

Jennifer Jackson

My art relates to the landscape in abstracted ways. The earth, its history and age are referred to and encompass notions of weathering, cycles and journeys. The journeys include memories of landscapes visited, and personal symbols of the experience and are often about the local environment of the Illawarra region that I walk frequently.

In my walks and travels I collect objects that can be included in my images. Cross cultural connections are often established through this process linking disparate items and symbols. This gives the artworks personal significance and create a narrative while also allowing the viewer to interpret them in an individual manner.

Another facet of my practice uses similar processes relating to a form of abstracted still life. These images reflect similar themes as the "landscapes" and include current and varying obsessions and investigations. Reference is made to objects that I am passionate about such as pears, fans, rocks, clouds and poppies. These recurring motifs are represented entwined with objects and other symbols to create enigmatic works. The viewer brings their own experiences to the paintings and thereby creates new a relationship with the image.

I enjoy the challenge of making tiny miniatures, often in a series, as well as the freedom of expression while working on a large piece. I am experimenting with different media and continue the journey of creating art.

EXHIBITIONS

- University Of Wollongong, current collaborating artist for Commerce faculty, community project, October 2010.
- "Set Me Free" Small Wall Exhibition, Project Contemporary Artspace , Wollongong, August, 2010
- James Kiwi Biennial watercolour prize, selected for exhibition, Wollongong Regional Gallery July, 2010
- Cuna Mutual Group Australia, two works commissioned for reception area, 2010
- Gallery 41, Group exhibition 41 Riley St, Woolloomooloo, June 2010
- Wellness Centre Thirroul opening, inaugural exhibition. June, 2010
- Thirroul Seaside and Arts Festival, exhibited and organized 10x10x10cm exhibition, 2010
- Casula Powerhouse exhibition, Liverpool, 2010
- "Summer" Camden Fine Art Gallery at The Undercroft January 2010
- "Enjoy" Solo exhibition, Parklife Gallery Stanwell Park September 2009
- Pharmicare, Warriwood. Two works commissioned for new reception areas 2009
- Studio open weekend and clearance 18th and 19th April 2009
- Thirroul, Seaside and Arts Festival, April 2009
- Sydney Royal April 2009
- Beach art exhibition April 2008
- "For the Love of Nature" Third prize, Landcare Illawarra , Wollongong, March 2009
- "Black and White" Exhibition, Parklife Gallery, Stanwell Park February 2009
- Parklife Gallery mixed exhibition, December to January 2009
- "Ripe Interiors" artwork for showroom launch, Surrey Hills, December 2008
- Project Contemporary Artspace members show, December 2008
- "Postcards" Exhibition, Beach Art, Thirroul, December, 2008
- Fisher's Ghost exhibition, Campbelltown, November 2008
- "The Changing Face of Your Port" , Finalist, Inaugural acquisitive prize, Art in Port, Port Kembla , 2008
- "Scarf" Art for Literacy, Beach Art , Thirroul 2008
- Scarborough Art Show, October 2008
- "Connections Unearthed" A collaborative exhibition with Lindsay Leckey, Parklife Gallery , Stanwell Park, August 2008
- Meroogal Woman's Art Prize, exhibited, June 2008
- Mount Kemble Heritage Festival, Highly Commended, 2008
- Art For Ethiopia , Red Door Gallery Summer Hill, August 2008
- "Images of the Illawarra" Art in Port, Port Kembla, July 2008
- "The Collectors" De Havilland Gallery, Wollongong July 2008
- Australian Miniatures Society exhibition, 2008
- Alvaro Painting Prize, Bowral, June 2008
- Camden Art Show, May 2008
- Art Equity, Royal Sydney Prize winners Exhibition, April 2008
- "Royal Sydney", Easter Show, Highly Commended, Landscape and Miniatures 2008

