



Bent Art News

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1. Bent Art Dates & Venue

Bent Art - now in its 5th year - will run from Friday 5 June through to Monday 8 June. The exhibition will be held at the Katoomba Civic Centre, 81 Katoomba Street.

Opening Night is Friday 5 June, from 6:30pm-9:30pm.

2. Bent Art Now Open to All LGBT Artists in New South Wales

All LGBT artists living in New South Wales are eligible to enter work into Bent Art 2009. For information on how to enter go to 'How To Enter' on our website.

3. Bent Art Incorporates

As Bent Art has grown and evolved, a more formal structure and framework has become necessary to manage its activities, and look after artists, sponsors and various supporters.

In January 2009, Bent Art became an incorporated association in the State of New South Wales. As an incorporated body, Bent Art is required to maintain financial records, minutes of all meetings, a membership register, hold member meetings and elect office holders.

Two key benefits currently available to Members are the ability to have a link to your website on our Links page and the same commission level as in previous years (25%) versus a higher commission for non-Members (30%). More Member benefits to follow...

If you're interested in becoming a Member, please go to "About Bent Art / Membership".

4. Our Key Sponsors for 2009

We are delighted to announce our two main sponsors for 2009.

Wall-To-Wall Real Estate is the Major Sponsor of Bent Art 2009

Wentworth Falls Animal Hospital is sponsor of The People's Choice Award 2009.

Wall-To-Wall

In 2007, Barb Wall and her partner, Catherine Cooper-Norwood, had the vision and acumen to seize the opportunity to offer a genuinely independent real estate service in the Upper Mountains.

Employing highly targeted marketing strategies, a distinctive logo and visual identity and utilising the power of the internet, Wall-To-Wall has grown into one of the Mountain's premier estate agencies.

In only two short years, the Wall-To-Wall brand has become synonymous with client service, value and quality.

Eschewing the costs and overheads associated with running a retail shop front, Wall-To-Wall represents a new business model in Mountains real estate, connecting and transacting with buyers and sellers via the internet and print media, giving their properties exceptional exposure. This allows Barb, Catherine and their other consultants to focus on delivering personalised client service, and ensures their clients are not paying for unnecessary overheads.

Catherine, in particular, has been a long-time supporter of the arts and LGBT artists, and both Barb and Catherine have a strong commitment to Bent Art.

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Wentworth Falls Animal Hospital

Wentworth Falls Animal Hospital's tagline is "Passionate About Pets" - and they are.

Combining state-of-the art veterinary care and personal attention, the Hospital utilises the latest thinking, practices and technologies (including complementary veterinary healthcare such as acupuncture and natural products), in their treatment of animals.



Passionate About Pets

Located in a fresh modern environment, the Hospital's highly qualified vets and veterinary staff are open, friendly and genuinely concerned about their animal clients.

The Hospital offers routine vet care, 24-hour emergency service, surgery, dentistry, full hospital facilities, in-house laboratory services, vet acupuncture, AQIS accreditation (pet travel) and puppy pre-school.

As testament to their professionalism and dedication, the Hospital was 2007 Winner of the Blue Mountains Business Advantage Awards. The Hospital's owners (Steve and Fiona Gibson and Andrew and Nicky Laws) recognise the value of their LGBT clients and are proud to be associated with Bent Art 2009.

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Other Sponsors

Robert Tinsey Solicitors of Katoomba also joins us as a Sponsor in the specific category awards for painting, photography, sculpture and alternative media.

ROBERT TINSEY
Solicitor, Katoomba

Robert Tinsey is experienced in wills and estate planning, conveyancing & property law, leases, probate, disputes, finance and local government law, and commercial and relationship matters. Gay-owned and operated, Robert Tinsey is accessible, friendly and professional.

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Katoomba Fine Art is our other category sponsor. One of the Upper Mountains premier Galleries, Katoomba Fine Art shows the work of some of Australia's finest landscape painters, sculptors, craftspeople and contemporary artists.



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KATOOMBA FINE ART

Linda Wilson from Wilson Web Studio is our official Bent Art Technology Sponsor. View her work at: www.wilsonwebstudio.com.au or call 0422 970 755.

5. Distinguished Artist to Judge Bent Art 2009

Euan McLeod, a former winner of The Archibald and Sulman Prizes will judge Bent Art in 2009. Euan's work is represented in the National Gallery of Australia, National Gallery of Victoria, New England Regional Art Museum, Wollongong Art Gallery and the New Parliament House Collection.

6. Mountains Creative Support for Bent Art 2009

In taking Bent Art to new heights in 2009, we'd like to thank and acknowledge the creative efforts and generosity of three Blue Mountains designers:

Web designer, Linda Wilson of Wilson Web Studio, who developed and designed the website; Jack Greig of One Direction for designing the official Bent Art 2009 logo and poster; and Andrew Faith of Little Design Studio for designing our online membership and entry forms.

7. Bent Art Management Committee

Key people on the Bent Art 2009 Management Committee are:

President - Pamela Hourani
Vice President - Linsi Braith
Treasurer - Jocelyn Street
Secretary - Michelle Denovan
Marketing & Sponsorship - Dianne Davis.

Other Management Committee members include Reg Upfold, Sheila Annis and Nadège Lamy.

8. Helping Bent Art

Each year, Bent Art relies on artists and friends to assist with the many practical tasks needed over the four-day exhibition.

If you are able to assist in setting up and/or disassembling the exhibition on Thursday 4 June and Monday 8 June respectively, and/or able to spend a few hours on the sales desk over the weekend, please contact Linsi Braith on: 0404 061 820 or email 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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