



THE ART SPACE

NEWSLETTER

Coming up @theArtSpace

Autumn Members Show: 17th April - 1st June

Earthy Connections: TAFE exhibition 7th - 21st June

Winter Members Show: 23rd June - 2nd August

Register here: <https://artspaceurunga.com/hanging-fees/>

Escape: Selected group show, 4th August - 3rd September

Submit an Expression of Interest here: <https://artspaceurunga.com/expression-of-interest-2/>

Small Sculptures: 7th Sept - 12th October

Adrienne Hmelnitsky's group: 13th Oct - 2nd Nov

Santa Sale: 3rd Nov - 23rd Nov

Core Crew: 24th Nov - 14th Dec

Summer Show: 15th Dec - 28 Jan

As the weather cools and the Autumn Show rapidly draws to a close, the Art Space continues to provide a warm and inviting space for members and visitors. Long time member Cath Fogarty is working with her group of graduating TAFE ceramics students to exhibit their works at the gallery from 7th June in **Earthy Connections**. The students will be involved in the curation of their work, and will supervise their exhibition. The Art Space loves to build connections with emerging artists, so please come along to the opening on Saturday 7th to support this very talented group of graduates.

We have two opportunities for members to exhibit coming up - the **Members Winter Show**, and **Escape**, a selected group show. All members can be a part of the Winter Show; all you have to do is register. To be considered for the selected group show, submit your expression of interest via the website. What does 'escape' mean to you? The interpretation of the theme, as always, is up to the artist. Both forms can be found here:

<https://artspaceurunga.com/exhibitions/>

A reminder that memberships expire at the end of June. Please renew your membership before June 30 – memberships are a vital part of our income, and contribute towards the efficient running of our wonderful gallery. You can renew online here: <https://artspaceurunga.com/memberships/>

TAFE DIPLOMA OF CERAMICS
COFFS HARBOUR

**Opening 7 June
4-6pm**

EARTHY CONNECTIONS

leni alexander
tammie cole
lisa fahey
sophie lien
robyn louise
kristal papagni
sharon swinton
rachael wade

7-21 June 2025
The Art Space
13 Bonville St
Urunga

Artist of the month

SHARRON SYKES

My Dad always had a camera in his hand, and subsequently I was given a small plastic Brownie for my 8th birthday. Years later my husband shared his enjoyment of film photography and we would share a roll or two at different events. From there I progressed to digital.

I've completed workshops of various kinds, on diverse artistic and photography related subjects. Often I go on international photography tours, which combine learning of history and other cultures, with honing my camera craft.

My aim, when standing behind a lens, is to study and contemplate a scene, to capture it in an interesting way so that the scene isn't simply a 'record' image. This also gives the viewer some space for their own imagination to add to the story.

I like to experiment with different in-camera techniques like intentional movement and I have a strong ethic around camera craft as opposed to post production. Studying the work of other photographers to unpack how they create their work is also an important part of my development.

Printing my own photos forms part of delivering my creative vision. Choosing specific paper adds to the feel of an image.

I don't need to be commercially successful to support myself, but I would like to be recognised as a photographer with a unique or interesting vision and also continue to develop my camera craft – cameras are constantly evolving so there's no shortage of opportunity for that!

President's Report

Welcome to the Winter edition of the newsletter (didn't Autumn fly by?).

It was a pleasure in early April to host the youth exhibition We Are the Future and the Future Is Now in the Art Space. The talent on display was truly inspiring, and we're excited to encourage and support these young creatives in maintaining their connection to the gallery.

Following that, our Autumn Members' Show has been a vibrant success and will continue until June 1. What a fabulous exhibition it's been—showcasing the colour, versatility, and talent of our members. I hope sales continue to go strong for you all.

Stage one of our Gift Shop revamp is now complete, with stage two, new shelving and lots of extra space, happening very soon. The newly positioned and beautifully displayed member-made cards look fantastic along the right-hand wall as you enter the gallery. A big thank you to long-time member Geoff McSkimming for volunteering his carpentry skills to bring this to life. Your support is always appreciated, Geoff. Thanks too to Susan Romyn and Chris Fahey for the creative ideas behind the gift shop remodelling.

We've heard some concerns about fairness in the display of cards and gift items, and I want to acknowledge these. As a community gallery, we're committed to supporting all members involved in the Gift Shop. To that end, we'll be developing clear guidelines to ensure transparency and fairness in the display and turnover of members' merchandise.

We're also delighted to welcome Heather Bernstein as our new Treasurer on the Art Space Committee. A heartfelt thank you to Chris Wynne for his support in helping Heather settle into the role. We still have a vacancy for the Secretary position on our committee and would love to fill this role.

At our last Committee meeting, we discussed the idea of holding a social event later this year at the newly revamped Urunga School of Arts Hall. However, with our current Committee working at full capacity, we'll need some extra hands to help make this happen. If you're interested in joining a small social committee to help organise this event, we'd welcome you warmly.

If you're interested in either the Secretary position or joining the social committee, please get in touch by emailing us (artspaceurunga@gmail.com) or via the contact page on the Art Space website: <https://artspaceurunga.com/contact/>. We'd love to hear from you!

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