

Penny Simons

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Penny's work is a fusion of all her studies and lived experience in: textiles, art, design, weaving, bio-dynamics and horticulture.

Her work resonates deeply with the beauty, vulnerability & spirituality of nature. Penny has worked as an artist and designer all her life, alongside the practise of gardening and working in and with nature.

Penny runs workshops both locally and regionally. These and her artworks are formed from a personal practise working with foraged materials that comes from a place of reciprocity with the earth, all indigenous peoples and our ancestors. In this way aims to restore, reconnect and heal.

Her drawings and prints also reference similar themes: the beauty of nature vs it's exploitation.

Penny was one of the founding partners of "Cloth", a Sydney based bespoke textile business begun in the 1990's, that produced hand printed, dyed and constructed textiles for the furnishing and fashion industries.

Prior to this Penny gained a BA hon. in Constructed Textiles, majoring in weaving, from Winchester School of Art, England.



Exhibitions

COMING UP:

- Broadhurst Gallery/Hazelhurst Regional Arts Centre, Gympie. 16th- 26th April 2022
Fragments of Nature - Joint show with ceramicist Susan Smith

SOLO shows:

- Return to Nature, SHAC gallery, August 2020
- Fragments of Nature, SHAC gallery, October 22 - November 22 2021

GROUP shows:

- Sculptures in the Vineyard, Wollombi. Sept.2021
- Northern Beaches Art and Design Prize, Creative Space, North Curl Curl. August 2021
- Sculptures in the Valley, Kangaroo Valley. Sept 2021
- Salon 21, Exhibition, Aarwun gallery, Nicholls, Canberra. June 2021
- Bowral District Drawing Prize, BDAS Gallery, 1 Short St. Bowral. July 2021
- RGBS, Botanical Garden Sydney, Transformations, July/August 2021
- Earth Hour, Southern Highlands Botanical Gardens Bowral March 2021
- Chan Nan Tien Art Sculpture Award, Nan Tien Temple, Wollongong. Dec. 2020
- Art in the Valley, Kangaroo Valley. October 2020
- Bowral District Sculpture Show, Bowral Art Gallery, 1 Short St. Bowral. 2020
- Harvest, SHAC gallery, Robertson. Jan 2020
- Artists of the Round Yard, Retford Park, Bowral. 2019
- Sculptures in the Garden, Mudgee. 2019
- Sculptures at Killalea Shellharbour. September 2019
- Bowral District Sculpture Show, Bowral Art Gallery, 1 Short St. Bowral. 2019
- The Shac, Robertson. 2019 & 2020
- Sustainable Waste 2 Art Prize, **First prize**, See Street Gallery, Ryde. September 2018
- Sculptures at Killalea Shellharbour. September 2018
- Royal Easter Show, Sydney. **Third Prize**, Sculpture category, 2018
- SHAF: Kangaloon, Southern Highlands Arts Trail. 2016
- Emerge Artshow, Oxley College, Burradoo, Southern Highlands. 2016
- Unearthed, Eden Gardens, Sydney. 2016

PRINTED PUBLICATIONS

- The Fold - Southern Highlands (online publication):
<https://thefoldsouthernhighlands.com.au/the-guide/highlands-creatives-artists-penny-simons-weaver-artist-teacher-the-shac-robertson.html>
- The Gardens - Foundation & Friends of the Botanic Gardens - Winter 2021 Issue 129. Front cover and article on group show: Transformation
- Book: Beyond the Garden Gate Published 2018
- Article about Willow Artist - Escape Magazine Spring 2017
- About Artist & work - Sunday Life - Country Life January 25th 2015
- Many articles in magazines and newspapers on Penny's partnership business: Cloth between 1992-1998