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Welcome to our August newsletter – the last one was months' late and this one is months' early. There is just so much to report since our highly successful DESERT COLOURS show which truly did inspire many and we would like to thank those of you who attended the exhibition, particularly the opening which was held on one of the very few wet wintery nights that we have had in what is turning out to be the driest Perth winter on record!



Opening night – Arthur wearing his beanie from the Alice Beanie Festival. Beanies were on display.



ARTITJA HOME SHOW – 4th and 5th September

Its been a while since our last *Home Show* so we are happy to let you know that we will be opening our home gallery on the weekend of Saturday and Sunday 4th and 5th September. Look out for your invitation which should arrive in a few days time – we are currently preparing for the show and the hang is coming together (see below). The walls are heaving with some stunning art.



JANINE MCAULLAY BOTT

☀ At the Melbourne Art Fair

Following upon the success of Janine McAullay Bott's Melbourne solo at Alison Kelly Gallery in Prahran in April this year, Alison Kelly in association with Artitja Fine Art included Janine as one of three artists profiled at the prestigious Melbourne Art Fair between 4-8 August.



Janine's work was immensely popular with the discerning art fair patrons with a close to sell out response.



☀ NATSIAA presence

Janine McAullay Bott remains one of the top Indigenous fibre textile artists in the country as winner of the 2009 Telstra NATSIA Awards.

The 2010 awards were announced on Friday 13th August. As an entrant in this years awards, Janine's entry - a menacing eagle sculpture (above) is on display at the awards exhibition in Darwin. For a 'virtual' journey through the exhibition and to view this years winners go to www.nt.gov.au/natsiaa - it's a great way to see the exhibition if you can't get to Darwin. I must say that this is the first time in about seven years that we weren't there and I did miss the excitement and atmosphere of this very important annual event - and of course the opportunity to be in Darwin in beautiful balmy weather in the middle of August.

☀ BEYOND GARMENT exhibition



The Beyond Garment exhibition will launch as part of the Perth Fashion Festival in the first week of September. Its focus is on accessories in fashion and Janine was invited to contribute to this show which is to be held at the Maritime Museum running from 3rd September until 28th November. Janine has created a range of accessories including hats, shoes, belts and bags. You really must

get along to it. The photograph above showing a pair of 'wedge' shoes and a dilly bag was taken by Anna at the catalogue photo shoot. For more information look at <http://www.museum.wa.gov.au/beyond-garment/artists/#janine-mcaullay-bott>

☀ Breaking news!

We have just had confirmation that the National Gallery of Victoria have acquired a work of Janine McAullay Bott's. Congratulations Janine!

ARTITJA EXHIBITIONS COMING UP – exhibiting at Earlywork, South Fremantle

October 15-31st

Maureen Hudson Nampitjimpa

In October this year we are delighted to be exhibiting the work of Maureen Hudson Nampitjimpa. Maureen is from Mt Allen in the central desert, and lives between her country and Adelaide. Maureen's work is always in demand and her styles vary. Her attention to detail and intricate designs demonstrate her skill as a great artist.

More details and information will be forthcoming.

December 3-24th

Artitja Gift Collection 2010

We are pleased to announce that we will be back at Earlywork in South Terrace, South Fremantle in December with our "Artitja Gift Collection 2010" exhibition. As with last year, we will be exhibiting affordable art and sculpture and a new range of jewellery.

Last Chance Beanies!

We still have some Alice Springs Beanie Festival beanies available – they are so warm and head hugging – proven by Arthur's head remaining nice and warm after his swimming with the Polar Bears every morning. Brrrrr Here are a few still available:

Clockwise from top left: Red Handspun wool \$120; Needlefelt and handspun wool \$150; Handspun wool & ininti seeds \$85; Handspun wool and ininti seeds \$85



Note: Siri Omberg maker of the beanies is non-Indigenous



WEBSITE UPDATES – 3D Gallery

We now have a new link on our website Gallery 3D www.artitja.com.au on our home page. We have added a sculptures link in which you can see a range of Wally Pwerle sculptures (as above).

The sculptures by Wally Pwerle are of men with ceremonial markings which are based on Wally's ancestral dreaming stories. Wally Pwerle is from Utopia in the eastern central desert.

We have also added new paintings onto our website. Keep in mind we always have a lot more art on hand than what is on the website.

CAIRNS INDIGENOUS ART FAIR 2010

I (Anna) have just returned from the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair held at the Tanks Art Centre 4km out of Cairns - a contemporary arts facility housed in three converted World War 2 naval oil storage tanks, and set in a lush rainforest backdrop.



The fair showcased Queensland Indigenous and Torres Strait Island art from all sectors including visual art, dance, writing, music (thank you Dan Sultan for a great concert), film and theatre. There were also talks and a symposium.

There was a fresh, exciting buzz about the fair and it certainly broadened my visual art knowledge of the region and gave me an insight into the Torres Strait Island culture. On display were paintings, etchings, prints, ceramics, textiles and stunning ceremonial headdresses.



(Below left) The Bamaga Dancers from the Torres Strait Islands performed at the Lagau Dunalaig exhibition opening at Kick Arts in Cairns whilst the Injinoo Dancers (above) performed at the Fair.

ARTITJA ART VISITS – MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY IN NOVEMBER

We have just finalized the dates for our next art visits interstate and details are as follow:

Melbourne 10-14th November

Sydney 16-21st November

It is early days, but we are taking appointments from now.

ARTITJA FINE ART – by appointment

A reminder that we operate our gallery by appointment outside of our public exhibition dates.

We carry an extensive collection of art, including prints and sculptures and are happy to send images and information associated with any enquiry received.

Artitja is open seven days, by appointment including weekends and after hours. Contact us on 9336 7787, 0418 900 954 or email info@artitja.com.au. Just a few hours notice of an appointment is necessary.

We are always very busy working hard at keeping up our profile, our reputation and supply of top quality Indigenous art which we take great pleasure in showing you.

We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter.



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