



News Letter

A big welcome from the MONCAS Committee

The MONCAS Committee hopes that 2023 has started off well for all its members and supporters. It's hard to believe its February already!

Our first **Art Connect** occurred on the first Saturday of February and all those who attended were able to add one more artistic bow to their skill set...that of crocheting. Thank you, Urmil Nakra and her family for taking time to teach us!

The first MONCAS sponsored exhibition will be the **smART Exhibition** (Small Works Art Exhibition) to be held between **23 February - 5 March**. Please refer below for more information on this exhibition.

The committee has also been working on creating a **MONCAS website**. This will be launched soon watch this space. In the meantime, please like and share our Facebook page <> and Instagram links <>.

The committee would also like to initiate **quarterly Zoom catch ups** with members. The aim of these sessions is for members to engage with each other and discuss different aspects of their artwork, achievements or maybe exchange artistic tips! More details will be provided in the near future.



Welcome to Country

MONCAS acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the Kulin Nations whose lands on which we work. We pay our respects to the Wurundjeri & Bunurong Peoples, recognising their continuing connection to lands, waters & communities. We pay our respect to their Elders past, present and future.



Thank you to our Supporters

The MONCAS committee wish to thank the **Bendigo Bank** and the **Rotary Club of Oakleigh Clayton Huntingdale** for their continued support. Both organisations have provided MONCAS with financial support since our conception which have enabled us to obtain the necessary insurance and legal obligations for incorporated bodies, purchasing of items we need to run a gallery. Please make their representatives welcome next time you see them at the gallery.



Please follow, share and keep up to date at

<https://www.facebook.com/thetrackgallery>

<https://www.instagram.com/thetrackgallerymelbourne>

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Our next MONCAS sponsored Exhibition



The next exhibition that MONCAS is sponsoring is the smART Exhibition, **23 February - 5 March**. All MONCAS members and their supporters are welcome to attend the opening event on **Thursday 23 February at 6pm**.

Pratibha Madan founded the smART Exhibition in February 2019, with the aim of bringing together artists and art enthusiasts within the local community. The first show was held at The Track Gallery, and it was one of the first exhibitions supported by the newly incorporated MONCAS society. The concept of showcasing small works was inspired by successful art exhibitions such as A4 Art Australia and Linden Post Card Art Show.

Initially, the size limitation was set at 30x30cm, but after receiving feedback from participating artists, it was increased to 40x40cm to accommodate larger frames for those working on paper.

smART provides a platform for artists of all levels, from hobbyists to established professionals, to showcase their creative skills in a smaller format. With a wide range of mediums and styles on display, there is something for everyone to enjoy at this dynamic event.

Don't miss the opportunity to see the talented artists in your community. Put smART 2023 at The Track Gallery on your calendar and come and experience the creativity for yourself. We look forward to seeing you there.

Check out the photos from the last year's smART Exhibition overleaf.



FUN FACT

Do you know what the word "art" comes from?

It is derived from the Latin word "ars" meaning art, skill or craft.



Out & About on the Art Trail

If you enjoy art, you may like to have a look the following exhibitions in and around our local municipality.

MGA

860 Ferntree Gully Road, Wheelers Hill

Develop

MGA's annual showcase of work by emerging photographic artists.

4 March – 16 April

100 Faces

100 works drawn from 3 photographic collections.

4 March – 28 May 2023

Civic Centre

293 Springvale Road, Glen Waverley (in the new exhibition space)

Forevermore

Until 31st March 2023

Reader's Input

Please let us know of any local exhibitions that you come across or other items you may like to read about in our next newsletter. Just email us at reachmoncas@gmail.com

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smART 2022 Exhibition



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Come and learn some Indian Art at our next Art Connect session on Saturday 4 March.
All welcome and it's free so please invite your friends.



ART CONNECT

LEARN. CREATE. CONNECT



Indian Art Workshop

By Sandhya Gupta

FREE art/craft engagement session open to everyone!
Learn new skills and join other creative people to
exchange ideas!

SATURDAY 4 MARCH (10:00 AM - 12:00 PM)

CRAFT ROOM

**MOUNT WAVERLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE
47 MILLER CRES. MT WAVERLEY, VIC 3149**

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What's happening at The Track Gallery in in the next few months

THE TRACK GALLERY Exhibition Schedule Feb - June 2023



23 FEB - 5 MAR 23

smART 2023 - 5th Annual Small Works Art Exhibition by Preetkriti (MONCAS auspice Exhibition)

8 MAR - 19 MAR 23

Exhibition by Museum of Indonesian Arts Inc.

3 MAY - 14 MAY 23

Tradition To Cherish Solo Exhibition by Anudeepa Kadiresan (MONCAS auspice Exhibition)

17 MAY - 28 MAY 23

How Do You Do Solo Exhibition by Sara Fung (MONCAS auspice Exhibition)

1 JUN - 11 JUN 23

ULURU Youth Art for Reconciliation Exhibition by MRG (Monash Reconciliation Group Inc.)

14 JUN - 25 JUNE 23

ART CONNECT 2023 2nd Annual MONCAS Members Exhibition (MONCAS auspice Exhibition)

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