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bentART 2017 Memberships are now open!

bentART 2017

bentArt, Australia's premier LGBTI visual arts exhibition and is a celebration of visual artists in Australia who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or intersex.

bentART 2017 will be held at Wentworth Falls School of Arts in the Blue Mountains Friday 9 June – Monday 12 June, 2017.

bentART Committee

Due to personal reasons, Sue Lightfoot has decided to step down from the Committee this year, but Sue will continue to be an active volunteer for the actual exhibition. Huge thanks are extended to Sue for all her hard work on the Committee over the last few years. Your dedication and experience have been invaluable.

In the bentART Committee meeting held on 22 January 2017, Jonathan Llewellyn was nominated as the new Vice President and even though he is a very busy person, has graciously accepted the position.

Your 2017 bentART committee is:

Juls McWhirter	President
Jonathan Llewellyn	Vice President
Jo Hibbert	Treasurer
Pamela Briant	Secretary
Karen Blomfield	Ordinary Member
Regine Wagner	Ordinary Member
Christine Thompson	Ordinary Member

Volunteers – We need you!

bentART wouldn't be able to go ahead without the generous help of our volunteers over the long weekend. If you have a few hours available over the weekend to help with the hanging, opening night or availability over the weekend, we would love to hear from you. Please provide your willingness and availability to Christine at christinesmillinery@gmail.com

bentART 2017 Important dates

It is only 6 weeks until bentART 2017 entries open on 20 March, so get those creative juices flowing and mark these dates in your calendar:

- 20 March Entries Open
- * 15 May Entries Close
- * 7th June Drop off artwork to Wentworth Falls School of Arts
- * 8th June Hanging of artworks (volunteers needed)
- * 9th June Opening Night (volunteers needed)
- 12th June Pick up artworks

2017 Membership

Membership for the bentART 2017 exhibition is now open and remains at \$10 per annum. Membership runs from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017. You can fill in your online membership form now at:

<http://bentart.com.au/about-bent-art/membership/>

bentART 2017 Judges

We are thrilled to announce the 2017 bentART exhibition judges.

- Liz Ashburn: OAM, Emeritus Professor University of NSW and Conjoint Professor at University of Newcastle.
- David Rex-Livingstone: Director, Rex-Livingston Art + Objects, Katoomba.

We are very fortunate to have Liz and David's calibre of knowledge and experience in the arts to judge the exhibition for us this year.

bentART 2017 Curators

We are extremely excited to announce that this year we have two young curators who will collaboratively bring us this year's exhibition.

* Cara Lopez who has recently completed her Masters of Curating and Cultural Leadership at University of NSW as well as being a practising curator and artist, and

* Amelia Tracey who completed a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) at University of Sydney College of the Arts, and is also a practising artist.

bentART 2017 Sponsors

We are currently finalising our 2017 sponsors and are very pleased that we have already received confirmation from one of our long-term major sponsor, the Bendigo Bank. This year we are also deliciously excited that FED Wentworth Falls has offered to be a major sponsor and will doing our catering on opening night. Thanks also to:

- Wentworth Falls Animal Hospital
- The Three Sisters Social Group Inc.
- Dr Madhu Tamarasan
- Klipt Kanines
- Hope Tree Framing

All of whom are long time sponsors of bentART and continue to be so in 2017.

We are pleased to announce that Elizabeth Whitby from Artful Coaching is sponsoring a new prize this year of three creative coaching sessions.

Keep an eye out for detail of more of our wonderful 2017 sponsors as we finalise the details with them. Details will be coming very soon on social media, advertising material, etc. over the coming weeks. Wherever possible, give our sponsors your business and mention bentART when you visit them.

Stage Design

Are there any arty types out there – nudge, nudge, wink, wink.... Who have a burning desire to decorate the stage this year? We have an idea but need someone to bring it to life for us. Contact Juls at presidentbentart@gmail.com for further details.

Prize Categories

Keep an eye out for details of the prize categories for this year's exhibition.

Website and Email Glitches

Last year we experienced some issues with the info@bentart.com.au email address and the "contact us" form on the bentART website. If you experience any problems this year or don't receive a response from us, please send an email to secretary.bentart@gmail.com or presidentbentart@gmail.com and we will get right back to you.

Mailing List

We don't want you to miss a thing!, It would be extremely helpful if you could take a few seconds to update your contact details when you receive this email. Just scroll to the bottom where it says "update your preferences" and add any information that is missing. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

bentART 2017 Promotional Image

We love the subtlety of this year's advertising image below - we hope you'll like it too! You'll be seeing it quite a lot over the next few months.



Don't forget to like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram. And visit our updated website.

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https://instagram.com/bent_art/

<http://bentart.com.au/>

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