



Toowoomba Society News
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Merry Christmas



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Welcome to ADFAS Toowoomba news, the last for 2019

Looking Back

The ADFAS series of lectures on cultural and artistic topics for 2019 ended with Marilyn Elm's presentation on the works of Brazilian landscape designer, Roberto Burle Marx. Many of his design concepts were familiar to us, so too were the plants from the forests of Brazil which grow particularly well in sub-tropical parts of Australia.

This year we ventured far from the traditional artistic haunts of Europe into the vast cultural and artistic legacy of Central and South America.

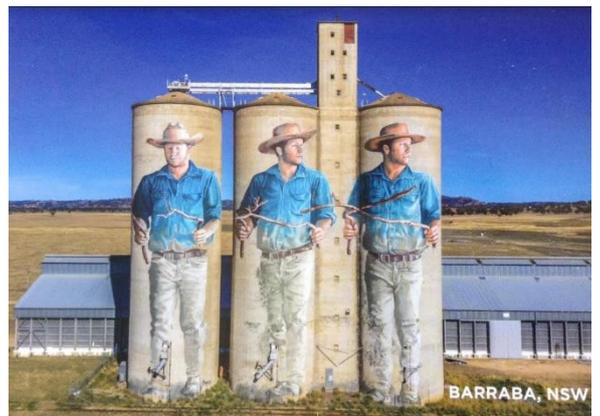
If the giant geoglyphs of the Atacama Desert in Chile (Lecture 2) and the pyramid structures of the Maya in Mexico (Lecture 4) were meant to be viewed from a distance, then perhaps the present-day Australian equivalent is an art form that **MUST** be viewed from a distance and has become synonymous with country towns - Silo Art.

Silo Art



Guido van Helten's large-scale portraits of country men and women are part of a volume of work that stretches around the globe. Do take a look at the wonderful photographs and read the article on page 23 of your copy of ArtLife.

In the same ilk, Finton Magee is another artist finding fame both here and overseas for large murals, street paintings and silo art. You may be familiar with his blue elephant sprouting a tree, decorating the wall at 501 Ruthven Street diagonally opposite the Art Gallery. The silos on the outskirts of Barraba in NSW were painted by Finton in early 2019 and depict a water-diviner. (Barraba has been in drought for many years.)



AGM and Christmas Party

The last event on the ADFAS calendar for 2019 is the AGM/Christmas Party on Thursday 28 November at 6pm, 3rd Floor, Toowoomba City Library. It will be a chance to mingle, chat, enjoy festive food and reflect on the year's activities. Choir members of Women in Harmony will once again entertain us. Your guest can attend free of charge on this occasion.



Don't forget that this is the night that the RAFFLE is drawn so bring your ticket stubs along. The proceeds from the sales of tickets go towards our Young Arts program. Next year we expect that a donation system at the time of renewing or taking out a new membership will replace the raffle. But for now, here is a reminder of the great prizes:

1. A 'Basket of Goodies' Special thanks to Wendy Allan of MTA (Mobile Travel Agents)
2. \$100 voucher for the purchase of goods from Boaz Asian Food (Ridgeway Shopping Centre).
3. 6 bottles of very special ADFAS 30th Anniversary Shiraz wine. Special thanks to Susan Powne.

A big thank you to those who contributed the prizes so generously.

Annual General Meeting

The current crop of Committee members must stand down according to the rules as they have served three years. If you are able to assist a Committee member please let Taisoo know. Your Society will need the following:

Chairman
Vice-chairman
Treasurer
Newsletter Editor
Social media Co-ordinator
Program brochure Producer
Membership Promoter
Catering Co-ordinator
Technical Assistant
Hosts for Speakers

If you would like more information about the tasks involved with each position, please ring

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Apologies, please phone Susan Powne 0408 458 745

A Message from Sandra Musgrave

I was fortunate enough to be taken to an ADFAS Toowoomba lecture evening not long after I moved to Toowoomba. Since then I have continued membership over fourteen years and have never experienced a mediocre presentation or uninteresting topic. The quality of lecturers is faultless.

Having served on the Committee for three years, I was aware of the effort our members make to provide the best speakers and to make the evenings an informative, sociable and enjoyable experience, with excellent suppers, prepared by our own members, following each lecture.

The time spent on the Committee gave me the opportunity to get to know each member, which, in turn led to long-term and valued friendships. Over the years, Committee members have worked together to continue maintaining ADFAS Toowoomba as a top quality organisation. I have had the honour of witnessing the terms of five Chairpersons, each a woman of dedication and ability.

I would like to congratulate all members of the Committee over the years. Without the involvement of these people ADFAS Toowoomba would not have been able to continue giving so much to our community.

It is with sadness that I must leave this unique organisation to join my family in America. I doubt there will be anything in America to equal the cultural gift of ADFAS.

Wishing all members many years of success.

Hosting Speakers

Are you interested in hosting our speakers while they are in Toowoomba, or perhaps you would prefer to be on a stand-by basis? It is a most enjoyable chore as you meet the most interesting people. If you are the host, your partner can come along FREE for that particular evening.

We still require hosts for the **28 May, 24 September and 22 October** lectures.

Please contact the Secretary Susan Powne for a copy of 'Guidelines for Home Hosting of Lecturers' issued by ADFAS and/or to record your interest. susanpowne@bigpond.com

2020 Programme Brochure

Next year's Programme Brochure will be printed once we have the new Office Bearers in place. Then the brochures will be mailed out to Members so you can peruse the selection of speakers and topics for next year. You won't be disappointed!

Paul Atterbury from Antiques Roadshow is returning.

Nora Heysen (the daughter of Hans Heysen) will feature as one of only three women war artists from World War 11.

Then there are jazz musicians who changed American music forever.

Also, Stephanie Keys, Toowoomba architect and Heritage Consultant will speak on a subject dear to your hearts.

Remember - nine wonderful presentations on cultural topics as diverse as the beguiling art of book-binding, the Australian Impressionist artist who lived on an island off the coast of France, and the city that was purposely built to announce to Western Europe that the Russians had arrived!

Suppers

Consider volunteering to produce sandwiches or other goodies for supper after the lectures next year. Only one task is required, recipes are provided or suggested and the Society pays for ingredients by reimbursement. Prepared food is ideally delivered as soon as possible after 5pm on the lecture night. Some existing caterers have participated for many years and deserve to be relieved if they wish. Speak to or telephone Meredith White 0429 996 635

Rogues Gallery



*Marilyn Elm
and
Sandra Sorenson*



*Diane and Mike Arnold
and
Chris Flemming*



*Heather McLean
Marilyn Elm
And
Pauline Gordon*



*Pam Kurstjens
Bernard Reinhardt
and
Alana Johnson*