



# NEWSLETTER

## From the President's Desk

What a busy time it has been. Pratibha's successful Exhibition, workshops and upcoming events. We are so grateful for the ongoing support of our major sponsor Community Bank Pinewood, Bendigo Bank . This year's support has been the biggest ever of \$800.00. This is amazing and greatly appreciated. Hopefully in the next newsletter there will be a photo. We must thank Dr Carina Garland, Matt Fregon, and John Mullahy for their ongoing support as well. Our AGM will be coming up in November at a date to be confirmed. Please watch this space. Kind regards, Felicity Smith OAM JP President- MONCAS Inc.

## Acknowledgment of Country

MONCAS acknowledges the Traditional Owners of this land, the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung and Bunurong People, and recognises their continuing connection to the land and waterways. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging and extend this to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

## DIARY DATES WITH MONCAS

**7th Oct 2023**

'Expression with Nature', Art Connect session with Rahila Zeeshan

**26 Oct 2023**

MONCAS Online Meetup

**15 - 25 Nov 2023**

'Art by Marcelle' Solo Art Exhibition

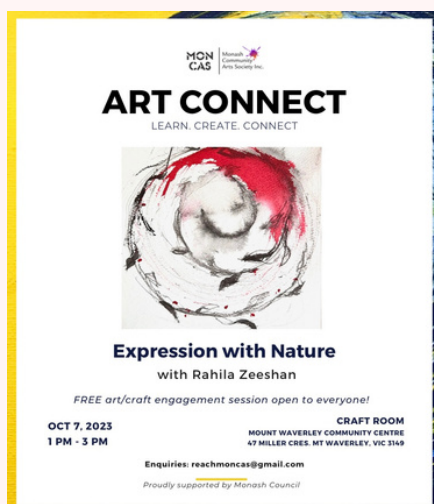
**1 - 10 Dec 2023**

'Festive Gifts 2023'

**2nd Dec 2023**

Art Connect Session with Ratiphan Bunthanorm

*Please note that there is no Art Connect session in the month of November*



## OUR LINKS:

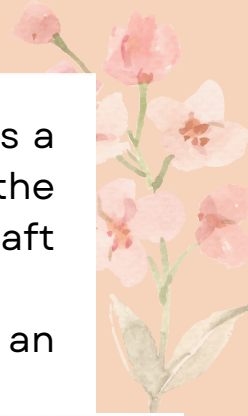
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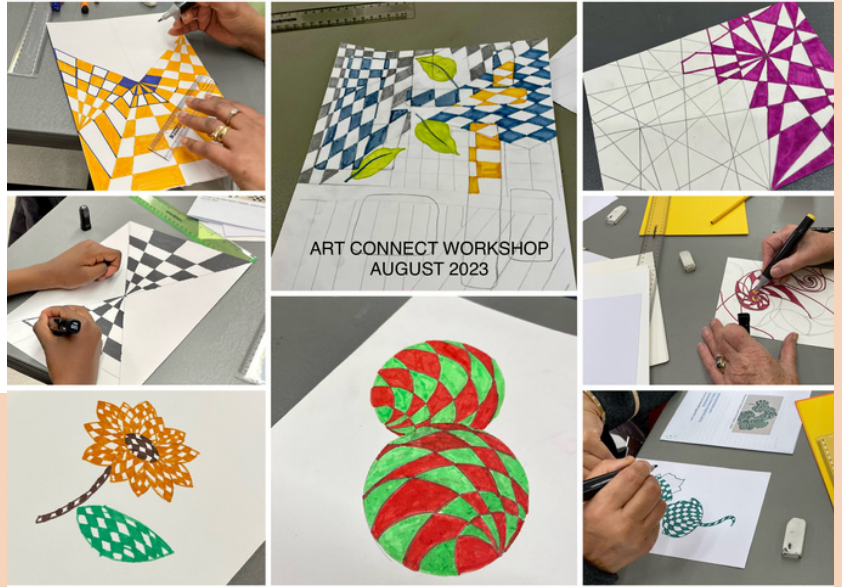
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The Art Connect project, supported by the City of Monash, offers a range of engaging art sessions and workshops that are open to the public and are held on the first Saturday of each month at the Craft Room in Mount Waverley Community Centre.

The 'Drawing Illusions' led by Julie Slade in August, proved to be an enlightening and enjoyable experience for participants of all age groups. The session was focused on exploring the intricacies of creating illusions through the manipulation of lines and colours in various artistic techniques.



## ART CONNECT MONTHLY SESSION

The September workshop, led by Zumairah Athas, focused on exploring various textures on clay. It was a delightful session, thoroughly enjoyed by all participants. The hands-on experience provided a creative outlet and a chance to experiment with different textures.



MONCAS is inviting expressions of interest (EOI) from all our members to facilitate one of the monthly sessions from February to June 2024. We request you to email us your proposal with the theme and preferred dates.

