

APRIL NEWSLETTER

Update on 2011 Exhibition

With just over two months to the 2011 bentART exhibition, it's time to put the dates into your calendar. The exhibition **opening night is on Friday the 10th June** and runs over the Queen's birthday long weekend until Monday 13th June. The exhibition will again be held at the **Wentworth Falls School of Arts , 217-219 GWH Wentworth Falls**, which we found to be a very popular and successful venue last year.

**Opening hours are Fri 6.30 - 9PM; Sat 10 - 5PM
Sun 10 - 5PM and Mon 10 - 4PM**



In anticipation that bentART 2011 will be bigger and better than ever the committee have decided to have the prizes awarded by an expert panel of judges rather than just one judge. The judges will be a gallery owner, artist and academic.

Curation of the exhibition will be undertaken by **Sophie Seeger** and **Jane Canfield**. Sophie, an artist herself, has considerable experience in gallery management and curation. Jane is an artist who works across a range of media and has strong exhibition experience. We are fortunate to have curators with such a combination of skill. Sincere thanks to Sophie and Jane for again donating their time and expertise.

This year entrants and attendees will notice a huge improvement regarding the display of artworks. Professional display stands and lighting will be hired to enable us to represent artist's work in the best possible way.

Finally, opening night is always a lot of fun. It is a great opportunity to catch up with friends as well as see some wonderful artwork by the GLBT community. This year the wine will flow thanks to the generosity of Rolling Wines from Orange and delicious food will be provided by the catering services of Richard Moon.

For all artists this year, there is good news concerning entries. Due to the generous support of our sponsors the **prize money is now \$5900**.



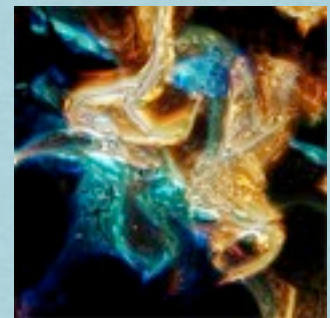
*opening night friday 10th june
6.30 - 9.00 PM*

bentART Catagories and Prize Money

- ★ Bent Art Prize \$1500
- ★ Runner Up \$600
- ★ Peoples Choice \$500
- ★ Painting \$500
- ★ Highly Commended Painting \$100
- ★ Highly Commended Print-making or Drawing \$100
- ★ Highly Commended Sculpture \$100
- ★ Print-making or Drawing \$500
- ★ Sculpture \$500
- ★ Photography \$500
- ★ Alternative Media \$500
- ★ Highly Commended Photography \$100
- ★ Highly Commended Alternative Media \$100
- ★ New Entrant \$300



some of last years winners



opening night 2010



Don't Forget!

bentART Exhibition 2011



Call for Artists

Annual Gay & Lesbian art exhibition
held on June Long Weekend in the Blue Mountains

Visit www.bentart.com.au for details



"Whorl" – Peter Williamson
bentART winner 2010



"Becoming Visible" - Michael Burge
bentART winner 2009



some 2010 entrants



Sponsorship Update

Platinum

Many thanks to our platinum sponsors this year. bentART has received wonderful community support from local and regional organisations.



The Alex is a most unusual combination of casual and old Leura dining. Amidst pool tables and rock & roll, the bar serves up whopping burgers and fries. In the original and more formal dining room looking out across Jamison Valley, a spicy Thai Beef Salad and other international dishes are featured on the menu.

This is a great spot for friends to meet for a meal and drink and enjoy the outdoor patio overlooking Leura. Reasonable cost accommodation is also available.

The Alex Hotel in Leura has a history of support to the gay community. It has hosted regular GLBT Friday evening drinks and dinners for some years now.

Visit **The Alex at 62 Great Western Highway (just metres beyond The Mall) or call on (02) 4782 4422 www.alexandrahotel.com.au**



GVX is an independent, Aboriginal owned and operated training company, based in the Blue Mountains, NSW. Anny Druett travels across Australia and provides customised training in Certificate IV in Governance, Cultural Capability, Workplace Communications and other areas on request.

Anny's life and business partner Ruth le Cheminant (also a gifted abstract artist) keeps the GVX office ticking over as Office Manager and delivers first class administrative support to GVX clients and suppliers. Ruth maintains the company books for tax, BAS and keeping the "business in the black".

For more information contacted **Anny or Ruth on (02) 4757 2440 or check out their website at www.engagethesystem.com.au**

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For more information, contact Peita Davies on:

Tel: (02) 4751 1360 Mob: 0414 514 202 www.peitaschoice.com.au



nolan on level

Robyn and Terry Nolan's long association and involvement in the arts has led them into their latest venture. The Nolan on Level Gallery, is situated halfway between Katoomba and Leura in the Blue Mountains. Opened in October 2008, it has become known as a centre for top class contemporary art exhibitions, musical evenings and poetry.

