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'Somewhere in time'

Following the short COVID lock-down enforced closure in July, the Top of the Torrens Community Gallery in Birdwood is delighted to have its doors open once again, just in time to participate in the 2021 SALA festival.

Working to the theme of 'Somewhere in Time', 35 Gallery Members have assembled a diverse range of creations for the SALA festival, once again expertly staged by Curator Annette Dawson and her helpers, team o f encompassing paintings and wall art in all media, including, oils, acrylics, pastels, watercolours, photography and pencil drawings, glassware, pottery pieces, metal sculpture and



"Somewhere in Time" from a composite photographic piece by Willem Versteegh.

woodwork (both functional and decorative), textiles, knits, lego-art, paper

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"Why wish upon a star when you can pray to the one who created it?" The Old Testament prophet, Daniel (chapter 12:3), speaks of the symbolism of stars, saying "And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever." In Revelation 16:22 Jesus proclaims: "...I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star."

The Catholic Exchange website offers the following insight: 'The morning star, which is actually the planet Venus, derives its name from the fact that it appears before sunrise. Its appearance therefore heralds the coming of a new day while it is still dark. This is exactly what Christ does. He is the light shining in the darkness, announcing the coming kingdom of God while the world still groans under the curse of the Fall. He is the first to be resurrected – the 'firstborn of the dead' as Colossians

1:18 puts it.'

The Windows to the Universe website explains: 'From Earth, Venus can appear up to 47 degrees away from the Sun. During these times, when it rises or sets a few hours before or after the Sun, it can be seen just before sunrise or just after sunset as a bright morning or evening star. At these times, Venus is up to 15 times brighter than the brightest star, Sirius, and can even cast shadows.'

The Space Facts website explains the physical properties of stars according to current knowledge: 'Stars are luminous spheres made of plasma - a superheated gas threaded with a magnetic field. They are made mostly of hydrogen, which stars fuse in their cores. That process releases energy, which pushes against the weight of the outer layers of the star and keeps it stable. The energy is also released as heat and light, which are radiated out to space.

The Bible tells us in Genesis 1:16-18 "God made two great lights – the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars... And God saw that it was good."

As we learn more about the intricate ecological balance in the world in which we live, the intricacy of living organisms as well as the precise movements and content of stars, we may rightly conclude there is an intelligent design behind it all and that God created all things. We believe that God has made it possible for every individual to have a relationship with Him through a life-giving, redemptive faith in Jesus Christ. Psalm 73:25-26 joyfully exclaims, "Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever." We believe God created all things and that we matter to Him.



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CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY

Woodside CWA and **The Australian Lions** Hearing Dogs.



...Thank the local community for their patronage at the recent 75th Woodside CWA Branch birthday, combined with a fund-raiser for the Hearing Dogs at Verdun.

A splendid Devonshire Cream Tea went down very well and a talk given by Belinda and Bella the ALHD from about the work of the hearing dogs was very interesting.

We were pleased to see Smithers the 18 month old Tenterfield Terrier (and named after a retired treasurer Graham

Smithers!) put through his paces.

A 75th birthday cake (made by president Mo Johnson) was proudly cut by Mrs Gwen Turner (pictured left), member for the Woodside Branch and longest continuous member of the SACWA who has clocked up 71 years as a member of the organisation.

The community will be pleased to know that we raised \$1.446.25 in just 2 hours and a big thank-you goes to everyone for coming along and supporting the hearing dogs!

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It's Magpie Breeding Season



Magpies singing at night and building nests means three things: spring is near, breeding is happening and magpie swooping season will surely follow!

Department for Environment and Water (DEW) Principal Ecologist, Dr Karl Hillyard said magpies usually breed between August and October with females typically laying between three and five eggs in early to mid-August and will sit on them for three weeks until they hatch.

"Some male magpies defend their nests from the time the eggs are laid until the young birds are ready to fly,

and they will attack anything they consider to be a threat, from another bird to a dog or a human," Hillvard said.

"Magpies have excellent recall for faces and very long memories, so if you've been swooped before, even if you just look someone they swooped last year, you're likely to get the same treatment again.

"They only defend their nests within about a 100m radius, so the best way to avoid a visit from the black and white bombers is to take a detour around known nest sites if you can.

"They aren't mali-

cious - it's just the natural instinct some magpies to defend their young. It can be hard to remember that when you're being swooped, though.

"Local council's often install signs in areas where swooping is regularly taking place, so keep a look out for them and try to avoid those places for a few weeks if you can.

Dr Hillyard added that magpies weren't the only birds that swooped during spring, but they did have the worst reputation.

