

Somers Arts Fair

Sunday 25 October 2009

Artists Workshops



The year's Arts Fair is just around the corner, and it wouldn't be complete without the ever-popular **Artists Workshops**. We are excited to offer four workshops this year – a "Caricature Workshop" hosted by Geoff Hook, a "Pastels Workshop" hosted by Monique Morey, and two "Children's Cartooning Workshops" hosted by Jeannette Rowe. We are privileged to be joined by these fantastic artists who will share their amazing skills and artistic techniques with workshop participants.

Places are limited - early bookings are advisable, payment at time of booking essential.

Price: Adult workshops \$20, children's workshops \$10. All equipment and art supplies provided.

Background to Artists:

Geoff Hook – JEFF – Caricature Workshop (10:30 am-12:00 pm)

Since retiring from full time cartooning at The Herald Sun, Geoff has spent most of his time painting and sketching and also gives many talks/demonstrations on the art of caricature and cartoons. He was awarded the Australian Black and White Artists Club's Silver Stanley Award for lifetime achievement in 1998 and on 20 March 2009, he was awarded a lifetime achievement award by The Melbourne Press Club. More information about Geoff and his background and affiliations can be found at www.geoffhook.com and http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geoff_%22Jeff%22_Hook (Wikipedia).

This workshop will include a demonstration of caricature. Participants will be encouraged to develop their own skills to create their own caricatures.

Intended audience: adults, secondary school-aged children

Monique Morey - Pastels for the Terrified Workshop (12:15-1:45 pm)

Monique has a passion for the vibrant and versatile medium of soft pastels. She has sold numerous paintings at art shows on the Peninsula, most of which express her joy of living here. Beachgoers, local market scenes, yacht races and pelicans are favourite subjects in which Monique captures the mood and feeling with her unique style. Commissions of children on the beach have become this artist's specialty—she is inspired by the spontaneity and individual gestures of children as they interact on a summer's day, and particularly enjoys painting their shadows and reflections with a variety of pastel strokes.

As a child, Monique was always drawing, but began learning formally about fifteen years ago at the Melbourne School of Art in Elsternwick, where she was tutored in drawing techniques and life drawing. Since moving to Somers seven years ago, she has gained valuable instruction from many courses and workshops run by respected artists at the McClelland Guild of Artists and the Peninsula Art Society. She won best pastel at the Box Hill Art Society in 2002 and received a commendation at Mornington Rotary Show in 2005. Monique teaches structured pastel classes for absolute beginners at her studio in Somers.

Monique's workshop is aimed at beginners and those who have not worked with pastels previously. Participants will be introduced to this inspiring and exciting medium through a short demonstration followed by relaxed and fun activities that will explore many basic pastel techniques.

Intended audience: adults, secondary school-aged children

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Jeannette Rowe – Children’s Cartooning Workshops 1 &2 (10:30-11:00 am & 11:00-11:30 am)

Jeannette Rowe is the ABC’s best-selling Australian pre-school author and illustrator. Her books have sold well over one million copies worldwide in over 14 countries and in 9 different languages. For more than fifteen years Jeannette has been working from her Melbourne based studio by the sea. She began her highly successful career with her award-winning book “Sallywag”.

When Jeannette’s daughter was born in 1995, her work changed from her previously more complicated watercolour and pencil drawings, to her new bright and bold drawing style. Wanting to create books for her new baby, Jeannette developed this vibrant new drawing style to accommodate her daughter’s love of bright colours, animals and surprises. This winning formula resulted in over 50 very successful “Whose”, “YoYo” and “My” books being published with ABC Books. More information about Jeannette can be found at www.jeannetterowe.com.au.

The cartooning workshop uses a method especially created to assist children create their own cartoon characters and cartoon strips. Jeannette will talk about her work, demonstrate and conduct a practical cartoon workshop, lasting approximately 30 minutes. Children will have the opportunity to draw and create a number of their own new characters, in a way this is achievable for every student. This workshop is great for building confidence and expanding skill in competent drawers, while providing easy access back into drawing for those who may have lost some of their drawing confidence.

Intended audience: primary and secondary school-aged children

To reserve your place, complete the form below, visit the School office or phone 5983 5546. Remember, places are only confirmed once payment has been received.



BOOKING FORM

Please complete and return form ASAP – places are strictly limited and only confirmed when payment has been received!

Name:

Contact phone number:

Age (if under 18 years):

Email address:

I wish to attend the following workshop(s):

- Geoff Hook** - Caricature Workshop (10:30 am–12:00 pm)
- Monique Morey** - Pastels for the Terrified Workshop (12:15–1:45 pm)
- Jeannette Rowe** – Children’s Cartooning Workshop 1 (10:30–11:00 am)
- Jeannette Rowe** – Children’s Cartooning Workshop 2 (11:00–11:30 am)

Fee payable: \$.....

Price per workshop: \$20 for adult workshops, \$10 for children’s workshops (to 18 yrs)

To assist our hosts in planning these workshops, please provide a brief description of your previous artistic experience, including the mediums you have used (ie: oils, acrylics, pastels, etc):

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