

JOHN PRATT

BIOGRAPHY

- 1970-72 Bachelor of Arts, Sydney University
1973 Extensive travel in Asia
1975-78 Dip. Ed. (Primary Method) followed by teaching (full time)
1981-87 Diploma of Visual Arts, Canberra School of Art
1982 Co-founded "The Free Milk Workshop" at North Ainslie Primary School (a print workshop funded by the Australia Council)
Part - time art teaching at Campbell Primary School
Organised "Primary Industry", an exhibition funded by Community Arts, Dept of Capital Territory
1983-86 Part - time lecturer at Canberra School of Art
1983 Set design and graphic design with Jigsaw Theatre Company
Organised and led workshop at the Australian National Gallery in conjunction with the exhibition "Art Zoo"
1984 Taught at the Arts Council Summer School
Curated "Early Marks", an exhibition of children's artwork at the Canberra Contemporary Artspace Gallery 3
1985 Travelled in Europe from June - December
1986 Set design and graphic design with Canberra Youth Theatre
Workshop leader in in-service program for teachers focusing on printmaking
1987-96 Lecturer, Foundation Workshop, Canberra School of Art
1988 Assistant Co-ordinator of joint exhibition of artwork by Australian and Japanese children held at Link Gallery
1989-90 Teaching position in Special Education, Dickson College, Yarralumla
Behaviour Management Centre, Quamby Remand Centre
1992 Inservice course for the Riverina Art Teachers Association
1993 Attended Art Educators Conference Print Workshop
Taught at the Winter School of the Arts
Led Studio One Print Workshop
1994 Lecturer, Printmaking workshop, Canberra School of Art
Lecturer, Graphic Investigation Workshop, Canberra School of Art
Workshop leader, Art for Young People, CCE, ANU
1995-97 Lecturer, Printmaking, Graphic Investigation and Foundation Workshops, Canberra School of Art
Lecturer, Design Studies and Visual Arts, Canberra Institute of Technology
Workshop Leader, Printmaking and New Technology, workshop for Art Teachers
1998- Lecturer, Printmedia and Drawing Workshop, ANU School of Art (formerly Canberra School of Art)
Workshop leader, "Picasso's Vollard Suite", Studio One and National Gallery of Australia
Workshop leader, Summer Scholarship Program, National Gallery of Australia
Workshop leader, The Relief Print, Munjawa Aboriginal Co-Operative, Queanbeyan, NSW
Residency at Printmaking Department, Goulburn TAFE, NSW
1999 Workshop Leader, Summer Scholarship Program, National Gallery of Australia
2000 Coordinator and Curator, Student Drawing Award, ANU School of Art
2001 Acting Head of Workshop, Printmedia and Drawing, ANU School of Art
Coordinator and Curator, Student Drawing Award, ANU School of Art
"Making a Mark", on behalf of DADA, Street Theatre Gallery
2003 Curator, "Not Still Life", Street Theatre Gallery
Tutor, Summer Scholarship Program, National Gallery of Australia
2004 Tutor, Summer scholarship Program, National Gallery of Australia
2008 Lecturer/Head of Workshop, Printmedia and Drawing Workshop, School of Art, Australian National University
Curator, 'Floriade' PWP exhibition, ACT Legislative Assembly

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 1985 "Drawings and Collages", Canberra Contemporary Artspace, Gallery 3
1987 "Recent Works", Giles Street Gallery, Canberra

- 1988 "Suspended Figures", Giles Street Gallery, Canberra
1990 "The Climbing Series", Alliance Francais, Canberra
1992 "Recent Drawings", Graphix Gallery, Canberra
1995 "Xylem Drawings", Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra
1996 "Terrain", Beaver Galleries, Canberra
2000 "Stemmed", Beaver Galleries, Canberra
"Drawings", Schloss Haldenstein, Switzerland
2005 "Brace", Beaver Galleries, Canberra
2009 "Pool", Beaver Galleries, Canberra

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 1980 "Canberra Printmakers", Stadia Graphics, Sydney
1981 "Graduate Printmakers", Contemporary Art Society, Adelaide
"Prints in Schools", Print Council of Australia
"Australian Student Printmakers", Gryphon Gallery, Melbourne
"Graduate Printmakers Show", Link Gallery, Canberra Theatre Centre, Canberra
1982 "Primary Industry", joint workshop exhibition
1985 "The Grand Parade", joint exhibition with Franki Sparke
1989 Staff exhibition Canberra School of Art Gallery
"10-1Project", Ben Grady Gallery, Canberra
"500", Robb Street Gallery, Bairnsdale Vic
1990 "Canbrart", ANU Drill Hall Gallery, Canberra
"Sun Smoke and Steel", Studio One Touring Print Exhibition
1991 "Social Images", Gorman House Canberra
1992 "Treed" & "Between the covers", Canberra Contemporary Artspace
"Drawings", Canberra School of Art Gallery
"Compact Art", Ben Grady Gallery, Canberra
1993 "Mongrel", Gorman House, Canberra
"Cloudbusting", Canberra School of Art Gallery
1994 Jacaranda Print Award, Grafton Regional Gallery, NSW
1995 "Lake Isle", Goulbourn Regional Art Gallery, NSW
"Lake Isle", Wagga Wagga Regional Art Gallery, NSW
"Lake Isle", Tweed River Regional Art Gallery, NSW
"Lake Isle", Albury Regional Art Gallery, NSW
"Kite", Robb Street Gallery Bairnsdale, Vic
1996 "A matter of making", Canberra School of Art Gallery
"Canberra Drawing Biennale", Drill Hall Gallery, Canberra
"Fragile Objects", National Library of Australia, Canberra
Fremantle Print Award, Fremantle Arts Centre, WA
1997 "Monga", Photospace, CITA
"Kite", Stanthorpe Regional Gallery, Qld
1998 "Pacific Representations", University of Canberra
"Canberra with a view", Studio One Gallery, Canberra
Jacaranda Drawing Award, Grafton Regional Gallery, NSW
"A Flourishing Ecology", Print Council of Australia, Side Space Gallery, Hobart
1999 "Weerewa", Canberra Museum and Gallery
2001 Hazlehurst Works on Paper Award, Sutherland Regional Art Gallery, Sydney
Fishers Ghost Art Award, Campbelltown Regional Art Gallery, Sydney
2002 "The Sleep of Reason", Canberra Museum and Gallery, Canberra
Muswellbrook Open Art Award, Muswellbrook Regional Art Gallery, NSW
Albury Art Prize, Albury Regional Art Gallery, NSW
"Following the Sun", projection event, Civic Centre, Canberra