The best way to avoid being swooped is to change your route, but if that's not possible, here's some tactics

swooped: Travel in groups as swooping birds usually only target individuals.

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avoid

· Carry an open umbrella above your head.

- Wear sunglasses and a broad-brimmed
- · If you ride a bike, walk it through magpie territory or have a flag on the back of the bike that is higher than your
- Do not act aggressively. If you wave your arms about or shout, the magpies will see you as a threat to the nest - and not just this year, but potentially for years to come.
 - Walk, don't run.
- · Avoid making eve contact with the birds.
- If you know of an area that has swooping magpies, put a sign up to warn passers-by.

"It is also best not to feed swooping magpies as this may only encourage swooping behaviour.

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HILLS **VEGIE SWAP CELEBRATES** 9TH BIRTHDAY

The Hills Harvest Exchange (HHE) will celebrate 9 years of vegie swapping on Saturday, September 4th, and you are invited to come along to join the members in some neighborly sharing.

The vegie swap is an initiative of the Hills Environment Centre in Norton

Summit and is held on the first Saturday of each month from 10 am till noon. Over the past nine years, the HHE has only been cancelled a few times due to fire restrictions and more recently the COVID lock down.

"The fruit fly outbreak meant that the swap could not be



held at our home base in Norton Summit, which is in the seclusion zone, and we are very lucky to be able to hire the Uraidla Institute hall to continue the swap and maintain the strong friendships that have developed over this time," said Val Hunt, Hills Environment Centre Co-

ordinator.

Members bring a variety of fresh seasonal fruit, vegetaflowers and bles, seedlings or homemade preserves and cakes for others to enjoy. They share growing and cooking tips over a cuppa while sampling some of the goodies. Andrew's outstanding

guacamole pected at every swap and this month he will be demonstrating how he makes it.

Non-members are welcome come along to see what a vegie swap is like and to share in the fresh produce. have a cuppa and meet some wonderful people.

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Lobethal Bushland Park lands a masterplan for recovery

Adelaide Hills Council has adopted a masterplan for Lobethal Bushland Park, one of the Council's highest biodiversity value sites.

Almost the entire 120 hectare park and the playground was burnt through in the 2019 Cudlee Creek Bushfire.

"Our Bushfire Recovery Action Plan included development of a masterplan to guide the recovery and sustainable activation of the park," said Mayor Wisdom.

The masterplan was developed with three stages of community engagement involving onsite drop-in sessions, engagement with a community reference group, followed by consultation with the entire community on a draft plan and direct engagement with the Friends of Lobethal Bushland Park and other key stakeholders.

"We heard how important the Park is to so many people and reconfirmed how valuable it is for flora and fauna conservation," said Mayor Wisdom.

"Much of the Park is subject to a natural heritage agreement. The masterplan recommits the Council to managing the park in a way which puts biodiversity first, while allowing appropriate visitor access and use of existing facilities. Visitors can see the outcomes of conservation work by walking the trails throughout the park and at the same time get some exercise."

Recent biodiversity work includes the reintroduction of the Leefy Greenhood Orchid (Pterostylis cucullata) using seedlings grown from seed kept in the Millennium Seed Bank in the United Kingdom.

"Lobethal Bushland Park provides such a great opportunity to partner with other agencies such as the Department for Environment and Water and the South Australian Seed Conservation Centre on biodiversity projects. We're so grateful for their support." "We also rely heavily on the dedication of volunteers through the Friends of Lobethal Bushland Park and Trees for Life's Bush for Life Program. There's no way we could manage the park without them," said Mayor Wisdom.

Rebuilding the playspace at the entry to the park, which sits outside of the natural heritage agreement area, is a Council priority.

Funding comes from a State and Federal Government Local Economic Recovery Program grant (\$150,000), the State Emergency Relief Fund (\$150,000) as well as \$150,000 from Council's own budget.

"The new playspace will provide an ideal starting point for exploring the park. We've had input from the community and used knowledge gained from other playspaces created near conservation areas. The new equipment has a natural but adventure based feel to it and will be enjoyed by younger children and people of all abilities," said Mayor Wisdom.

The playspace is expected to be completed by the end of the year. Existing BBQ, toilet and shelter facilities will be maintained and enhanced in the future to ensure the Park becomes a key visitor site in the central Adelaide Hills



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Calling on Country Volunteers

The Friends of the Women's and Children's Hospital Incorporated (Friends) is seeking new volunteers to support the Women's and Children's Health Network (WCHN).

WCHN CEO, Lindsey Gough, said it's great to see the continuing partnership between the health network and the Friends group.

