

Grace Paleg *Fine Art Studio Gallery*



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Grace Paleg is a well known and prolific artist of thirty years experience who has exhibited regularly and successfully in many major shows and galleries.

Grace studied Graphic design at Swinburne in Victoria and life drawing and portraiture at East Sydney Tech. Studies followed with the late Lesley Sinclair and David Moore at Montsalvat and Allan Martin at his studio in Eltham. Grace's earlier work consists of over 300 commissioned portraits and in the past years she has diversified in subject matter to Life Drawing, Landscape and Still Life.

During 1990 Grace began exhibiting and teaching at her studio. In conjunction with these activities she has been an invitation judge at Art Shows and has been giving demonstrations and workshops for Art Societies throughout Victoria N.S.W. and A.C.T.

After a move to the south coast of N.S.W. in 1994 with her family, Grace commenced work as a tutor with the Eurobodalla Adult Education Centre teaching portraiture. The Grace Paleg Fine Art Studio Gallery was opened in November 1996 and it is from there that Grace continues to work and teach. She is a member and past President of the South Coast pastel society and a member of the Victorian Pastel Society. Grace's preferred medium is pastels, and her skills with these have earned her the number of awards shown below.

2008

South Coast Pastel Society's "Italian Exhibition"

The inaugural Eric Kirkland Art Prize

Kiama Art Society 30th Annual Exhibition

1st Place, Illawarra Region Painting by a Member of the Kiama Art Society
2nd Place Portrait Painting

AGRA Summer Exhibition

Commended AGRA Summer Exhibition

Batemans Bay Arts & Crafts Society Inc. 23rd Annual Exhibition

2nd Prize, Drawing

2007

Herald Sun Camberwell Rotary Art Show

Best Pastel in Show

Australian Guild of Realist Artists - Summer Exhibition

Runner-up Best Painting

Australian Guild of Realist Artists - Autumn Exhibition

Highly Commended

Australian Guild of Realist Artists - Winter Exhibition

Highly Commended

2006

Batemans Bay Art & Craft Society Inc. 21st Annual Exhibition

First Prize Peoples Choice

Second Prize Pastel

Montague 25th Art and Craft Easter Show

Peoples Choice

2005

Australian Artist Art Prize Challenge Series. Challenge no.20 still life

Second Prize

The Combined Moruya C.W.A. & South Coast Pastel Society Inc. "Days of Innocents" Exhibition

Peoples First Choice award

Kiama Art Society Annual Exhibition

Highly commended (members)

2004

Batemans Bay Art & Craft Society Inc 19th Annual Exhibition

Second prize Pastel

Shirley Hannan Portrait Prize

Second Prize Peoples choice

Kiama Art Society Annual Exhibition

First Overall Exhibit

Highly commended (Traditional)

Pastel Society of Victoria Annual Exhibition 2004

Ming B. Mackay Prize for the most popular pastel voted by Victorian Pastel Society members

2003

Batemans Bay Art & Craft Society Inc 18th Annual Exhibition

Best Painting overall

First Prize Portraiture

Second prize Pastel

Best Female Artist hanging overall

Kiama Art Society Annual Exhibition

First Overall Exhibit

Alexander Berry Art Exhibition 2003

Highly commended (Portrait)

Shoalhaven Art Society Annual Exhibition

Commended (Traditional)

2002

Batemans Bay Art & Craft Society Inc 17th Annual Exhibition

First Prize Portraiture

The South Coast Pastel Society's Great Fakes Show

Third Prize

Kiama Art Society Annual Exhibition

Second Best Overall Exhibit

Peoples Choice

Highly Commended (Pastel Section)

Judged the Bega valley Regional Gallery Art Awards

Shoalhaven Art Society Annual Exhibition

First Prize (Portrait Section)

Commended (Still life Section)

2001

Batemans Bay Art and Craft Exhibition

The Chris Vardon Portraiture Prize - First Prize
Second Prize Pastel.

Montague Art and Craft Easter show

Best Pastel
Second prize, Oils

Kiama Art Society Annual Exhibition

Second Best Overall Exhibit
Highly Commended Portraiture
Peoples Choice

Shoalhaven Art Society Annual Exhibition

First Prize (Portrait Section)
Highly Commended (Pastel Section)

Bega valley Regional Gallery Art Awards

Best Pastel

Alexander Berry Art Exhibition 2001

The Shoalhaven Portrait Acquisition

Homage to Moruya Granite Art Exhibition

The Peter Thomas Award Best Pastel

2000

Batemans Bay Art and Craft Exhibition

The Chris Vardon Portraiture Prize - First Prize
Best Pastel
Highly Commended

Herald Sun Camberwell Rotary Art Show 2000

Expo Hire Prize, Best Pastel In Show

Montague Art and Craft Easter show

Highly Commended
Commended

Australian Artist Art Prize Challenge Series. Challenge no.1 - Landscape

Third Prize

Finalist in the Australian Artist Art Prize Challenge Series. Challenge no. 2 Still life and Floral

