

GALLERY SUNSHINE EVERYWHERE TURNS FIVE THIS YEAR

Dozens of schools and hundreds of students have been involved in the many exhibitions and other activities, Gallery Sunshine Everywhere has conducted since it was established in 2007. Most of the exhibitions have been held at the Granary Cafe in Sunshine and will be again this year. The exhibitions mainly feature the work of pre-primary, primary and secondary school students and sometimes , local artists as well.

All the details are there on the web site www.gallerysunshine.com which also includes all the work submitted for exhibition which forms the on line gallery.

We collect the work, frame and hang it on the walls at the Granary Cafe, organise opening events there for students, families and friends and return the work at the end of each exhibition.

If you would like to be part of this year's exhibitions, email (mryan@gallerysunshine.com) or call Maureen Ryan (0412218974).

This year, in acknowledgement of our five years, we've chosen the five senses as our themes and have listed these below according to the draft exhibition timetable:

30 April-20 May: THE FIVE SENSES

21 May-23 June: SOUND (eg. music, voice, narration)

23 July-18 August: TASTE (eg. spices, herbs)

20 August- 23 September: TOUCH (eg. dance, pottery, embroidery)

22 October-18 November: SMELL (flowers, perfume)

19 November-9 December: SIGHT (eg. photography, colour, projection)

Other exhibitions during 2012 include the current exhibition of Peter Cave's work (20 February-11 March), a special preschoolers' exhibition (1-28 April) and an exhibition curated by Mario Xerri of photographs taken in Tanzania (30 June-22 July).

Also, in 2012 we are working with Debbie Qadri on her wonderful ExquisiteMe project

(exquisiteme2012.blogspot.com/) . Details below. Contact Debbie or us if you are interested in being involved:

“Exquisite Me is an arts project that explores the collective experiences, stories and representations of identities of young people in Sunshine. These experiences, stories and representations will be explored during various art and writing workshops run by the artist/writer Debbie Qadri. The artwork and writing will be displayed as a large collaborative work, in a number of venues in Sunshine, including Gallery Sunshine Everywhere. Some of the artwork

and writing will be published in a zine format and also made into an artist's book for the Sunshine Library. Workshops will be held at schools, community groups and at Council facilities such as the Sunshine Library .

The project stems from a surrealist game called exquisite corpse, that most people have played. You get a piece of paper and draw a head on the top third. You then fold the paper to cover what you have drawn and pass the paper to someone else. Without looking, that person draws the next third of the body, then folds the paper over and passes it to the third participant. When the paper is unfolded it has a very entertaining picture on it, that was made by three people. The game can also be played by writing sentences. What emerges from the game are stories and pictures that combine three artists or writers.

The same style of drawing can be made into a book (or zine). In this way you could share lots of small stories and experiences. On each page there could be a story on the left and a picture on the right contributed by participants. The book can be cut along two lines that enable the reader to switch the pictures and stories. This acts as a metaphor for the way in which we share some experiences and characteristics, whereas others are just ours alone.

The project is about sharing the experiences and stories to create collaborative artwork that combines them". (debbieqadri@hotmail.com)

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2012

During 2012 we have arranged 13 exhibitions at the Granary Café in Sunshine. Thirteen has been our average number of exhibitions per year for the five years since we started in 2007. We recently calculated the number over five years and found that this current exhibition is our 66th.

Each year, as in 2012, we start and end with an exhibition of work from Marian College with the exhibition dates extending from December in one year until February in the next.

This year we have had several exhibitions around the theme: The Five Senses. We applied for a Community Strengthening Grant from Brimbank Council to help fund these exhibitions, in recognition of our fifth birthday in November 2012.

We received \$3500 but because we had not completed all the Senses exhibitions by October were ineligible for a 2013 Community Strengthening Grant.

During 2012 we auspiced the Exquisite Me Project, coordinated by Debbie Qadri and in 2013 will be auspicing Ambient Orchestras coordinated by John Edgar.

As well as the exhibitions listed below, this year Gallery Sunshine Everywhere has worked with the Brimbank Festival (thanks to Debbie Qadri, Trevor Donoghue and Jayson Cooper and all the other wonderful helpers on that busy day) and with the Sudanese Australian Integrated Learning (SAIL) Project, making circus costumes (thanks to Alessandra Azzone, Mira Vuk-Nikic, Lisa Cook, Claire Salkeld, Jayson Cooper and others for their essential help).

2012 Exhibitions:

February:	Peter Cave
March:	Exquisite Me: Sunshine College
April:	Preschoolers from Dorothy Carlton, Fairbairn Road Kindergarten, Kellie O'Connell and South Sunshine kindergartens
April:	FIVE SENSES: Sunshine Harvester Primary School
April:	Sydenham/Hillside Primary School and book launch: Happy Children: Successful Adults by Snezhana Djambazova-Popordanovska
May:	SOUND: Sunshine North and Sydenham/Hillside Primary Schools with Ambient Orchestras
June:	Aspirations, Hopes and Dreams: AMES Footscray and St Albans: facilitated by Debbie Qadri
July:	Children of Tanzania: photographs by local artist, Mario Xerri
August:	TOUCH – Sunshine College: Ardeer Campus

September: Exquisite Me: Ardeer Primary School
October: TASE AND SMELL: Mackellar Primary School
November: Diversity and Disability Art Group: facilitated by Rachael Walker
December: VISION: Marian College.

... Paintings and drawings, tiles, plastic fruit, handmade musical instruments, pinprick pictures, large and small and lots more during the year : don't forget to check the web site
www.gallerysunshine.com

We express huge thanks to Jenni Kamp, Mira Vuk-Nikic, Debbie Qadri, Rachael Walker, Basil Varghese and everyone else who has helped during this year and at other times with hanging the exhibitions.

Our special thanks as ever to Tom and the team at the Granary Café, to Simon Kwok who maintains our web site, design of our invitations and other materials so efficiently and cheerfully and to the staff at Minuteman Press in Footscray.

Five years and so much has happened: wonderful to see the Ancheto at Euromasonic Hall open for Saturday and Sunday breakfasts and lunches and to see a developing arts precinct around South Sunshine.

Gallery Sunshine Everywhere completes the year with a nomination for the City of Brimbank Cultural Achievement Award.

Maureen Ryan

10 December 2012.