

May 2023

Hi there,

Read on for the latest event news, including some new artworks to give you the warm fuzzies during this wintery weather!

May exhibitions wrap up

May was the month of exhibitions for me, with the last few weeks of 'Follow the Line' showing in Newcastle, and 'Nature, Pattern, Texture' featuring in Nelson Bay. Both venues and organisations (Lighthouse Arts Newcastle and Port Stephens Artisan Collective) have been wonderful to work with and I was extremely grateful (albeit a little sad) to see some of my favourite artworks heading to new homes (sold pieces below).

I'll be updating my shop with the remaining originals soon, so keep an eye out. Alternatively you can message me if there is a particular piece you're interested in.



Botanica Materia Medica Exhibition



I'm excited to share that my 12 x 12 inch scratchboard piece 'Backlit beauty' has been selected for the annual Botanica exhibition at the Sydney Royal Botanic Gardens in July. A different theme is selected every year to showcase the work of some of Australia's finest botanical illustrators, and this year's theme focuses on plants used for medicinal and healing purposes.

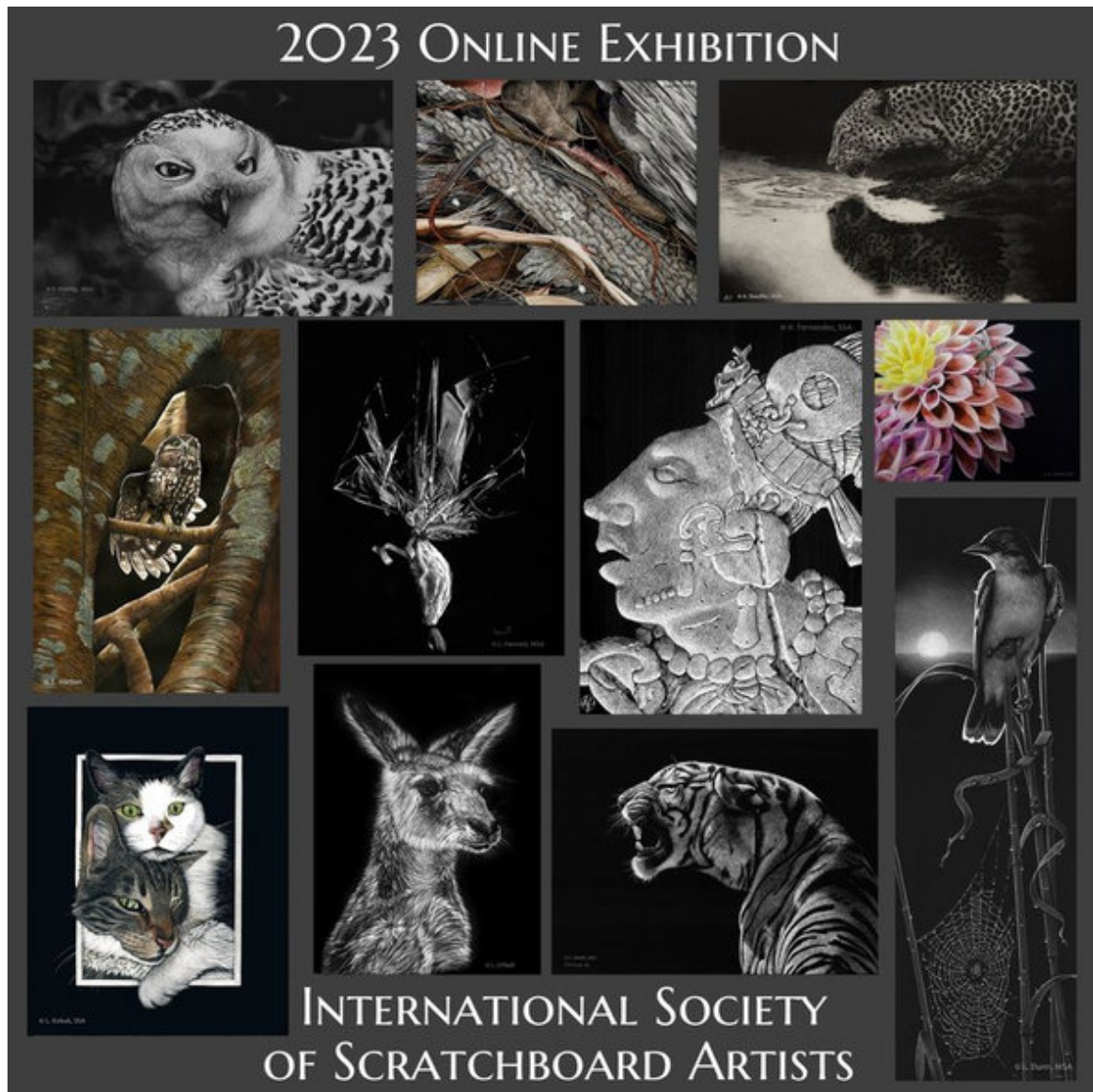
A couple of months ago, the beautiful lemon-scented ironbark (*Eucalyptus staigeriana*) in our front yard was in flower, so I plucked a branch and started scratching! The oil from the leaves smell divine when crushed, and it has antiseptic and anti-microbial properties that may aid a number of ailments.

