

July 2023

Hi there,

This month's newsletter is action-packed with fresh artworks and events, settle in with a cuppa :)

'Nancy' Best in Show at Dobell Festival

Back in early June, I made a last minute delivery to the Dobell Festival of Art and Craft, arriving with only 15 minutes until doors shut on artwork deliveries (I thrive under pressure!)

It was an absolute joy to receive the phone call late on Friday afternoon that my portrait of Nancy had won best in show. Our plans suddenly went from a quiet takeaway and movie kind of night to cruising down the expressway to Wangi Wangi to snap up the last of the opening night tickets. It was a wonderfully diverse display of art and clever crafts and a great night put on by the Wangi Lions Club.



'Nancy' is now headed to Arizona for the International Society of Scratchboard Artists' annual exhibition!

Speaking of art prizes...!



I've been entering pieces into the Singleton Art Prize for over ten years, and it's only been the last few that I've had some success in both selling artworks and winning a commendation - all of which I'm extremely grateful for.

It was a thrill to receive 1st prize in the Pencil, Pen and Ink category this year for 'The Gathering' and to be there with my family to receive the award at the opening. Along with 'Purple cascade' and 'Tiny treasure', 'The Gathering' also went to a new home! So to all creatives reading this - keep trying, never give up :)

The Singleton Rotary Club did an outstanding job putting it together, and the talent on show was incredible. Check out the Winner's Gallery and judge's comments in the link below.

[SAP 2023 Gallery](#)

Long-listed for 2023 Sketch for Survival

Explorer's Against Extinction annual Sketch for Survival is on again, and I'm happy to report that my devil scratchboard 'Better the devil you know' is on it's way to the U.K after being long-listed. Organisers and judges have whittled it down to about 150 wildlife entries from roughly 4000 entries this year. All long-listed artworks will be auctioned at the finalist exhibition in November or sold online to raise money for EAE's wildlife conservation projects - a most worthy cause that I am happy to donate to!

More to come when they announce the finalists in September. For now, you can view all of the brilliant longlisted artworks in the link below.



[2023 Sketch for Survival Long-list](#)

Recent works and works in progress

June and July artworks have been a lovely mix of commissions and pieces I've been wanting to do for a while. One major achievement was completing a scientific illustration of our local, critically endangered *Persoonia pauciflora* (top right, below) - I've been chipping away at this one for at least two years and was determined to finish it in time to enter the Margaret Flockton Award for botanical illustration this year...it's a bucket list thing. I haven't heard whether it made it in yet, but just finishing it was wonderfully satisfying and a sigh of relief.

Foxy (top left) was a lovely little commission for a memorial portrait, and I finished the flannel flowers just in time to enter into Botanical Art Society of Australia's annual exhibition in Perth. I was ecstatic to not only finish my rainbow lorikeet (never again in scratchboard!), but to also find it a new home so soon!



Upcoming events

Scratchboard & Colour

with LINDA LUNNON



Saturday 26th August
10.30am - 3.30pm

Book Now

COST \$140 & Kit \$25

All Enquiries & Bookings

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Scratchboard workshop - 26th August

My next workshop will be at CStudios Gallery in Newcastle and we'll be playing with colour!

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 with a pop of colour! Participants are welcome to bring along a scratchboard work in progress that they would like to add colour to.

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

[CStudios Gallery Facebook page](#)



Botanica de Materia Medica opens tonight, 28th July

It was amazing to see my lemon-scented ironbark as one of the feature artworks on the Botanica exhibition flyers, and now opening time has arrived! The official opening is tonight, with the exhibition open for the next two weeks at Lion Gate Lodge in the Sydney Botanic Gardens.

Below is a link to the seasonal Gardens magazine, which features a lovely article about the Botanica exhibition - if you love botanical art, check it out!

Opening night: Friday 28th July

Exhibition Dates: Sat 3rd June (10am - 5pm) - Sun 4th June (10am - 4pm),

Location: Lions Gate Lodge, Sydney Botanic Gardens

[Gardens Magazine - Winter 2023](#)



Our Bushland Festival

Happily, I'll be back with my market stall at this year's Our Bushland Festival in September. Last year was the inaugural Festival at Poppethead Park in Kitchener, and it was a brilliant day with guided bush walks, live music, Aussie Ark and their devil joeys and lots more! Check out the link below for more information about the day and to book for planned activities.

Date: Sunday 10 September

Location: Poppethead Park, Kitchener

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Shop updates - A new range of cards and originals now online

At long last, my website shop is getting a freshen up with a new range of cards available based on my latest artworks as well as some older favourites. If you purchase five or more, you'll receive a 10% discount on each card. I've also dropped the price on some older designs - if you'd like to snavel a bargain, you can follow the link below to browse.

With exhibitions over for now, I've also been uploading some more originals to my shop. Check them out in the link below!

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