree-Williams

Vale Mike Hobbs

Artists Collective extends to Cherry our sincere condolences on the death of her husband, and our fellow member, Mike Hobbs on 27th April, 2006. A man whose passion for life was unbounded, Mike, among other things, was a wonderful photographer who captured that passion and joy in his photographs. He will be sadly missed by this group and many others on Kangaroo Island and beyond. It was an honour and a privilege to have known Mike; he died far too young and he will never be forgotten.
Cindy

There is a photo and tribute by Nick on the collective's website.

Our thoughts and sympathies are with Cherry. Mike was an enthusiastic supporter of the collective's events and was often seen behind a camera with several around his neck. We miss his gregariousness, exuberance, love of life and a passion for the environment and all things Kangaroo Island.

Sheila Stonor

We wish Sheila and Bernie well for Sheila's convalescence and treatment after her recent operation.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 23 May 1.30 pm Artworks

Topics include SALA, KI Art Feast, photography and the newsletter.

2006 PENNESHAW EASTER ART EXHIBITION

The last meeting was devoted to an evaluation of the event and how it could be improved next year. If you would like to give feedback, both positive and negative, please contact Dorothy.

Please contact Dorothy or email Joan if you would like copies of the 2006 catalogue or *The Islander* articles & photos.

Also, photos of the winning entries are on the Artists Collective K I website and can be downloaded. Please let either Nick or Joan know if you need these printed off for you.

Peter mentioned that it was the most successful exhibition so far and that he has received lots of

positive comments. He said that it was a lot of work and praised the collective.

Dorothy put the success of the exhibition down to the superb teamwork and the response she received from Artists Collective and community members to assist with the exhibition. She said that the feedback was that it was the best exhibition ever.

She would like to thank all the collective members for their work and involvement in all the aspects of mounting of this event.

Early notification will be sent out regarding help in the initial planning for the 2007 Penneshaw Easter Art Exhibition.

One island sponsor was amazed at how we could mount such an event, especially since it is annual.

The Opening Night was excellent, partly because of the catering and the theatre of the auction and the sound and light show.

The most frequently used adjective from artists and visitors to the exhibition was "professional". The quality of the art work was also frequently praised as were the lights and screens.

Thanks to K I Council for providing transport to the Penneshaw Easter Art Exhibition for several elderly residents.

Dorothy

Some statistics:

Entries: 204 adult and 74 children / youth

Sales as a percentage of exhibits:

Water for Life	11%	81 works
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K I Moments	20%	69
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Current Works	24%	59
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'Water for Life' attracted a record number of entries.

Overall, the quality of the entries was the best I have seen in the six years the Collective has been presenting this event. I feel sure this is largely due to the corporate sponsorship we received which enabled us to lift the value of prizes on offer and to promote the exhibition on the Mainland, thereby attracting new artists to exhibit and interstate and overseas visitors to Kangaroo Island in greater number than in previous years.

Our visitor numbers were, in fact, the best I have seen and the number of sales was most gratifying.
Cindy

Judge's comments

Cheryl-Anne Brown commented that the categories were confusing in that stick media, for example, could be in K I Moments, Water For Life or Current Works. As a result some of the poorer ones got prizes in the Current Works section and the better ones in the Water For Life and KI Moments did not win prizes. Also, quite a few photos won prizes because, in her view, the paintings were not up to standard.
Bob

Photography

There was a lengthy and lively discussion at the meeting about the place of photos in the exhibition. Feedback from artists was noted and it was resolved to air both sides of the issue at a future meeting aimed at reaching a happy resolution.

As this is an agenda item for the next meeting, please phone Dorothy or email Cindy if you are unable to attend and would like your comments noted.

People's Choice Award

A record number of 750 votes were cast over 3 days.

Some visitors were disappointed that the award was presented on Easter Monday rather than at the end of the exhibition and so missed out on voting.

Also, it was noted that counting should be completed in time to contact the winners so that they can be at the presentation.

Feedback

Issues such as the difficulty of seeing the PowerPoint presentation from the back of the hall has been noted for next year.

Lisa Anderson, TKI:

- From what I saw of the exhibition, how it was operated and undertaken, it was a great success. It not only takes a dedicated group of people to pull something like this off but also needs tolerance and patience, I applaud you all.
- After speaking to many locals and tourists over the period, feedback has been fantastic.
- Having not received information on visitor numbers and sales, I can only take it that it was a successful year and that it is more than likely such an event will occur in the future. I would hope it does and can say Tourism Kangaroo Island will continue to support it.

Future ideas and suggestions:

Pre & Post Exhibition Workshops - artwork could then be a feature of the exhibition.

Team up with Country Arts and organise e.g. 2 day workshops.

Stage other workshops throughout the year with this artwork to be featured at Exhibition.

Coinciding fair featuring food, wine, crafts etc., bring in other local community organisations.

It would be great to see if we could workshop together with Country Arts through other activities which could be developed over time.

Lisa

Theme for 2007 Penneshaw Easter Art Exhibition

Any suggestions for the 2007 theme would be most welcome. Please contact Dorothy or Cindy.

E-NEWSLETTER

Photos from the Penneshaw Easter Art Exhibition are on the collective's website with references from the newsletter to them.

We will have links from future newsletters to the website so that you can view or download the photos. However, please let Joan know if you still need a newsletter plus photos posted to you.

GATEWAY VISITORS' CENTRE EXHIBITION SPACE

is now available for a new exhibition. Nick and Dave have been successful in their exhibition, but it is time for a change.

If you would like to exhibit by yourself or with others at the Penneshaw Visitors' Information Centre, please contact Cindy by the next meeting on 23 May. An exhibition of members' work will be set up later that week if you do not require the space. Also, if you would like to be part of this exhibition, please contact her.
Cindy

The aim is to change the exhibition every 4 – 6 weeks and to provide exposure for individual artists to island residents and visitors who frequent the centre. If you would like to book the exhibition space for later in the year, please let Cindy know.

WORKSHOPS

After the successful screen printing workshop run by Sharon Simons, some of the members have worked at Ros Stoldt's shed and at Artworks when Sharon is on duty.

Neil Sheppard's workshops have had an influence on some of the entries in the Children's section of the 2006 Penneshaw Easter Art Exhibition, thanks to Bev Willson passing on tips to her grandchildren. A photo of Tom Willson's winning painting is on the Collective website.

WEBSITE

Neil Sheppard and I attended the workshop organised by KIDB. We gleaned much useful information which could be applied to the collective's and individual artists' websites, with links between them. For further information, please contact Joan.

FIRST AID TRAINING

Suitable for volunteer groups:

Senior first aid refresher Thursday May 18th – 8.30am - 5.30pm

Essential first aid Friday May 19th – 9am - 5pm

Fees for each course are around \$80

Refreshments will be provided – BYO lunch

Bookings Cook Centre 8553 4231

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Regards,
Joan.