[Read about Botanica](#)

Scratchboard Society Online Exhibition

If you love realism and the medium of scratchboard (my kind of crowd!), then you'll love browsing the International Society of Scratchboard Artists 2023 online exhibition. There are three levels in the organisation - Active, Signature and Master, and there is a lot of brilliant work on show in all three categories. Keep an eye out for my skinks and horse!

[View ISSA online exhibition](#)

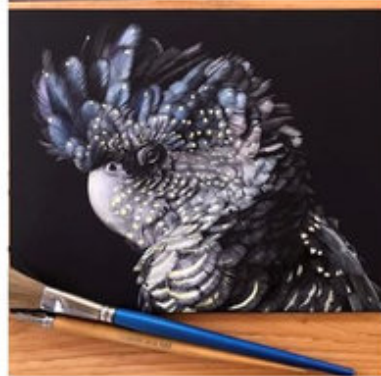


And just for fun...

Here are some of my latest projects - lots of colour, and there also seems to be a bird theme going on lately...

The doggo Jessie was a beautiful little commission - she was the leading lady in her owners life and is dearly missed.

A few of these are tagged for art prizes but if you are interested in any in particular, I can definitely pop your name down to notify you when they become available for sale. And if you love the galah, you can find him 'Sitting pretty' at the Argyle Gallery in The Rocks!



Upcoming events



Dobell Festival Of Art & Craft

Wangi Lions Club is proud to present the 46th Annual Dobell Festival of Art and Craft. High quality local art and craft will be on display and for sale. 100% of the festival proceeds are donated back to the local community.

Wangi District Workers Club
Market Street Wangi Wangi 2267

Scratchboard workshop - 17th June

There is still time and one or two places left if you'd like to try your hand at scratchboard.

My next workshop will be at CStudios Gallery in Hunter St, Newcastle on Saturday 17th June. This will be a 5 hr workshop, suitable for beginners to intermediate, to give you all the basic materials and techniques needed to create your own scratchboard piece!

Contact Jo Chisholm-Ray at CStudios Gallery on 0407 107 053 to find out more and book your place.

Wangi Lions Club Dobell Festival

If you are in the Lake Macquarie area this weekend, head to the Wangi District Workers Club to check out the 46th Dobell Festival. I have a couple of entries in - all artworks and craft items are for sale and 100% of proceeds are donated back to the local community, how good is that!

Opening night: Friday 2nd June, 7pm
Exhibition Dates: Sat 3rd June (10am - 5pm) - Sun 4th June (10am - 4pm),
Location: Wangi District Workers Club, Market St, Wangi Wangi NSW

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