(3rd Feb/ 2nd March/ 6th April/ 4th May/1st June 2024)

October Art Connect session will be led by Rahila Zeeshan on 7th of October, exploring and creating expressions with natural elements.



## MONCAS ONLINE MEETUP

The MONCAS Online Meetup will take place on Thursday, 26th October, 2023, during which we will connect with our member artists to discuss a common topic. Further information regarding the discussion topic and the session's timing will be provided via email. A Zoom link will be shared once a member confirms their participation. These online discussions aim to inspire, troubleshoot, or share guidance and are not intended to provide legal conclusions or advice.

## MONCAS Auspice Exhibition

'Art by Marcelle' is the Solo exhibition from 15th Nov - 25th Nov by our Member artist Marcelle Weeraratne. The exhibition presents a diverse display of artworks spanning almost a half-century, encompassing oils, watercolours, acrylics, pastels, and drawings. These pieces will showcase a wide range of styles and subjects, from realistic representations to abstract creations.

Marcelle, originally from Sri Lanka, has called Melbourne home since 1976. There, she honed her artistic skills under notable mentors like A.C.G.S. Amarasekera and her late uncle Neville Weeraratne. Encouraged by family, teachers, and friends, she pursued Graphic Communications at Caulfield Institute of Technology, later part of Monash University. She has showcased her work in numerous exhibitions and was honoured with an Encouragement Award at the 2004 Herald Sun Rotary Art Show in Camberwell. Additionally, she provided illustrations to children's stories penned by other authors.



# Art by Marcelle

15 - 25 NOV 2023

Mon - Sat, 10am - 4 pm  
(Sundays Closed)

Opening  
Celebration

Saturday, 18 November  
2 PM - 4 PM

The Track Gallery

47 Millers Cres  
Mt Waverley, VIC 3149

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## FESTIVE GIFTS 2023

Join us in celebrating the upcoming festive season at our eagerly awaited second annual Festive Gifts Exhibition and Sale, taking place from December 1st to 10th at The Track Gallery.

As the name implies, talented MONCAS members, comprising makers, crafters, and artists, will showcase their exquisite handmade gift items. This event is not only about beautifully crafted items but also about fostering community connections and providing mutual support, all while spreading the holiday cheer.

Here are some key details:

- The exhibition will be open for the 10 days.
- Operating hours: Evenings on weekdays and mornings on weekends.

We can't wait to share the joy of handmade creations with you!

A festive poster for the 'Festive Gifts 2023' exhibition. The background is a deep red with a white snowflake pattern. At the top, there are illustrations of green holly leaves and red berries. The text is centered and reads: 'MON CAS Monash Community Arts Society Inc.' in small white letters at the top. Below that, 'Festive Gifts 2023' is written in a large, elegant white cursive font. Underneath, '10-DAY HANDMADE BAZAAR BY LOCAL MAKERS, CRAFTERS & ARTISTS' is written in a smaller, bold, yellow sans-serif font. The dates '1 - 10 DECEMBER' and 'AT THE TRACK GALLERY 47 MILLER CRES, Mt WAVERLEY' are in white sans-serif font. A yellow cursive phrase 'Come get your shopping fix!' is placed below the address. At the bottom, 'OPEN HOURS' is written in white, followed by 'Mon - Fri, 4 pm - 8 pm' and 'Sat - Sun, 10 am - 2 pm' in a smaller white font. The contact email 'Enquiries : reachmoncas@gmail.com' is at the very bottom. The bottom edge of the poster features illustrations of wrapped gifts in red, green, and blue with yellow ribbons, and more holly leaves.

# Other Exhibitions at The Track Gallery

*The list of exhibitions is sourced from The Track Gallery calendar, which the council shares with us. If you need more information about a specific exhibition, you can contact the respective groups/ individuals involved.*

## **5 Oct - 15 Oct 2023 :**

'Spotlighting Bullying - Hope for the Future',  
Art Exhibition by South East Suicide Prevention Network

## **18 Oct - 29 Oct 2023 :**

'Kaleidoscope', Paintings by Rashmi Gore and her students

## **1 Nov - 12 November 2023 :**

Exhibition by Dr Gloria Moore



# Out and About on our Local Trail

Checkout the details of an upcoming exhibition at The Stan Gallery in Mt Waverley <https://www.thestangallery.com/future-exhibitions>

Lineup of upcoming exhibitions and events at Museum of Australian Photography can be checked out at <https://maph.org.au/>

City of Monash is seeking EOIs from artists or artist collectives to loan works for display at Civic Gallery. Details available at [www.monash.vic.gov.au/civic-gallery](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/civic-gallery)

## **Answers to the Fun Fact Quiz from the last edition:**

Did you find Bunjil the Creator (Spirit of the Land) sculpture? If not, it is located in Ferntree Gully Road, Oakleigh, near the corner of Princess Highway.

**The artists who created 'The Stilt Walkers' sought to evoke visions of celebration, new experiences, skill acquisition, concentration, and simple pleasures. Guess where they are located?**



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