

Friday March 18, 2011

Free workshops for Aboriginal artists

Arts OutWest announces a series of free visual art workshops especially for Aboriginal artists of the Central West. The first workshop will be held in Parkes over three days from March 31.

The workshops are open to all Aboriginal visual artists in the region and will be a combination of art making alongside skills for selling your work on the professional market.

The sessions are part of a large regional Aboriginal arts program that will culminate in a community gathering, performance and exhibition in Bathurst in July.

Workshop facilitator Sean Cassidy says the three day visual arts workshops will have an informal feel but address important skills for Aboriginal artists wanting to take their work to the next level:

“Whilst working on art making techniques we’ll also look at topics like choosing good materials to work with, how to approach galleries, pricing your work and commissions. I’m also keen to help participants gain confidence in talking about their artwork, bringing the story or meaning out when explaining it to others.”

There will also be short a session by Scott Turnbull, Aboriginal Economic Development Officer at the Business Enterprise Centre, on business development for artists.

Artists are asked to bring along their current work and materials. Some materials will also be supplied by Arts Outwest.

“The workshops will run across three days and we hope as many artists as possible from across the region can come along,” says Cassidy “but if people can only make one or two days that will be fine too.”

The visual arts workshops will be held in Parkes March 31 to April 2 followed by Cowra and Dubbo in early May.

Dance and film making workshops will also be held as part of the regional program. Aboriginal dance workshops will happen in Wellington, Bathurst, Lake Cargelligo and Condobolin. Desert Pea Media will run film making and hip hop music workshops in Orange, Condobolin and Wellington.

All workshops are free but bookings are encouraged. Contact Arts OutWest on 6338 4657 to book or if you need assistance travelling to a workshop.

The workshops and regional event have been funded by the NSW Government through Arts NSW. It forms part of Arts OutWest’s Aboriginal Arts strategy, a program funded by the federal government through the Office for the Arts’ Indigenous Programs.

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Dates and venues of workshops listed on following page



Aboriginal Arts Visual Arts Workshops

Workshop 1: PARKES

When: Thursday March 31, Friday April 1, Saturday April 2
Time: 10am-3pm
Venue: Coventry Room, Parkes Shire Council, 2 Cecile Street PARKES

Workshop 2: COWRA

When: Monday May 2, Tuesday May 3, Wednesday May 4
Time: 10am-3pm
Venue: Wesley Centre Hall, Cowra Uniting Church, Kendal Street COWRA

Workshop 3: DUBBO

When: Thursday May 5, Friday May 6, Saturday May 7
Time: 10am-3pm
Venue: Dubbo Lands Council, Darling Street DUBBO

Cost: FREE
Supplied: Morning and afternoon tea, lunch, some art materials
Bring: Examples of your work, work in progress, favourite materials
Bookings: Arts OutWest Phone 6338 4657 Email artsoutwest@csu.edu.au
Travel: Participants from across the region encouraged to attend.
If you need assistance with transport let us know.

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