

mainstreet GALLERY newsletter



Philippa Stewart-Hall and some of her supporters at the opening event...

Photos from the opening - 'Natural Selection' exhibition - Feb 2010

Philippa Stewart-Hall, the international Award-Winning Artist is now here in Montville...

Our current exhibition newly opened in mid January, 'Natural Selection', featuring fine "plant portraits" from (now local) artist Philippa, has created a bit of a stir...

The artist has been known for large metaphysical abstract works, and exquisite miniatures, prior to engaging in this 'exploration' of the natural world, now on show here, are 24 fascinating contemporary works of art, created over approximately 2 years.

They are intimate portraits, of plants, insects, even a bird, and many butterflies and bees feature, brought to life by the artist in her work.

Known as her "dead friends" collected, donated, or just coincidental arrivals into her studio, she studies the bugs and other friends in minute detail, and adds them to punctuate and accentuate the glory of these natural plant studies.

The plants, all at 1 to 1 scale, are represented as true to life, with an unerring attention to detail and faithful colour representation. This is work only possible in the spring and summer growing and flowering season, since all her subjects have to "sit" for

these portraits in the studio, for as long as they take to create!

Each plant has only one moment of glory, the artist choosing never to recreate more than one watercolour or drawing of each specimen. The titles of works also has brought a smile or two - whimsical and delightful - as is the artist!

The exhibition has been a great local hit with our regular visitors, and attracted much interest from further afield. We have had much media interest, with full page features appearing in the Sunday Mail and Sunshine Coast Daily ESP magazine recently.

The artist is again gracing the gallery with her enthusiastic presence on Saturday 13th February for another "Meet the Artist" opportunity... don't miss her or her stunning works - here from 11 am to 1 pm Saturday 13th Feb - exhibition closes 21st Feb.



Coming soon...

Stock-room Selection

Paintings by our regular & new contemporary artists - here during March 2010

Check our NEW Website for further details & to pre-view works

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