"This partnership has existed for almost 60 years and we appreciate all the work the Friends do that supports

the purchases of important medical equipment," Ms Gough said.

Friends are recruiting country member volunteers to support its Auxiliaries Division which has 25 regional fundraising groups across South Australia.

Friends Business Manager, Andrew Wade, said the group is in urgent need of volunteers.

"The Auxiliaries Division has raised more than \$4 million for the WCHN in its time which shows just how important these volunteers are," Mr Wade said.

"If you are interested in fundraising for a worthy cause, meeting new friends and supporting the community you live in, connecting with Friends might be just what you need."

The Friends was established in 1993 and over the years, the charity has raised and donated more than \$15 million to the WCHN.

With the help of its volunteers, Friends recently purchased 30 additional hearing audiometers, which have helped to improve the lives of South Australians and reduced the need for regional families to travel to the hospital to have their child's hearing checked.

Call (08) 8161 8445 or visit the Friends' website to learn more about the amazing support Friends provides to the hospital and group locations.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Wednesday, 8th September, 2021 from 5pm. Board Room, Adelaide Hills Business Centre, 82 Onkaparinga Valley Road, WOOD-SIDE.

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"In addition to a fresh presentation of wall art capturing all manner of images, our 3D works are equally diverse, from tiny delicate paper flowers to luxurious nuno-felted silk shawls and a life-sized sculpture of a goat in rusted reclaimed metal! To say that the gallery is awash with a wonderfully diverse array of fabulous artwork is truly an understatement", a gallery spokesperson said.

Gallery member Lyn Stephens has focused on flowers of the medieval era as the inspiration for her 'Somewhere in Time' collection of delicate quilled paper artworks and unique gift cards.

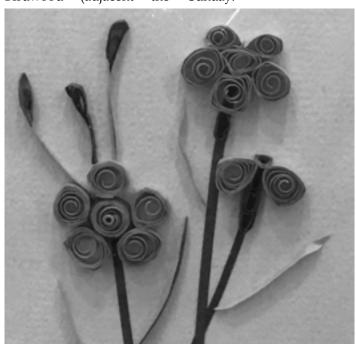
She elaborated on her theme saying "In the 21st Century it's hard for us to appreciate the significance flowers held during the Medieval era.

Flowers were enjoyed in the wild and in gardens for their fragrance and visual impact, they were eaten and added to wine. They featured prominently in festivals, feast days and Holy days. They were used extensively for medication and healing. Many were thought to have special power to protect from plagues, pestilences, and evil spirits.

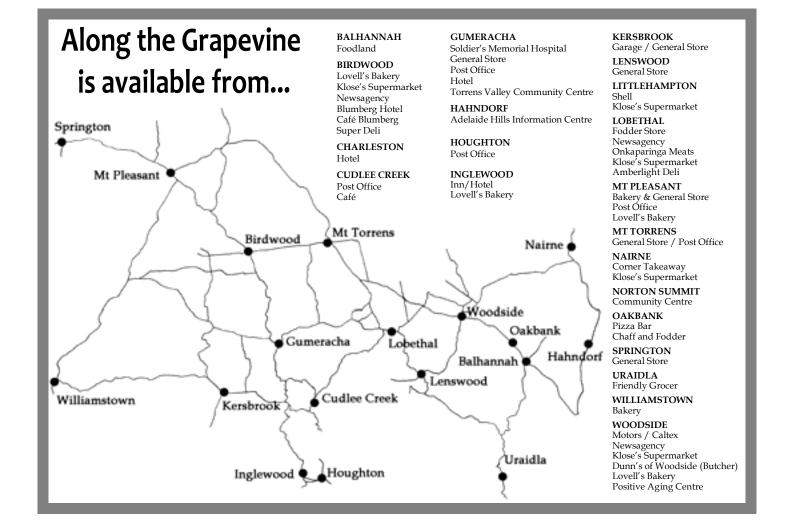
On a very human level, if they hadn't died of cold or starvation during the winter, we can but imagine how the struggling common folk viewed the first flowers of Spring with their promise of warmer days and easier times to come."

The 'Somewhere in Time'

exhibition is on show at Top Of The Torrens Community Gallery, Shannon Street Birdwood (adjacent the Birdwood Motor Museum) until September 26th – Open 11am to 4pm, Wednesday to Sunday.



"Quilled paper flowers" by Lyn Stephens



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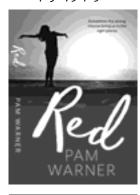


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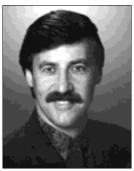
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