- 2003 Whyalla Works on Paper Award, City of Whyalla Art Gallery, SA
Calleen Art Prize, Cowra Regional Art Gallery, NSW
National Works on Paper, Mornington Peninsular Regional Art Gallery, Vic
"The Sleep of Reason", Cowra Regional Art Gallery, Cowra, NSW
"Discrepant", projection event, Civic Precinct, Canberra
"Beam 1", projection event, City Walk, Canberra
- 2004 "Sacred Ground", Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture
"Beam 2", City Walk, Civic Precinct, Canberra
"Beam 3", Front Facade, ANU School of Art, Canberra
- 2005 "The Sleep of Reason 2", Albury Regional Art Gallery, NSW
"Hazelhurst Works on Paper", Hazelhurst Regional Gallery, NSW
CPM Print Award, Murwillumbah Regional Gallery, NSW
"Dwell", projection event, High Court of Australia, Canberra
- 2006 Swan Hill Print Award, Swan Hill Regional Gallery, Vic
"Travel Notes", Cowra Regional Art Gallery, NSW
"Domain", projection event, Canberra CBD
- 2007 Fremantle Print Award, Fremantle Arts Centre, WA
Hazelhurst Works on Paper Award, Hazelhurst Regional Gallery, NSW
Calleen Art Prize, Cowra Regional Art Gallery, NSW
Phoenix Art Prize, ANU School of Art Gallery, Canberra
"Caring for Land", Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra
Festival of Contemporary Art, projections National Library of Australia & Civic, Canberra
"Domain", projection event, Canberra CBD
- 2008 "Barometer", Canberra Glassworks, Canberra
"Vivid", projection event, National Library of Australia, Canberra
- 2009 Burnie Print Prize, Burnie Regional Gallery, Tas
Sanbao International Print Exhibition, Shanxi College of Fine Art, China

AWARDS / COMMISSIONS

- 1992 Canberra Critics Circle Visual Arts Award
1993 Department of Environment Artist in Schools Grant
1994 "Jacaranda Drawing Award", Grafton Regional Gallery
Print Council of Australia Member print Commission
- 1996 "Fremantle Print Award", Fremantle Arts Centre
Print Council of Australia Member Print Commission
Botanical drawings commissioned by the Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra
- 1997 Illustrations commissioned by the Department of Parks and Conservation Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve and Canberra Nature Park, Canberra
Botanical drawings commissioned by the Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra
- 1998 "Jacaranda Drawing Award", Grafton Regional Gallery
Botanical drawings commissioned by the Department of Parks and Conservation, Canberra
Botanical drawings commissioned by the Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra
- 2002 Canberra Critics Circle Visual Arts Award
2003 Quick Response Grant, ARTSact
2004 Cutting Edge Grant, ARTSact and Megalo Access Arts
2006 Print Council of Australia Member Print Commission

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- 1992 "Drawing '92", Catalogue essay, CSA Gallery, Canberra
1993 "Cloudbusting", Catalogue essay, Gordon Bull, CSA Gallery, Canberra
1995 "Lake Isle", Catalogue essay, Jennifer Lamb, Goulburn Regional Gallery, NSW
1996 "Diverse works that blur boundaries", Sasha Grishin, *The Canberra Times*, 16 November



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- "First Canberra Drawing Biennale", Catalogue Essay, Sasha Grishin
"Australian Printmakers in the 1990's", Sasha Grishin, Craftsman House
"Artist is not seduced", Sasha Grishin, *The Canberra Times*, 26 June
1998 "Relief Printmaking", Ann Westley, A&C Black Publishing
2000 "First Thoughts, drawing as a working process", Catalogue essay, student drawing award EABS
"New sophistication and profound pathos in printmaker's work", Sasha Grishin, *The Canberra Times*, 31 July
2002 "Trancendence and Gritty Realities", Sasha Grishin, *The Canberra Times*, 13 May
2003 "A Pile of Hair", collaborative work with Julian Davies, Finlay Press
2004 "Artists share their perceptions", Sonia Barron, *The Canberra Times*, 12 June
2005 "Inhabiting uninhabited space", Sasha Grishin, *The Canberra Times*, 23 March

COLLECTIONS

National Gallery of Australia; Australian National University; Canberra Museum & Gallery; Canberra School of Art Collection; University of Canberra collection; State Library of NSW; Queensland Art Gallery; Print Council of Australia; Canson Australia Pty Ltd; KPMG; Ipswich Regional Art Gallery Old; Lawrence Wilson Art Gallery; University of WA; Sydney College of the Arts; Campbelltown Regional Gallery NSW; Fremantle Art Centre ,WA ; Central Queensland University; Latrobe University Art Gallery, Vic, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane; Albury Regional Gallery, NSW