The gallery exhibits arresting works in a variety of media including painting, sculpture, ceramics, works on paper and drawing. Open Thursday-Sunday.

Phone Terry or Robyn on 02 4782 6231

www.nolanonlevelgallery.com.au



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Find more details at www.jenolancaves.org.au or call 1300 76 33 11



Passionate About Pets

Wentworth Falls Animal Hospital's tagline is "Passionate About Pets" and by combining the latest practice and technologies with friendly, personal and caring service, they care for your pets as much as you do. The Hospital's owners (Steve and Fiona Gibson and Andrew and Nicky Laws) recognise the value of their GLBT clients and are proud once again to be associated with bentART as Silver sponsors.

Find more details at www.wentworthfallsvet.com.au or call on 02 4757 3255



Harmony at Home in Blackheath is extremely happy to support bentART in 2011. We offer an eclectic range of home-wares including Maxwell and Williams, Scanpan, Chasseur and Ikou candles with gorgeous aromas and energy throughout. There is also a substantial range of products for aspiring or competent cook in the kitchen at home.

Being a member of the GLBT community, Jock Ferguson provides a warm and surprising atmosphere at **30 Govetts Leap Road Blackheath**. Come in and experience the 'hush of peace's Harmony at Home.

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self contained accommodation
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Getting away is one of the most provocative terms in the world. It implies so many things, to so many different people.

Getting away can mean not thinking about your job, your day to day living schedule, leaving your children or pets behind (or taking them along with you, so they can get away, too).

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For holiday house owners GetawayHouses offers a complete operating package, marketing, bookings, cleaning, guest support, property maintenance. GetawayHouses provides "peace of mind" for the holiday house owner. www.getawayhouses.com.au.



Klipt Kanine

Linc from Klipt Kanines is excited once again to support bentART in 2011 as a Silver Sponsor. Klipt Kanines is your one-stop grooming shop, they can take care of your Kanines needs whether you're after a basic wash and dry or all the way to the perfect poodle klip. As a member of the GLBT community Linc knows how important your furry kids are and look forward to lavishing the same amount of love and attention on your Kanines as his own poodles get at home. For more details or to make a booking, **call Linc on 0416 305 425**



Established in 2007, Blue Mountains Limousine aims to fill a gaping void in both the luxury touring and hire car market for an ever-increasing number of tourists visiting our world-heritage listed wilderness area and locals alike.

Our current model luxury Statesman and 6 passenger luxury Mercedes Benz limousines ensures levels of comfort and style not available in the Blue Mountains until now. Our extensive local knowledge of the Blue Mountains and surrounding regions is yours for the taking.

Please contact us for your next special occasion, wedding, luxury tour or simply an outstanding and punctual transfer to or from the airport in the comfort and style you deserve. The level of service and value you receive will exceed your expectations.

www.bluemountainlimo.com.au

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By putting the customer at the centre of everything we do, engaging our customers through brands they know and trust, and focusing on the key elements of customer advocacy, we believe we will realise our vision to be one of the world's great companies, helping our customers, communities and people to prosper and grow. **Westpac Leura Branch**
137 The Mall Leura

ROBERT TINSEY Pty Ltd

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The Conservation Hut

The Conservation Hut is located in the magnificent World Heritage Blue Mountains National Park, NSW, Australia. Opening in 1993 as a cafe it replaced the old Hut which opened in 1963 and was originally used as a meeting place for members of the conservation movement.

The Conservation Hut is open 7 days a week and offers a wide range of dishes from light snacks to full meals.

Overlooking the stunning Jamison Valley you can dine on our verandah all year round and in winter come inside to enjoy our warm open fire.

For bookings: Ph: (02) 4757 3827 Fx: (02) 4757 3870

www.conservationhut.com.au

Hospitality Sponsor



bentART once again welcomes the Rolling Wines (from Cumulus Wines of the Orange region) as its hospitality sponsor for 2011. Rolling Wines will provide the wines for bentART's opening night.

A choice of wines from the Rolling range will be available with **Rolling Pink** again being the highlight of the wines showcased. With this wine, the Rolling team have handcrafted a wine in keeping with their bright, fruit-driven style and created one of the freshest and newest rosés in the market.

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.

Find more details at www.cumuluswines.com.au/our_wines/rolling

Membership Renewal

Finally, a note about membership renewal. The renewal period is now set to begin just before each new exhibition. Membership is open for renewal from the middle of May. The membership period will run from 1st June 2011 to 31st May 2012. We have also extended the membership options available to either a single year (\$10) or a three year period (\$25).

Go to www.bentart.com.au for all membership renewal details.

bentART is pleased to be associated with pinkFEST in the Blue Mountains.

Go to www.pinkmountains.com.au for more information about pinkFEST activities and events over the June long weekend.