

OPEN ARTISTS STUDIOS AND COMMERCIAL ART SPACES – Open Sunday 17th February in conjunction with the Garlic Festival.

As part of the Garlic Festival and to provide visitors staying in the area with information concerning the many artistic venues available, a series of Open Studios has been organised

Examples of works by participating artists can be seen at the Meeniyan Art Gallery for a week prior to and including the Garlic Festival. Check out the gallery website for further information.

Inverloch

Susan Hall

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[OPEN HOURS: 1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.](#)

Susan is a local artist who creates work from many genres, painting with acrylics and oils, also charcoal, printmaking and sculpture. She exhibits frequently in local galleries. After completing her Masters of Visual Arts at Monash University, she was invited to present her works at a symposium at Colorado University Boulder USA. Susan also participates in Print exchange with artists in many countries. Living on the Bass Coast is her inspiration to create her atmospheric work which is held in many collections both in Australia and overseas.

Koonwarra

Chris Beehag
3 Swan Road, Koonwarra
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Facebook: Chris Beehag Textile Art

[OPEN HOURS 10-4 pm](#)

Chris's particular choice of medium is the use of fabric, thread and needle as "paint and brush" – a technique known as free motion stitching, quilting and embroidery. It is a slow process, moving the fabric freely under a darning foot and changing threads constantly, but it creates a fascinating surface rich in texture.

Chris has won several prestigious awards for her beautiful 3D works.

Bob Hickman
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[OPEN HOURS 10-4 pm](#)

Bob works in various mediums, acrylics on canvas and sculptural works in both metal and other materials, he also runs painting classes from beginners thru to the very the more competent . After finishing a Bachelors of Art Honours degree in Fine Arts in England, he worked in the Graphic Arts industry in Melbourne , his paintings hand in both private and public collections in Australia, Britain and France.

Meg Viney
5 Kangaroo Rise, Koonwarra
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OPEN HOURS 10-4 pm

Meg's philosophy is nature as a living treasure is embodied in her work.

Her vessels and figures espouse that all life comes from a vessel whatever that might be, an egg, a cocoon, a bud, a seedpod, a shell or reproductive organs – the reality is universal.

Meg is a well known artist having exhibited widely

Meeniyan

Regina Dudek
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NOTE: Regina is doing a demonstration at the Meeniyan Square the weekend of the Garlic Festival so look out for her zany work

Regina has been creating whimsical wire and metal sculptures for the last 20 years. She draws her inspiration from everyday items often deemed well past their use-by-date. Where others see junk, Regina senses beauty and a rich history expressed within decay and decline.

She sources her “treasures” from a wide range of sources.

Regina has taught in secondary colleges and has conducted many adult workshops, including regular teaching spots at the Fremantle Arts Centre whilst living in that state

Grant Flather
Outer Space
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NOTE: Grant will also be displaying his work, and that of the artist collective in the Meeniyan Square (and at Outer Space address above) the weekend of the Garlic Festival and on the following Sunday.

The Outer Space at Meeniyan is the brainchild of Grant Flather and Helen Wilkinson, husband and wife artists living in Yanakie, South Gippsland. They have been exhibiting in South Gippsland and Melbourne, and making commissioned works for many years.

The Outer Space is run like an artist's collective, with a team of fifteen makers, contributing their work. Some are professional artists, some who just have a passion for making things.

COMMERCIAL GLLERIES

Foster:

Anne Roussac-Hoyne
YEP Gallery
41a Main Street, Foster
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For more information go to: yepgallery.com.au

Anne is an accomplished artist working in various mediums, to highlight her work she opened the VEP Gallery and also to showcase work by local artists using charcoal and natural earth pigments largely from the Yanakie area near Wilson's Promontory. The Gallery also offers a range of selected hand-created local work including sculpture, wood pieces, jewellery, textile and ceramics.

Fish Creek

Gecko Studio Gallery
15 Falls Road, Fish Creek
Phone: 568 32481
M: 0423 721 593 – Kerry Spokes &
0421 209 878 – Michael Lester

For more information go to : geckostudiogallery.com.au

Gecko Studio Gallery is a well know art gallery having successfully operated for many years, which aims to showcase a wide variety of contemporary art forms mixing local artists with invited artists from Melbourne and beyond. Exhibitions have ranged from acrylics, oil paintings, watercolours and drawings through to pin-hole camera

photography, marbled paper, chicken wire sculptures, paper collage, glass, stitched and painted silk and of course printmaking.

South Leongatha

Valley Plains Pottery
Valley Plains Road, Leongatha South
M: 0448 996 386
Zac Chalmers

For more information go to: valleyplainspottery.com.au

Zac grew up on land surrounded by nature, often playing on the clay banks of the dam on the family property in South Gippsland. Some years later Zac is still continuing the philosophy engendered in him as a young boy of a connection and concern with the environment and this is embodied in his studio and home running entirely on renewable energies.

Zac has exhibited widely and is well known for his beautiful wood fired works.