

# GRESFORD COMMUNITY GALLERY



## *NEWSLETTER APRIL 2026*

Greetings Gresford Community Gallery artists and friends

### **Gresford Community Gallery Updates:**

The Gallery has many more exciting and interesting events and guest speakers planned for this year.

Please drop by to view an impressive collection of Hunter Valley artists' work. The exhibition includes a great variety of quality art and craft, featuring painting, drawing, sculptures, ceramics, photography, fibre art, glass work, jewellery and Stained Glass/lead light work. Gallery hours - Weekends 10am-4pm.

**RAFFLE:** Gresford Community Gallery at present is holding a raffle - a fabulous sculpture by artist Michael Garth (donated by the artist). Tickets are \$5 each and will be drawn end of April.

Michael Garth's home and studio are presently based in the Hunter Valley, NSW. For over thirty years Garth has been making and teaching sculpture. Exhibiting in galleries and a finalist in major Australian Sculpture Prizes. His dynamic sculptures are collected nationally and internationally.





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## Plein Air Feb. Sketch Club - Tocal Historical Property



## PHOTOS FROM STILL LIFE SKETCH CLUB - MARCH



## PHOTOS FROM GAVIN FRY'S TALK - MARCH

From Silhouette to Selfie - Seeing ourselves over two centuries.





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## SKETCH CLUB DAYS APRIL 2026.

The gallery hosts two Sketch Clubs in 2026 each month. One Plein Air, visiting inspiring scenic locations in the Hunter Valley, and Still Life / figurative held at the gallery. Everyone enjoys the creative, friendly atmosphere. Please join us at the next event, all welcome – beginners and professionals.



**STILL LIFE** held at gallery 12 Park St. East Gresford.

**Choice - Still Life or Figurative / Portrait**

**Thursday 23rd. April 2026 Time: 1 – 4pm.**

Hosted by artist Christine Pike

Inspiration Australian artist **John Baird**.

**Beginners guide to sketching starts 12 noon**— composition and start to portraiture.

Please bring own art equipment. Cost: \$10 Afternoon tea provided.



## SKETCH CLUB APRIL PLEIN AIR

Stay tuned for date to this special historic working property at Paterson with a natural billabong. Lots of native plants, mature trees, water, reflections, views and historic buildings. Chance to continue with some twilight sketching.

Hosted by artist Christine Pike.

Inspirational Australian artist - **William Robinson**.

Bring your own art materials/equipment, sunscreen, good walking shoes, hat, water, chair & lunch if needed.

Cost: \$10 Afternoon tea provided. Ph: 0428271819 Christine Pike.

Enquiries:[gallerygresfordcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:gallerygresfordcommunity@gmail.com)

The Gallery has a Face Book and Instagram page which will give regular news and updates of the Gallery's forthcoming events. Please Like and follow our page Link:

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## KIDS ART CLUB

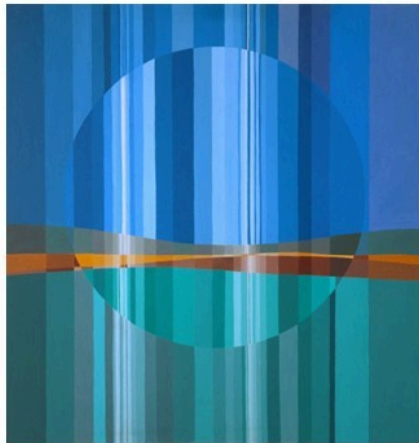
Free Art Sunday for children at Gresford Community Gallery.

On the third Sunday of the month between 10am and 2pm.

Hosted by artist Dawn Thompson. Enquiries: Dawn 0428924800

During these hours children of primary school age accompanied by an adult will be able to use the art equipment supplied to create their own art. Our friendly Gallery helpers will be on hand to assist.

### FEATURED GALLERY ARTIST FOR APRIL



## GAVIN FRY

Gavin Fry is a writer, artist and museum professional with fifty years' experience working in curatorial and management positions in Australian museums, galleries and educational institutions.

He is the author of twenty-five books on Australian art and history and a large number of catalogue and journal essays.

In retirement Gavin has returned to his art training and exhibits as a painter in Newcastle and Melbourne. Gavin holds the degrees of Bachelor of Arts [Hons] and Master of Arts from Monash University and Master of Philosophy from Leicester University.

Gavin's style is expressionist incorporating vertical light planes and angles slightly evoking a cubist influence with a 1970's aura. His recent body of work has been directed to Newcastle and Hunter Valley icons.

Gavin Fry was awarded the prestigious award Order of Australia 2026, for his service to the Arts. Gavin exhibits at Gresford Community Gallery and regularly holds informative and interesting talks on the Arts at the gallery.

The Gallery has Face **Book and Instagram** pages which will give regular news / updates of the Gallery's forthcoming exhibitions, guest speakers, workshops and features on the artists.

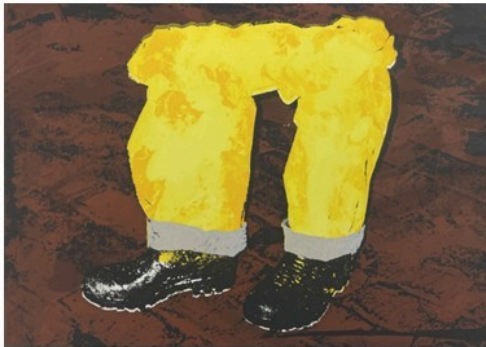
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## EXHIBITING ARTISTS 2026

ALICE ROPATA	JOANNA GREENWOOD	CHLOE HOOPER
JOHN BARNES	KYLIE WEEDON	DOROTHEE HEIBEL
GAVIN FRY	GILLIAN WADDELL	RODERICK STANGER
BARBARA NANSHE	LIBBY CUSICK	JANELLE GOLDMAN
ERIC WERKHOVEN	CHERIE PLATEN	TERRY HOLDOM
ROBYN WERKHOVEN	CECILY GRACE	SUZANNE MORRISON
DAWN THOMPSON	GEORGIA HORACEK	LOUISE REES
SANDRA LEE BROWN	PETER RONNE	MARGOT BROUG
SUE STEWART	MICHAEL GARTH	JUDY HENRY
HELENE LEANNE	LAURENCE THORSSSELL	CHEL KING
GAYE SHIELD	ROS ELKIN	JEANNE HARRISON
WENDY JOHNSON	PEARL MOON	
BERNADETTE MEYERS	MICHELE HEIBEL	



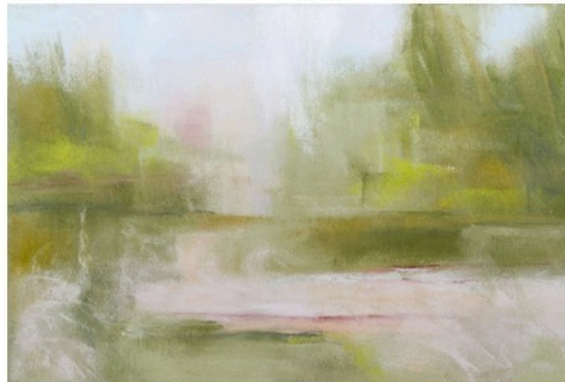
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**CECILY GRACE**



**BERNADETTE MEYERS**



**GEORGIA HORACEK**



**PETER RONNE**



**LIBBY CUSICK**

If you would love to join our team as a volunteer, meet artists and learn about their art practices and enjoy the world of art, please contact us! [gallerygresfordcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:gallerygresfordcommunity@gmail.com)

**12 Park Street East Gresford NSW 2311**

**Saturday & Sunday 10am - 4pm.**

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