- Thirroul Seaside and Arts Festival, exhibited and co-ordinated Miniatures Exhibition 2008
- "Passion In Art" Gallery 41 , Woolloomooloo, 2008
- Australia Day Art Exhibition, Old Court House Wollongong, 2008
- "Fresh" DeHavilland Gallery, Wollongong 2008
- Beach Art, Thirroul, Affordable Art , December, 2007
- Christmas Exhibition, Gallery 41 Woolloomooloo 2007
- ICAN Exhibition Space Wollongong, November 2007
- Christmas Exhibition De Havilland Gallery, Wollongong, 2007
- Christmas Exhibition, Camden Fine Art Gallery at Civic Centre 2007.
- "ArtinPort" , Opening exhibition October 2007, and continuing in 2008
- "Look and Wonder", Camden Fine Art Gallery at Camden Civic centre, September 2007
- "Gallery 41", Woolloomooloo, exhibited October, 2007
- "Fragments Of Life" Solo show in association with Beth Crawford, De Havilland Gallery, Wollongong , August, 2007
- "Evening Art Wine and Culture ", Helensburgh September 2007
- "Kabbarli", Designed and painted sets for the play
- "Only Abstract", De Havilland Gallery, Wollongong, May 2007
- Designed and created paintings for public spaces in "Surfers Chalet Apartments", Aubrey St Surfers Paradise, 2007
- Thirroul Festival, exhibited and coordinated miniatures show, 2007
- Opening Exhibition, Your Art Gallery, Stanwell Park, Exhibited and curated. December, 2006
- "Christmas Exhibition", Camden Fine Art Galley, December, 2006.
- "Artful Christmas", De Havilland Gallery, December, 2006.
- "ican Be in it" Group Show, Old Courthouse, Wollongong, Exhibited and curated installation. November, 2006
- "Origins And Traditions", Camden Fine Art Galley. October, 2006.
- "Land And Sea" De Havilland Gallery, Group Show, August, 2006.
- "Light and Lyrical" Camden Fine Art Gallery, Group Show, July, 2006.
- Southern Cross University Acquisitive Artist's Book Award exhibition, 2006.
- Mt Kembla, Mining Heritage Festival Art Prize, 2006 exhibited.
- "Only Abstract" De Havilland Gallery, Group show, Wollongong, July, 2006.
- Solo Exhibition, Fireworks Cafe, Austinmer, June, 2006
- Australian Society of Miniature Art (NSW) Inc. Biannual exhibition July, 2006.
- "Northern Exposure" Innovations Week, Clifton School of Arts, May 2006
- "Significant Pieces" Camden Fine Art Gallery, May 2006
- Set and Costume consultant for play "Political Fiction" Old Fitzroy Theatre, Woolloomooloo, 2006
- Organized and curated Miniatures Exhibition, Thirroul Seaside and Arts Festival 2006
- ICAN Members Contemporary art exhibition, Project Artspace 2006
- "A Little Piece of History", Camden Fine Art Gallery, February, 2006
- "Project Contemporary Artspace, Members Exhibition", 2006

- Sydney Town Art, Christmas Exhibition, 2006
- Fisher's Ghost Art Award, Campbelltown Bicentennial Art Gallery, 2005, exhibited.
- Paintings continually showing in Cheedos Cafe, Coledale.
- "ICAN Members Exhibition"- Old Court House, 2005
- "Seven Artists from the North"- Beach Art, September 2005
- "A Little Bit of Country" Camden Fine Art Gallery, August 2005, Group show.
- "The Same But Different" Project Artspace, Wollongong, July 2005
- Solo Exhibition - "Intersections" - Camden Fine Art Gallery, April 2005.
- Master of Creative Arts exhibition "Traces" Long Gallery, University of Wollongong, November 2004.
- Fisher's Ghost Art Award, Campbelltown Bicentennial City Gallery, October 2004, exhibited.
- Featured in "Discovery" exhibition – Camden Fine Art Gallery, August 2004.
- Featured in "Eastern Transitions" exhibition – Camden Fine Art Gallery, March 2004.
- Small Works Exhibition - Camden Fine Art Gallery, 2004.
- Solo exhibition – "Luminous Traces" – Camden Fine Art Gallery.
- Southern Exposure III - Hazelhurst Regional Gallery.
- Thirroul Seaside Festival 2003, Awarded Northern Exposure Prize and Painting Encouragement Prize.
- Featured in multi-media play – Total Fire Ban.
- Selected in Meroogal Women's Art Prize 2002.
- Selected in Outback Art Prize, Broken Hill City Gallery, March 2002.
- ReVisions – Gallery Equinox, December 2001.
- Artist of the Month, July 2001, Hazelhurst Regional Gallery.
- Included in Southern Exposure II, Hazelhurst Regional Gallery.
- Exhibiting at Graham Gallery 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004.
- Artista 2000 – Sutherland Shire Council at Grace Bros Miranda exhibited.
- "Southern Sydney Artists" – selected for inclusion in the opening exhibition at Hazelhurst Gallery, Sutherland, 2000.
- "Here and There and Back Again" - October/November 1999 Solo front room exhibition Gallery 188 Wollongong.
- Exhibiting member of Gallery 188 Wollongong continuously since 1998. Exhibitions participated in include "Directions" and "Mother and Child" 1999.
- Gallery Equinox "Directors Choice" 1999
- Gallery Equinox "Opening Exhibition" Austinmer. 1998
- Tutor for Kidz Art Sutherland Shire Council 1998
- "Inclinations" exhibition with four other artists at Hillcrest House 1997
- Involved in community art projects eg Mural painting.
- Solo Exhibition "Journeys" at Hillcrest house 1995.
- Helensburgh and District Art Exhibition 1993 and 1994, Award winner each year.
- Fiesta Multicultural event Sutherland Shire council prize winner) 1993
- Sutherland Shire Biennial 1993, 1995, 1997, 1999.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- Master of Creative Arts at the University of Wollongong 2004.
- Teaching Visual Arts and Design for 25 years full and part time.
- Diploma Art Education Alexander Mackie CAE 1975-1978
- Painting and drawing at Wollongong TAFE
- Ceramics – Earth Wind and Fire Pottery with Phil Davis.