

CVAN NEWS

Christian Visual Arts Network

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Hello CVANers! I know it has only been one short month since the last installment of CVAN news but I got such a great response after the last issue I feel compelled to put out another edition for April. Enjoy! And may God inspire you to create something wonderful this month!

-Sarah

Creative Expression Art Classes

with Nadia Turner
(BA Vis. Art & Cert. Counseling & Psychotherapy)

Ever marvel at a child's ability to create with no inhibition and judgment? We are born to be creative creatures, but life sometimes squashes our expressive side. Creative Expression Classes provide an environment that encourages free form and artistic ventures. Expression of colour and paint mixed together with enjoyment, and of course a little chocolate and fruit helps along the way!



Life is full of inspiration and you will learn to create a drawing or painting out of poetry, music, conversations and what's going on in your life. This class is full of passion and excitement, and is an avenue for creative release. If you have never picked up a paintbrush before, but have always wanted to give it a go, then this class is for you.

Please book on-line at www.theartsanctuary.com or call 0433 200 330 as numbers are limited. \$45 for 2 hours, inclusive of all materials (you are welcome to bring your own canvas if you prefer).

When: Sat Mar 31st, May 5th, May 26th, Jun 16th
Where: The Art Sanctuary, 3 William Street, Fairlight,
Time: 2pm-4pm
Cost: \$45 per class

For booking contact Nadia on 0433 200 330 or email nadia@theartsanctuary.com.au

Christian Dance Fellowship Of Australia - Dancers at a Saturday 2007 meeting - A sample of the photos taken by Jennifer K. Phillips



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INTRODUCING...

JOE STARK

What kind of art do you make?

Mostly sculpture, varying sizes from hand held up to 15 metres, private and public, a lot of my work is from recycled materials - mainly stainless steel, wood and copper, I dabble in Photography and love to write.

What inspires you to create?

The satisfaction of producing something from bits and pieces creating something that speaks to me and seeing it take shape, and it having its own presence. My inspiration generally comes from the ocean and my spirituality, I have been around the ocean all of my 37 years including a winter aboard a large fishing vessel in Antarctic waters. I have been a Christian for 18 years, majorly influenced by Christian surfers.



Uncle Jim, 3.5 m windvane fish sculpture, Ballina NSW



Old Tom, 3.2 m windvane pelican sculpture, Ballina, NSW.

What does a day in the life of Joe Stark look like?

It generally starts around 5-530 am hang in the word with God, then coffees with my beautiful wife and 3 month old daughter (best creation yet), we yarn and plot n scheme, then if the surf is good I generally go catch a wave somewhere, then go to my studio and create for 6-8-10 hours depending, then come home and hang with mum and baby reading or writing or just chill out.

What thing in the world are you most thankful God made?



My beautiful wife and daughter, they are awesome!

For more info about Joe check out his website (still under construction) www.joestarkart.com or email him at joenfee@aapt.net.au




Spirit Man Zachariah

EVENTS



This joint exhibition is curated by artist Lea Cannon, a new recruit to CVAN. She presents a body of her own works themed around war alongside the work of her grandfather, C. W. Bostock (1884-1939) a highly recognised pictorial photographer/artist and returned soldier. The exhibition is on display throughout Bellachara Boutique Hotel, 1 Fern St, Gerringong, NSW. See bellachara.com.au



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Stations of the Cross is an annual art exhibition now in its fifth year. The exhibition uses contemporary art to depict the actual events leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus. We invite you to walk the way of the cross and enter into the story of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection.

William Street Studios
3 William Street
Fairlight NSW 2094

FREE ADMISSION

5th - 7th April, 2007
Maundy Thursday 8pm-10pm
(opening night - food and wine)
Good Friday 10am-6pm
Easter Saturday 10am-8pm

The final station of the exhibition will be an installation based event held on Easter Sunday at 5.30pm at William Street Studios. All are welcome to attend.

www.smallboatbigsea.org

Small Boat Big Sea is a Christian faith collective committed to developing an expansive spirituality centred on Jesus including a concern for ecology, global justice, art, strong local neighbourhood and everyday expressions of kindness and grace.



Exhibitions and Opportunities

Canberra

- **4 - 28 April** *The Phoenix Prize for Spiritual Art 2007* @ the ANU School of Art Gallery. Grand opening **6pm Wed 4 Apr**
- **14 April** Meet and Create 7 Muir Close Isabella Plains (Sue's Mark's place). 10am.
- **12 May** Coffee and gallery crawl. Meet at Gorman House 10am

Sydney

- **6 - 8 April**, *Stations of the Cross*, THE ART SANCTUARY, 1-3 William St Fairlight, 15 pieces of contemporary art depicting the stations of the cross, also known as via crucis or via dolorosa - an

ancient form of pilgrimage through places designed to mark each of the events of the last week of Jesus' life.

- The Art Sanctuary is now having a 4 hour session every Sunday from 12pm-4pm where you can come down and paint as a community in the gallery. We will provide the easels, you just bring your own materials. The cost is \$10 and booking are essential as there are only 18 spaces. Please give the web details for more info.
www.theartsanctuary.com.au

Gerringong

- **Mar-April** Lea Cannon exhibition (See ad above)

Wollongong

- **4 - 14 July** yes.. we are aware that this is extremely advanced notice but we just can't wait to advertise GABBY WILLMOTT's show! The theme of the exhibition is God's love over our past, present and our future. @ Project Contemporary Art Space, Kiera St, Wollongong.

Victoria/Tasmania

- Artists resident in Victoria and Tasmania are invited to submit artwork on the theme "Incarnations" - the Incarnation of God - to be exhibited during **June 2007** at the Uniting Church Centre for Theology and Ministry, Parkville. See: <http://ctm.uca.edu.au/index.cgi?tid=237>