

GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL PRESS NOTIFICATION

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2018 Golden Plains Arts Trail – save the date

Golden Plains Shire Council is proud to present its 10th Golden Plains Arts Trail on 17–18 March (North Trail) and 24–25 March (South Trail).

Proudly sponsored by Clyde Park Vineyard and Bistro, the Arts Trail will be spread across two weekends this year, giving visitors more time to ‘Taste, See, Explore’ than ever before!

Art enthusiasts are invited to come and explore our picturesque Shire and diverse creative communities as Golden Plains becomes a gallery of craft, design, photography, sculpture, and contemporary and traditional artwork (to peruse or buy!), with live music, delicious food and family entertainment adding to the fun.

Local community groups are getting more involved than ever before; the Dereel Hall and Community Centre will hold a mini-festival on both days of the North Trail, featuring live music, kids’ activities, sausage sizzle, coffee and 11 local artists. Linton and Smythesdale are also getting into the arts spirit.

Key features of the Trail

- More than 100 inspiring artists spread across 27 vibrant venues, including musicians
- A number of special venues that bring together multiple artists, music and food
- More live music than ever before!

Why should visitors come along?

There is truly something for everyone. Guests can bring their friends and family to experience an eclectic variety of art (and even pick up something special for their home!), while indulging in the sumptuous food and wine of this beautiful region.

The North Trail lines up with White Night Ballarat. Trail goers can soak up the creative goodness on the North Trail during the day and enjoy Ballarat’s dazzling White Night in the evening, with a range of accommodation options in Ballarat.

The South Trail is just half an hour from Geelong. 13 venues in Bannockburn, Steiglitz, Meredith, Wingeel and Teesdale will showcase the work of more than 50 artists.

Where is the Arts Trail?

It's close to everything! Golden Plains Shire is situated between Geelong and Ballarat and is approximately one hour from Melbourne.

For more information

- Visit artstrail.com.au.
- Like us on Facebook ('GoldenPlainsArtsTrail').
- Pick up a brochure from the Geelong Visitor Centre, Smythesdale Well or Council's Customer Service Centres in Bannockburn or Linton. Contact Samantha Thompson, Council's Arts and Culture Officer on 5220 7111 for a mailed copy of the brochure.
- For media enquiries, contact Ann Card, Senior Communications & Marketing Officer, Golden Plains Shire Council on ann.card@gplains.vic.gov.au or 5220 7147.

Art Hero: Glynis Bryden

Zen Art Australia Studio, Dereel



Glynis Bryden is a Dereel-based artist who will exhibit her work on the 2018 Golden Plains Arts Trail (North Trail) from her home studio. Her garden is also key to the display, where a selection of Glynis's 3D pieces will be exhibited.

Glynis works across a variety of mediums, but considers herself a 'drawer that uses paint sometimes'.

"I like to use pen and ink and work with detailed drawing of whatever floats into my head – these can be either quite realistic, surreal or even quite abstract," said Glynis.

"My work is more about the idea than ever trying to represent an object in its true form. I draw 'objects' but often warp them to fit an idea," she added.

This year's Arts Trail will feature a collection of Glynis's drawings – some with paint, some printed – from a number of series. She will also have birdhouses on display and leather-bound books (that she has hand-made and stitched herself).

A gifted creative since she was a child, it was not until the late 1980s that Glynis took up art seriously, which was around the time she left the corporate world to raise her children. She admits, "I was always drawing – I remember entering a drawing competition when I was about 7 years old. I had to reproduce two drawings from a magazine and enlarge them (to make sure we didn't cheat). I won, and I think I have been drawing ever since."

Glynis holds many certifications in several disciplines as well as a Bachelor in Visual Art from Federation University (Ballarat), where she double majored in Ceramics and Drawing.

While Glynis admits she doesn't really "put herself out there" for acclamation or reward, she said, "As a working artist, the fact that I have sold just about everything I have ever made and put up for sale, holds more value to me as an artist."

Glynis is looking forward to her first Golden Plains Arts Trail. She said, "We, as artists, are always looking for opportunities to display or exhibit our work so that people can see it but the Arts Trail offers an extraordinary opportunity to have people come to us."

Glynis Bryden will exhibit at the Golden Plains Arts Trail – North Trail (17-18 March) from the Zen Art Australia Studio, 10 Russell Street, Dereel.

Find out more: www.artstrail.com.au/artworks-artists/glynis-m-bryden

Art Hero: Neil Southerington

Linton Forge and Print Shop, Linton



Neil Southerington, an established craftsman from Linton will exhibit at his first Golden Plains Arts Trail (North Trail) this year from the Linton Forge and Print Shop – an establishment that dates back to the 1800s.

“I like things of beauty and texture,” said Neil when asked about why art is special to him. His love of his work, which centres around traditional letterpress printing and paper-making, is obvious to anyone who has seen his creations, and especially to those who know him.

Neil works in various non-digital print mediums, including traditional letterpress, where he uses, what he refers to as ‘hand set type wood, lead and metal line blocks’ to create his creative pieces.

“I also make hand-made paper using cottons and various vegetable and plant fibres, either for printing or for just the beauty of what it is,” said Neil of his craft.

