



**Bent Art News**

**Issue 2, May 2009**

### 1. New Sponsor for 2009 - Rolling Wines



Bent Art welcomes Rolling Wines (from Cumulus Wines of the Orange region) as its hospitality sponsor for 2009. Rolling Wines will provide the featured wines for Bent Art's Opening Night (and during the exhibition).

The exciting new ROLLING Pink will be the highlight of the wines showcased during Bent Art. With this wine, the Rolling team have hand-crafted a wine in keeping with their bright, fruit-driven style and created one of the freshest and newest rosés in the market.

The ROLLING Pink was made using one of the winery's best assets - it's cool climate Shiraz. Senior winemaker, Debbie Lauritz comments "*Orange Shiraz has that wonderful balance of bright, primary fruit and spiciness. By picking early and in cool conditions it lends itself very well to a vibrant, dry style rosé.*"

Rolling Wines takes its name from the rolling hills of the Cumulus winery and surrounding terrain. In just a few short years, Rolling Wines have claimed over 50 awards in Australian and international competitions. The ROLLING label includes:

- ROLLING Pink
- ROLLING Sparkling Pinot Grigio Chardonnay
- ROLLING Sauvignon Blanc Semillon
- ROLLING Chardonnay
- ROLLING Shiraz
- ROLLING Cabernet Merlot



For more information on Rolling Wines and Cumulus Wines, visit:  
[www.cumuluswines.com.au/our\\_wines/rolling](http://www.cumuluswines.com.au/our_wines/rolling)

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### 2. Marketing Bent Art

From mid April-mid May, Bent Art for the first time is undertaking online advertising; we're running a banner ad on the Sydney section of Australia's leading lesbian and gay lifestyle website [www.samesame.com.au](http://www.samesame.com.au).

We also had a feature article on the site ("Get Bent") focusing on LGBT activities and community in the Blue Mountains. The article can be viewed via the website's search function and typing in "Get Bent".

As well, look out for Bent Art posters throughout the Mountains, in Bathurst and in LGBT-friendly areas in Sydney like Newtown and Glebe.

We will also have a Bent Art sign at the main exit to Katoomba off the Great Western Highway, from 25 May-8 June.

Finally, our website is linked to a number of other sites, including our two major sponsors - Wall To Wall Real Estate and Wentworth Falls Animal Hospital, and LGBT websites Pink Mountains, Pink Sofa and samesame. We are also listed on the Winter Magic, Blue Mountains Tourism and Tourism NSW site under events in June.

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### 3. Website Update

Since launching on 1 March 2009, the Bent Art website has attracted over 1,800 visits, served more than 18,000 pages and recorded over 61,000 hits in total.

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### 4. Bent Art - Auspiced by MCRN



We would like to thank and acknowledge the Mountains Community Resource Network ("MCRN") for again auspicing Bent Art in 2009.

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### 5. Bent Art Raffle

Each year, a raffle is run during the Bent Art exhibition – the proceeds of which are re-invested back into the event's operating costs.

This year we would like to thank the following Blue Mountains businesses for their generous (and fabulous) raffle prizes:

**1st Prize:** Dinner for two to the value of \$150 at Silk's Brasserie, Leura

**2nd Prize:** Gift hamper to the value of \$100 from iKOU, Leura

**3rd Prize:** Chocolate box to the value of \$50 from Josophans Chocolates (Leura, Blackheath) and a gift voucher to the value of \$30 from Megalong Books, Leura.

The raffle will be drawn at the end of the exhibition on Monday 8 June.

For more information on our raffle supporters, you can visit their websites at:

[www.silksleura.com](http://www.silksleura.com)

[www.ikou.com.au](http://www.ikou.com.au)

[www.josophans.com.au](http://www.josophans.com.au)

[www.megalongbooks.com](http://www.megalongbooks.com)

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### 6. About Our Curator

Blue Mountains artist, Jane Lennon, will curate the exhibition in 2009.

Jane's curatorial experience comes from six years at the Norman Lindsay Gallery, her role as Co-Director at Braemar Gallery, Springwood, and working on numerous Blue Mountains community exhibitions.

Jane has created a unique art practice by making a clay-like pulp from discarded office paper, and forming it into abstract and functional sculpture and furniture - keeping the process as energy efficient as possible.

Jane was a finalist in the 2008 Stanthorpe Art Prize and has won awards in Katoomba's ArtStreet competitions in 2004, 2005 and 2006.

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## 7. Other LGBT Events for June long weekend

In addition to Bent Art, there are a number of other LGBT events being held in the Blue Mountains over the June long weekend, including:

### **The Three Sisters Dance & Talent Quest at Blackheath Community Hall.**

Saturday June 6, doors open @ 7.15pm.

For further information:

Email: [thethreesistersocialgroup@yahoo.com.au](mailto:thethreesistersocialgroup@yahoo.com.au) or [wbrash@bigpond.com](mailto:wbrash@bigpond.com)

Call (02) 8230 0889

### **The Three Sisters 28th Annual Grand Costume Ball at Fairmont Resort, Leura**

Sunday 7th June, 7pm-1am.

For bookings / information:

Call (02) 8230 0889

### **Bush Lemons combined LGBT walk – Castle Head, Katoomba Saturday, 6 June.**

For information:

Email: [bushscout@bigpond.com](mailto:bushscout@bigpond.com)

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## 8. Entries for Bent Art Close on 22 May

Get you entries in asap, closing date is 22 May at 5pm. To find out "How to Enter", go to [www.bentart.com.au](http://www.bentart.com.au)

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## 9. Helping Bent Art

If you can assist us with setting up the exhibition on Thursday 4 June / Friday morning 5 June, or disassembling the exhibition on the afternoon of Monday 8 June, please contact Linsi Braith on: 0404 061 820 or email [letterart@ozemail.com.au](mailto:letterart@ozemail.com.au).

We encourage you to forward this newsletter to friends and business associates.

If you wish to be added to our e-newsletter mailing list, please send your details to:

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