

Elizabeth Phillips

Bio

Elizabeth commenced painting in 1978 and was tutored by Melbourne artist Lance McNeill for seven years on a part time basis. After this period she has continually attended workshops with noted artist in Melbourne & Adelaide using and experimenting in various mediums but notably watercolour and pencil.

1979 saw her commence her own business producing and teaching slip cast ceramics. Commissions received by the Mildura Shire President during that are as listed.

Set of four local scenes printed and presented in a limited edition folder

Local scene featuring a 'blockie' working near water wheel and channel produced as the Presidents personal Christmas card.

Designed and produced a ceramic wall plaque featuring one of the three pumping stations responsible for watering the fruit blocks of the Sunraysia area.

The first of these plaques was presented to the then Governor, Sir Ninian Stephen whilst on an official visit to the Mildura District, another plaque was presented to the Mayor of Brockville our Sister City.

Elizabeth attended the Glenmaggie Summer Painting School for a period of five years. This school, held for a week over the summer holiday period was conducted by Colin Johnson, Head Burwood College of Art and Charles McCubbin noted Australian naturalist and artist, both artists being past Presidents fo Australian Guild of Realist Artist of which Elizabeth was a member for many years.

In 1989 her watercolour was selected for a joint exhibition in London between Australian Guild of Realist Artists and Royal British Art Society held at Mall Galleries, London. Purchased through the exhibition, this is now in a private collection in Salisbury, England.

In 1992 Elizabeth traveled to Italy, France and Austria on a workshop conducted by international watercolourist Robert Wade.

This strengthened her belief in watercolour as her favoured medium.

During 1992 she was commissioned by Mildura Base Hospital to paint a watercolour of the original Mildura Cottage Hospital which became the dust jacket for a book on the history of the hospital.

Elizabeth has held several solo exhibition at Mulgrave Gallery in Melbourne, two solo exhibitions at Mildura Regional Gallery, solo at Don Turvey Foto Fella, proceeds to Lions Club.

She has participated in many joint exhibitions and group shows in venues such as Victorian Artists Society, Age Gallery Melbourne and several regional galleries.

1996 to 1998, she was elected President, Mildura Branch, Embroiderers Guild of Victoria.

2007 completed Bachelor of Visual Arts, La Trobe University, Mildura Campus.

2008 Studio Artist, The Art Vault, Mildura.

Awards include winner Sunraysia Daily Outdoor Art Exhibition.

Most outstanding watercolour/gouache landscape, Lower Murray Water.

Special award – Pencil, Royal Melbourne Show.

First Wentworth PA&I Society Show over 5 years.

Many Highly Commended Awards.

Education

2008 - Studio Artist, The Art Vault

2007 - Bachelor of Visual Arts, La Trobe University, Mildura

1992 - With Artist Robert Wade traveled to Italy, France & Austria, watercolour workshop – 3 weeks

1985-1989 - Summer School, Glenmaggie, tutors Colin Johnson & Charles McCubbin

1978-1985 - Tutor Lance McNeil, Melbourne artist, 7 years part time

1978-1988 - TAFE workshops – tutors – N. Fetting, S. Hederics, S. Naylor, Certificate courses

Solo Exhibitions (selected)

Mulgrave Gallery
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Seven Years Passed, Mildura Regional Gallery
Mangwanane Zimbabwe, Mildura Regional Gallery

Group Exhibitions

2009
Wangumma meets Peaka, Stefano's Gallery 25

2008
Victor Harbour Rotary

2007
Wetlands, Wet & Dry, Gallery 25
Bowness Photography Prize
End of year – La Trove University, Gallery 25

2003
Wentworth Art Prize, Civic Buildings
Rotary Club, Flagstaff Hill
Rotary Club of Bendigo
Rotary Club of Blackwood

2001
Rotary Club of Victor Harbour
Camberwell Rotary Art

2000-2001
Doug Moran National Portrait Prize

2000
Annual Pastel Society of Victoria
Wentworth PA&I Society
Mildura Regional Gallery

1999
Australian Guild of Realist Artists Summer Exhibition, Melbourne

1989
Australian Guild of Realist Artists, selection for exhibition at Mall Galleries London, exhibition in conjunction with
Royal British Art Society
Mulgrave Art Gallery
St Kevin's College
Bendigo Framing Gallery

1987-1989
Cellar Gallery, Echuca

1982-1985
Victorian Artist Society, Melbourne, Age Gallery, Melbourne

Commissions

1992 - Mildura Base Hospital commission watercolour as dust cover for Hospital history book
1984 - Mildura Shire President commissioned personal Christmas cards
1984 - Set of four local scenes in presentation folder, Mildura Shire Council
1983 - Mildura Shire President commissioned ceramic wall plaque to be designed and produced as a gift for important visitors Sir Nimian Stephen, Governor of Australia and the Mayor of Brockville, our sister cit each received a plaque on official visits.

Awards

Winner Sunraysia Daily Outdoor Art Exhibition
Most Outstanding watercolour/gouache landscape, Lower Murray Water
Special Award, Pencil, Royal Melbourne Show
Wentworth PA&I Society, winner over 5 years
Many Highly Commended Awards

Collections

Private Collections: England, America, Italy, France, Australia