

June 2024

Hi there,

Settle back with a cuppa and check out the latest news and artworks!

Beary exciting news from Dobell Festival!

Happy news received from the Dobell Festival of Art and Craft in Wangi Wangi earlier this month, when my 'Grizzly stare' scratchboard won 1st place in the Figurative section. We attended opening night and I was so impressed by the quality of entries and the diversity. I love that this exhibition also celebrates textiles, jewellery, pottery and more, with awards for various categories, not just 2-D art - definitely worth popping in your 2025 diary!

Anyway, my bear came home a prize-winner but didn't sell, so he 's still available for purchase if you've been eyeing him off. It is a heavy frame but drop me a message if you're not local and interested, and we can chat about shipping.



'Grizzly stare' - original scratchboard

Large, heavy frame - currently only available for pickup / delivery in the Hunter Valley

'Grizzly stare' recently received 1st prize in the Figurative ...

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SBA 2024 'Plantae' Exhibition now live

The British Society of Botanical Artists (SBA) are holding their annual Plantae exhibition online this year. The international call-out for entries attracted over 1300 submissions with the judging process selecting about 350 artworks for the exhibition.

I thought I'd try my luck (expectations were low given the amount of brilliant botanical artists I follow!) and was delighted to find out that my 'Backlit beauty' scratchboard was selected for the exhibition. Well, you could've knocked me down with a feather when I saw that I'd also received an SBA Award for Exhibiting Excellence in Artist's Chosen Medium (Scratchboard). Excitingly, there are many other Aussies in the exhibition, with quite a few coming away with an award! You can view the [full list of awards here](#).

If you love botanical art, pop the gallery up onto a big screen (i.e. desktop), set some time aside and enjoy browsing some of the finest quality botanical art you'll find anywhere. The gallery is live until 30th June 2024.



Restock on canvas prints

I have a range of archival quality canvas prints in stock now, including a restock of my popular 'Resting rainbow'. These canvases are printed locally in Newcastle using high quality materials so they are made to last, and come stretched and ready to hang.

Until 30th June, you can enjoy 25% off all prints by using code **'PRINT25'** at the checkout!



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On the drawing board...

Two main artworks finished in the last few weeks - my most complicated botanical to date and the spider monkeys! 'Garden delight' (Blueberry ash) will be heading to Bowral for the annual BASA CanAssist Botanical Exhibition in July, and I've entered my Geoffroy's spider monkeys ('Hanging on') into this year's Sketch for Survival. These monkeys are listed as endangered by the IUCN, due to declining populations largely caused by habitat loss from deforestation throughout Central America. This exhibition of donated artworks is run by Explorer's Against Extinction annually as a fundraiser to help support their many wildlife conservation projects. Judging results come out in August so I'll keep you posted!



Upcoming events



CanAssist Botanical Art Prize

Location: The White Cottage, Retford Park, National Trust, 1325 Old South Rd Bowral NSW

Date: 18 July - 25 August 2024

Singleton Art Prize

I have some entries in the SAP again this year, including my first still life entry!

Where: Singleton Civic Centre, Cnr Queen and Civic Avenue Singleton

When: 27th - 31st July 2024

Opening night: Fri 26th July 2024, 6 - 9 pm



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