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Welcome to our May newsletter In June– time flies not just when your having fun but when you are working hard, as we have been doing and now that our current exhibition is up we can stop for a short breather as it continues

MINMA – Contemporary Women’s paintings from Mt Liebig continues until 26 June



If you were in attendance on opening night last Friday evening 10th June, you will have experienced the special occasion of Wentja Morgan Napaltjarri ‘singing’ her Blue Tongue Lizard painting story (see above).

Not only is seeing such a performance a priveledge for those of us living in the city, it is a very important educational and cultural experience.

Having baby Lincoln, Wentja’s great grandson present was also a treat – and it was a real family affair with Violet , Wentja’s daughter-in-law caring for him. We saw sheer delight in Lincoln’s first beach visit - digging his feet into white, not red, sand while staring wide-eyed at the surrounding seagulls.



The show continues until Sunday 26th June open 11-5 daily, and can be viewed online at our website www.artitja.com.au if you can’t get along.

Although it features Women’s paintings from Mt Liebig, we did sneak in a Bill Whiskey Tjapaltjarri painting in, because its hard not to do so when showing paintings from the Mt Liebig community!

(L) Bill Whiskey Tjapaltjarri
151x40cm

DECKCHAIR THEATRE AUCTION – Artitja donates

Arthur and I and Artitja Fine Art were delighted to assist Deckchair Theatre with their fundraising efforts at this years Annual Great Deckchair Art Auction by donating two deckchair canvases - one by Kukula McDonald who paints the red-tailed black cockatoo flying over the ranges in Papunya, and the other by celebrated Utopia artist Gloria Petyarre.



This years theme for the deckchairs was ‘travel’, and as Kukula represents her birds travelling across the land we thought her painting would be perfect.

Kukula felt a little challenged painting a vertical landscape for the first time, however with assistance from her art centre coordinator at Bindi Inc, the human rights organisation based in Alice Springs through which Kukula works, the result was stunning.

From Gloria we requested her Mountain Devil Lizard design (which has always been my favourite), particularly as I remember Gloria describing to us the small lizard’s journey “*round and round and round that country, long way*”. Below is a photograph of Arthur and myself with Gloria Petyarre in front of the donated deckchair canvas.

The auction was held Saturday 11th June.



MELVILLE ISLAND ARTISTS... October exhibition

Artitja Fine Art is delighted to be representing artists from Melville Island in the Northern Territory who will be exhibiting at our October exhibition. The first of these ochre works have arrived and they are available for viewing. Prominent artists such as Jean Baptiste Aputimi as well as upcoming artist Justin Puruntatameri will be featured. These paintings are available now:



Top L-R: Jean Baptiste Aputimi 120x80cm Ochre on Linen, Justin Puruntatameri 90x70cm Ochre on Linen BELOW: Karina Joyce Coombes 120x80cm Ochre on Linen. Prices by enquiry.

JANINE MCAULLAY BOTT fishtrap light fittings in SCOOP Art&Home magazine

In our last newsletter we mentioned Janine’s commission for three, one metre long fish traps to be used as light fittings in an architecturally designed eco sustainable house in Subiaco.

In the current Winter edition of SCOOP Home and Art (formerly INSITE magazine) the house, including Janines weaves are featured..



Janine is happy to discuss ideas you may have for commissioning a piece or pieces of her work for your own home. Certainly her weaves are very unique and exclusive. Enquiries to Artitja, info@artitja.com.au .

WEBSITE ADDITIONS – www.artitja.com.au

As new works come in we put them on our website, so please keep checking as it is a changeable feast.



ARTITJA NOW ON FACEBOOK

We have now set up a facebook page, and invite you to become our friend.

That's it for this issue. Remember, if you haven't been to MINMA yet, its open daily 11-5 until Sunday 26th.

If you wish to view the exhibition online you can do at www.artitja.com.au , go to the current exhibitions link.

Or if you would like to make an appointment to view the rest of our collection at our home gallery, please call 9336 7787 or 0418 900 954, or simply email info@artitja.com.au

We hope you enjoyed reading this newsletter and we look forward to seeing you soon.

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