Neil is passionate about making beautiful, textured and artistic paper. He said, “I do not try to make hand-made paper that is equal to the best machine made paper – I rather aim to bring out the characteristics of the paper and use the letterpress to enhance that.”

Neil’s expertise in his craft is the result of many years of experience in various printing processes, book-binding, paper-making and more. He said, “Most of my life has been in the printing industry.” He started with a five-year Letterpress and Lithographic Printing apprenticeship, and has since established himself as a successful and respected craftsman.

Testament to his skills (and his clients’ faith in them), he has been commissioned to make wedding invitations and other prestigious pieces using hand-made paper or letterpress type. Neil sometimes combines other artists’ drawing into his pieces as well.

Neil is excited to participate in the 2018 Arts Trail. He said, “For my first foray into the Arts Trail, I thought I would make some paper and print on the days I’m there. I will also give visitors the opportunity to have a try themselves.”

“I look forward to people visiting and seeing the 1800s Forge, where they can learn about the traditional craft of paper-making and letterpress printing on antique presses.

“I think the Trail is a great thing for the Shire; it will bring people together,” finished Neil.

Neil Southerington will exhibit at the Golden Plains Arts Trail – North Trail (17-18 March) from the Linton Forge and Print Shop, 95-97 Sussex Street, Linton.

Find out more: www.artstrail.com.au/artworks-artists/neil-southerington

Art Hero: Lindy Allinson

The Little White Church, Steiglitz



Lindy Allinson works with lino print, sculpture and acrylic on canvas and is delighted to be featured at the Golden Plains Arts Trail (South Trail) for the first time from one of the Trail's most anticipated venues – an old church-turned-gallery.

Lindy's love of art is intrinsic and has no bounds. She said "Art is as vital as air to me. To lose oneself in instinct alone, to shut out society's chatter, to give yourself over to pure intuition, results in a feeling of pure freedom."

Lindy's art, in her own words, 'whispers female-friendly spirituality, woven amidst labyrinthine sensory stimulation.' Her recent installations, inspired by a trip to Iceland, explore the beauty of female identity.

Lindy's recent works, including pieces from her 'Women defined by Woman' series, expose her innate spiritual nature and strong drive to empower women. "Iceland was life-changing, in that I unexpectedly found myself amidst an entire society where men did not define women – they defined themselves," said Lindy.

"Gone were male-defined ideal female attributes. Women were natural, relaxed, free to be themselves, and safe. They were equals of men," Lindy added.

Lindy has over 40 years' experience in the arts world. She was tutored by her artistic mother when she very young and self-taught until 25 years ago, when she attended Geelong Fine Art School. Over the years, her work has evolved, bringing with it a maturity and wisdom; all of which can be viewed and enjoyed at the 2018 Golden Plains Arts Trail.

Lindy will showcase a framed lino print, large sculpture and framed acrylic on canvas. Her plans for the 'Little White Church' include ensuring visitors have a unique sensory experience, with fragrance and props adding to the visual stimuli.

"Each work will, at first glance, appear to represent modern western society's definition of woman. Yet, as with the Crone, what seems a scary old witch, is really something much different. The closer you come, the more she changes. Enter her world and you discover a woman of beauty, wisdom and warmth," Lindy said of her art.

Lindy is excited to join the Golden Plains Arts Trail this year. She said, "What I truly love most about the Arts Trail is that it gives a public venue for the talents of so many artistic women who might otherwise go unrecognised and unappreciated."

Lindy Allinson will exhibit at the Golden Plains Arts Trail – South Trail (24-25 March) from the Little White Church, Regent Street, Steiglitz.

Find out more: www.artstrail.com.au/artworks-artists/lindy-allinson

Art Hero: Anne Langdon

Anne Langdon Studio, Smythesdale



Anne Langdon, a veteran of the Golden Plains Arts Trail, looks forward to another great year on the Trail, an event she believes in and loves to be a part of.

Hamilton-born Anne is now based in Smythesdale and is well-known in Golden Plains Shire for her talents in the art arena.

“I work from a printmaking base but incorporate other mediums to create collage. I also paint and make sculpture,” said Anne of her main mediums.

“My artworks are a whimsical journey of my environment and my life,” she added.

In 1984, Ann completed her Diploma in Fine Art (B.C.A.E) in Bendigo, Victoria. She now has string of solo and group exhibitions to her name, dating back to 1986.

Anne admits it is art that has given her life much meaning and joy. She said, “Art makes me feel fulfilled, excited, passionate and most of all, satisfied.”

While Anne’s dedication to her calling has been diligent, she is thankful to all the people who have supported her along the way. She is very grateful for the encouragement she has received from the people around her over the years; it has propelled her to further refine her skills, and keep going.

Anne is pleased to be part of the 2018 Arts Trail, where she will invite visitors to explore her own studio in Smythesdale. She will have a variety of pieces on display for art-goers to peruse or buy. She said, “I have a range of new and old works on paper, prints collage and painting, and cards will also be available.”

“I look forward to providing the opportunity for visitors to view a working studio; chatting with them and exchanging ideas at the 2018 Golden Plains Arts Trail” finished Anne.

Anne Langdon will exhibit at the Golden Plains Arts Trail – North Trail (17-18 March) from the Ann Langdon Studio, 35 Vermont Road, Smythesdale.

Find out more: www.artstrail.com.au/artworks-artists/anne-langdon