

SPIRITUAL ART EXHIBITIONS: Alena Kennedy & Libby Bloxham – 2016

Our objectives:

- Create a series of exhibitions which focus on spirituality in art and artistic forms of expression. The first exhibition, to be held in July, 2016 at Hillside Gallery, Dombarton is called *insight*. The second exhibition is called *Symphony: celebrating diversity through spiritual art* and we have successfully applied to Project Contemporary Artspace to hold it there in March, 2017 to coincide with Harmony Day. We will be applying to Wollongong Gallery to hold a similar exhibition there if enough enthusiasm for the project is displayed in the first two exhibitions. After this we are considering travelling the exhibition.
- Highlight the value of 'inner' and spiritual artistic expression by creating a high quality exhibition on this theme.
- Provide opportunities for artists from the local and wider community to meet, discuss and express meaningful and spiritual aspects of their lives through art and other forms of artistic expression.
- To encourage participants: artists, viewers, workshop participants to engage in meaningful interactions around the broad experience of spirituality, regardless of spiritual/religious orientation; and to facilitate recognition of the similar experiences which may be had by people of different belief orientations.
- Through the process of a shared human/spiritual/creative experience, to appreciate diversity of belief and expression and contribute towards harmonious relations between people from a wide variety of belief ideals.
- Connect Wollongong's diverse community groups and facilitate harmonious, joyful and accepting interactions between groups and individuals in our community.
- Provide artists with the opportunity to instigate and respond to a direction in art (spirituality) which may not be included in the current mainstream trends.
- Combine the art exhibitions with performances and workshops on spiritual themes.

The First Two exhibitions

1) *Insight: celebrating diversity of spiritual experience and expression*

Hillside Gallery, Dombarton, NSW. July 15 – 17, 2016

2) *Symphony: celebrating diversity through spiritual art*

Project Contemporary Artspace, Wollongong. March 2017 and incorporating Harmony Day.

Harmony day celebrates cultural diversity. The exhibition is entitled: *Symphony: celebrating diversity through spiritual art*. It focuses on the spiritual aspect of human experience, with an emphasis on *unity in diversity*. 'Unity in diversity' is a concept of "unity without uniformity and diversity without fragmentation". It focuses on the idea that diversity enriches human interactions.