

Andre Schmidt

Bio

'Mr Schmidt said when he first developed an interest in painting, all of the artists he knew were painting river scenes, so he headed out to Koorlong in search of something different.

Mr Schmidt, who admits the Mallee scrub in Koorlong is one of his favorite places, said he winning piece, titled "Mallee at Koorlong" took around 12 months to complete as he painted bits when he felt he needed to.' (Taken from Sunraysia Daily, April 18, 2006).

Artist Statement

Andre V. Schmidt lives in the Victorian town of Mildura, on the Murray River, in an area called Sunraysia.

'I can remember always being interested in creating visual images and in my early twenties decided to spend all my spare time painting. In 1994 I left my employment to concentrate all my energy on the process of picture making.

I have taught myself about the materials and methods of painting.

I regard as most important the study of detail and light, colour and form because this along with spontaneity results in my most satisfying paintings. This does not necessarily produce a highly detailed work but the awareness of it makes for a better painting.

My primary interest is in the depiction of landscape but I also enjoy all other genre, and painting from life is preferred.

I have operated a studio/gallery, the 'Malley Gallery', in the Sunraysia area for about 30 years'.

Exhibitions

2007 - Work in "After Heysen: Exposing the Australian Landscape" Exhibition at The Adelaide Festival Centre

2006 - Irymple Rotary Art Show

2005 - Exhibition of paintings, Barry Newton Gallery, Adelaide

2005 - Mildura Show Society

2004 - Works in 'Murray Mallee Outback Artists' group show at Mildura Arts Centre

2004 - Rotary Club of Victor Harbour

2003 - Merbein Rotary Art Show

2003 - Ivanhoe (Vic) Art Show

2002 - Works in 'Drawing the Figure' Mildura Arts Centre

2002 - Merbein Rotary Art Show

2001 - Works in 'Private Collections' exhibition, Mildura Arts Centre

1999 - Works in 'On our Own Ground' group exhibition, Mildura Arts Centre

1995 - 'Under a Winter Sun' Exhibition Mildura Arts Centre

1987 - City of Elizabeth SA Art Show

1987 - Sunraysia Daily Outdoor Art Exhibition
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1979 - Merbein Rotary Art Show
1979 - Group Exhibition Mildura Arts Centre
1973 - Dandenong Festival of Music and Art for Youth
1972 - Sunraysia Floral Festival
1971 - RedCliffs Jubilee Exhibition

Awards

2006 - The Heysen Prize for Australian Landscape - Section Winner Oils and Acrylic
2006 - Irymple Rotary Art Show - Rotary Art Prize Best Painting, and Murray Darling/Malley Track Landscapes Prize. Winning painting purchased by Mildura Arts Centre for their permanent collection
2005 - Mildura Show Society - Sectional Winner
2004 - Rotary Club of Victor Harbour, Section One - Winner
2003 - Wentworth Art Prize, Best Painting
2003 - Merbein Rotary Art Show - First Prize
2003 - Ivanhoe (Vic) Art Show - Best Painting
2002 - Merbein Rotary Art Show - First Prize
1987 - City of Elizabeth SA Art Show - Merit Award for Portrait
1987 - Sunraysia Daily Outdoor Art Exhibition - Prize-winner
1987 - Merbein Rotary Art Show - Commendation
1986 - Sunraysia Daily Outdoor Art Exhibition - Best Painting
1985 - Sunraysia Daily Outdoor Art Exhibition - Encouragement Award

1984 - Sunraysia Daily Outdoor Art Exhibition - Special mention

1984 - Merbein Rotary Art Show - Best Landscape and Judges Award

1983 - Merbein Rotary Art Show - Best Landscape

1982 - Merbein Rotary Art Show - Best Landscape

1979 - Merbein Rotary Art Show - Best Figurative and Best Landscape

1973 - Dandenong Festival of Music and Art for Youth - Scholarship for Drawing and Painting

1972 - Sunraysia Floral Festival - Best Landscape

1971 - RedCliffs Jubilee Exhibition - Prize-winner