



Spring Newsletter

Welcome to the Spring edition of the NEA Newsletter

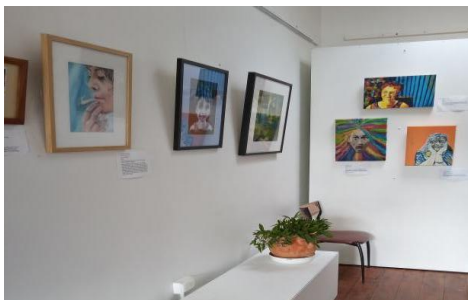
There is so much going on at present thanks to a dedicated band of volunteers and a small team of Management Committee members committed to keeping NEA vibrant and functioning during what has been an extremely difficult period for a volunteer run organisation.

Frequent lockdowns and the personal toll that Covid restrictions have taken on members mean it has been difficult to sustain our shop, workshops and exhibitions. Nonetheless:

In Your Face portrait exhibition attracted quality entries and critical acclaim.

Congratulations to winner **Terry De Souza** and Encouragement Award winner: **Kim D'Arma**

We are yet to announce the People's Choice winner, you have until October 10th to have a look at the amazing work and cast your vote!



Unlock Your Creativity, the community workshops which are part of our partnership with Waminda, have been operating whenever we've been allowed to open.

Participants enjoy an introduction to a wide range of new creative pursuits with acrylic pouring, string art and embroidery among activities which have been able to run so far. Fridays 9.30-12.00 only \$5.00 per session.

Further information is available on our website: www.northeastartisans.org

Site Manager

DeSales Turner has been appointed Site Manager to ensure the smooth operation of our Carrier Street premises. DeSales is a tireless worker and highly approachable and can be reached via the NEA email at northeastartisans@gmail.com.

Up Your Arts

From October 15th to December 17th North East Artisans is holding a fund raising exhibition and friends of NEA are warmly invited to attend and participate.

Our exhibition features works by local artists and artisans who exhibit at NEA and is supported through generous donations of goods from Benalla merchants.

The items on display during this exhibition are NOT FOR SALE. They will be won by some very lucky people who purchase a page (or more if you like) of 20 tickets for \$5. which the purchaser then distributes to the ticket boxes that match the number on the prize they want to win. It is a fabulous opportunity to pick up some amazing prizes.

Of course our shop will continue sales throughout this event. This is an incredible opportunity to buy (or win) locally for Christmas.



Tea Shop

We are very excited to announce the proposal of a Tea Shop at NEA. We are finalising the practical considerations but look forward to the time, very soon, when sitting down for a chat and a cuppa with friends, amongst the vibrant art work or in our developing gardens, is once more a possibility. We welcome anyone who would like to be part of this exciting venture. Contact us at the email address below:

northeastartisans@gmail.com .



Working Bee

We plan to hold a working bee to prepare NEA for the tea shop on :

Saturday 2nd October 10am - 1pm.

Tasks include:

- tidying up the garden/ laneway
- painting furniture
- Painting the side gates (please submit your designs as soon as possible)
- Other tasks as identified

This is a great way to get back into community. Please let us know if you are able to help.(postponed if raining). Contact us at:

northeastartisans@gmail.com or on 0438 063185

New Secretary

It is with enormous pleasure that we welcome Glenys McGregor to the role of NEA Secretary. Glenys brings a wealth of skills, experience and business acumen to the role. She has been very active in the NEA shop and we are thrilled that she has agreed to take on this important role.

Amalgamation with GANEEA

Earlier this year you would have received an email regarding the amalgamation of NEA with GANEEA (Goulburn and North East Arts Alliance). This process is progressing and will allow both organisations to generate fabulous arts-based activities in North East Victoria.

We are looking for;;

- **People** with a bit of time to spare to help us get some of these projects off the ground. If you have retail skills, hospitality experience,, gardening abilities, new ideas and energy, we would love to talk to you.
- **Plants and pots** we are looking for more plants and some ways to jazz up the laneway to accommodate the tea shop's outdoor location.
- **Teapots**, tea cups, trays, teaspoons, pretty plates etc. If you have any of these things at home and would like to consider donating them, we would be delighted.



For more information and great gifts which are truly beautiful, why not visit us soon?

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