Kiama Art Society Annual Exhibition

First prize Still life
Peoples choice

Shoalhaven Art Society Annual Exhibition

First Prize (Portrait Section)
First Prize Best Flower Painting

Bega Valley Regional Gallery. John Balmain National Portraiture Award

First Prize

Bega Valley Art Awards

Best Pastel

1999

The Chris Vardon Portraiture Prize

First Prize

Montague Art and Craft Easter Show

Second Prize (Pastel)

Herald Sun Camberwell Rotary Art Show 1999

Expo Hire Prize, Best Pastel in Show

Kiama Art Society Annual Exhibition

Second Prize (Portraiture)

Highly Commended, Still Life

Peoples Choice

Shoalhaven Art Society Annual Exhibition

First Prize (Still Life Section)

First Prize (Portrait Section)

First Prize (Traditional Section)

People's Choice

Bega valley Art Awards

Best Pastel

Finalist in the Aice Bale Travelling Scholarship

1998

Inaugural Chris Vardon Portraiture Prize

First Prize

Montague Art And Craft Easter Show

First Prize, Any other Medium

Kiama Art Society Annual Exhibition

First Prize (Portraiture)

Invitation Artist at the Bega Valley Regional Gallery

'A Celebration of Pastel and Watercolour'

Shoalhaven Art Society 33rd Annual Art Exhibition

The Holiday Haven Excellence in Art Award

Highly Commended (Portrait Section)

Portia Geach Portraiture Award 1998

Viewers choice

1997

Kiama Art Society Annual Exhibition 1997

First Prize, Best Still Life
Highly Commended (Traditional)
Commended (Still Life)

Shoalhaven Art Society 32nd Annual Art Exhibition

The Inaugural John Proudfoot Memorial Award
First Prize (Still Life)
First Prize (Portrait)

Bega Valley Art Awards

Best Drawing or Pastel

Portia Geach Portrait award

Accepted for Hanging in 1997

Waverly Rotary Art Show

Featured Artist

1996

Forest Gallery Solo Exhibition "A SHOW OF GRACE"

Portland 20th Art Exhibition

Art Purchase Acquired by the City of Lismore Council

Montague Art and Craft Easter Show 1996

Best Painting Overall
Twice Highly Commended

Camberwell Rotary Art Show 1996

Best Pastel under \$700
Commended

Waverly Art Show

Twice Highly Commended

City of Liverpool 10th annual Art and Craft Exhibition

Commended

Batemans Bay Art And Craft Society Clyde River Art Exhibition

Best Painting Overall
Best Pastel

Kiama Art Society Annual Exhibition 1996

Best Still life
Highly Commended

Shoalhaven Art Society 31st Annual Art Exhibition

The Holiday Haven Excellence in Art Award
Best Still Life

1995

Cowra's Festival of International Understanding. Arts Council Art Exhibition 1995

Highly Commended

Montague Art and Craft Society Show

First Prize, Best Pastel

People's Choice Award

Kiama Art Society Annual Exhibition 1995

Best Still Life

Highly Commended (Portrait)

Commended (Traditional)

Shoalhaven Art Society Annual Exhibition 1995

First Prize (Still Life Section)

First Prize (Portrait Section)

First Prize (Traditional Section)

Neptune Festival Art Exhibition 1995

Batemans Bay First Prize

1994

Rotary Club of Yea Annual Art Show 1994

First Prize (acquisition) Best Exhibit

Camberwell Rotary Art Show 1994

Rembrandt Pastel Prize. First Prize Best Pastel

Highly Commended

Shoalhaven Art Society Annual Exhibition

First Prize (Still life Section)

Highly Commended (Portrait Section)

Toorak College Fine Art Exhibition

Best Pastel

Kiama Art Society 16th Annual Exhibition 1994

Best Still Life

Twice Commended (Portrait and Traditional Sections)

People's Choice Award

Bega Valley Art Awards 1994

Major Award (acquisitive)

Best Pastel

Neptune Festival Art Exhibition 1994 Batemans Bay

Second Prize

Highly Commended

1993

Rotary Club of Yea Annual Art show

First Prize (Acquisition) Best Exhibit

Second Prize

Studio Roest Art Gallery at the old Post Office, Seymour, 1993

First solo Exhibition. "GRACEFULLY YOURS"

Camberwell Rotary Art Show 1993

Rembrandt Pastel Prize, First Prize Best Pastel

Brighton Art Exhibition 1993

Brighton City Council, Acquisition Award

Best Painting in Exhibition.

Parade College Annual Art Exhibition 1993

Two Honourable Mentions

Pastel Society of Victoria Annual Exhibition 1993

Micador Prize

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Glen Waverly Rotary Art Show 1993

Honourable Mention

1992

Rotary Club of Yea Annual Art Show 1992

Highly Commended.

Herald Sun Outdoor Art Show 1992

First Prize (Pastels)

Studio Roest Art Gallery at Kinglake, 1992 - Annual Autumn Exhibition "GRACE AND CHARM"

Featured Artist.

Parade Art Exhibition 1992

First prize (Best Exhibit)

Highly Commended.

Echuca Art Group 38th Annual Exhibition 1992

Highly Commended.

1991

Rotary Club of Yea Annual Art Show 1991

Highly Commended.

Albury/Wodonga Artists Society 1991

First Prize (Acquisition - local scene)

Highly Commended (pastel)

Parade Art Exhibition 1991
Two Highly Commended (Pastels)