

GALLERY SUNSHINE EVERYWHERE 2015 REPORT

Another busy year with fourteen exhibitions:

These included several with groups with whom we've worked in the past: Inspiring Kids to Create Primary Arts Program facilitated by Carmen Borg and the Diversity and Disability Art Group facilitated by Tanya Arman.

As well we exhibited art work from two kindergartens, Dorothy Carlton and Fairbairn Road and from the following schools: Ardeer South Primary School, Our Lady's Primary School, Sunshine, Furlong Park School for Deaf Children, Sunshine College, Mackellar Primary School, Sydenham/Hillside Primary School, Deer Park North Primary School, St Paul's Primary School West Sunshine and Mother of God Primary School, Ardeer.

In addition there were several special events:

1. Neighbour Day Exhibition: This was the first time we partnered with Brimbank City Council in facilitating an exhibition for Neighbour Day which is celebrated every year on the last Sunday in March. The exhibition featured work from Fairbairn Road Kindergarten, Ardeer South Primary School and Sunshine College and Council selected a piece from each kindergarten/school to use in Neighbour Day publicity. At the exhibition opening Council made special presentations to these three young artists and to the kindergartens and schools they represented.
2. SWIRL Exhibition: This exhibition celebrated the 20 year Story Writing in Remote Locations Project, facilitated by Lawry Mahon. As part of this project Lawry has organised opportunities for Education students at Victoria University and Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory to work together. The exhibition featured art work by Indigenous students involved in the project and as part of the exhibition opening; those at the Granary Café were able to SKYPE with the children in their remote school.
3. WORDS AND PICTURES: This exhibition featured drawings by Eritrean refugee children in Aaidun and Nidal Schools in Kassala, Sudan accompanied by stories written by Flemington Primary School children in response to the drawings. This project is continuing: a book <https://app.box.com/s/pb2p9cmsjn520z10ebct71cwaf244m8m> produced and a web site <http://wordsandpicturesprojects.blogspot.com.au/> is being developed. In 2016, a further exhibition will be held and the development of the web site to include related projects will continue.
4. SPARKLES: In September, Gallery Sunshine Everywhere drew together a range of local artists who both exhibited their work and also undertook over a weekend to share their skills with the many visitors who came to the Granary courtyard. Huge thanks to all the artists who contributed to this wonderful eve and to the three facilitators, Carmen Borg, Charlotte Clemens and Debbie Qadri who joined with me in finding artists, setting up the program, hanging and taking down the exhibition, publicity and so much more in this exciting event.

On to 2016

Happy Days

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