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BETWEEN THE LINES: The latest work of artist and Cathedral College teacher Kim Westcott (pictured) is now on display at the Wangaratta Art Gallery. PHOTO: Marc Bongers

Kim shares some of her best pieces

By ANITA McPHERSON

An exhibition showcasing the dynamic line work of master printmaker Kim Westcott, is now on display at the Wangaratta Art Gallery. "It's All Intertwined: Kim Westcott - a survey exhibition" includes some of the artist's most important pieces, as well as introducing a series of her latest work.

As a leading Australian artist, Kim has received acclaim through a number of major awards and is internationally recognised and collected.

Yet she says it's fitting to be holding a survey exhibition in Wangaratta, having spent the last 14 years living a rural lifestyle in the Warby Range after moving from Melbourne.

"Since being here I have

been totally influenced by the environment in which I'm living, so my work has grown, changed and developed accordingly," she said.

"While I've been part of group exhibitions at the gallery before this is the first survey exhibition I've done, so to have it here and to have the support of the gallery is terrific."

While earlier pieces have been influenced by time spent in Dimboola, Mornington Peninsula and the Mallee's rugged Little Desert, as well as the urban environments of Melbourne and New York City, Kim's focus these days is on the changing seasons within North East Victoria.

"There is always something to inspire me here and I haven't had the itch to move on,

because within those extremes of raging heat and fierce cold, there's constant change," she said.

"With my new work I'm also diving into new mediums (including photography and ink drawings) and it's giving me something to sink my teeth into."

One of the highlights of the exhibition is Kim's stunning, large scale photographic prints on metallic paper, capturing fine cobwebs soaked with balls of dew which reflect the forest surrounds

She said it's an exhilarating process taking hours to perfect, and it's not until she's taken the image and enlarged it on a computer that she can see what's in the reflection and whether it speaks to her.

"After eight years it's only now that I'm starting to get

images I'm happy with, and to have the conditions where it is perfectly still and the cobwebs are saturated with dew drops is really rare," she said.

"Last year there were only two mornings where I could get these images.

"I've got hundreds if not thousands of images of different webs but there is only a handful I'm really interested in - which take them into another sphere and make them fine art photography."

The exhibition will be open until May 3 with entry by gold coin donation, and Kim Westcott will host a free art lovers talk at the gallery on Wednesday, April 22 at 10.30am.

Bookings for the talk are essential and can be made by calling 5722 0761.



ART ON SHOW:

The Wangaratta Artists Society will hold its annual Easter exhibition and sale of unframed paintings from April 1 to April 8 this year. While a few framed pieces will also be on display, Thea and Janelle Day (pictured) said it offers an economical way to purchase original, unframed works by local artists. On April 4 there will also be a "Super Saturday Sale" for one day only, with members bringing in other artwork for sale. Visitors can also participate in a competition to name a special artwork, which last year attracted an enthusiastic response with many entries received. The society will also be running its popular gourmet hamper raffle during the free exhibition, which is being held at "The Studio" in Batchelor's Green on Tone Road, next to K Mart.

What's On in brief

War art exhibition

A MULTI discipline exhibition by members of the Goulburn and North East Arts Alliance titled "Y. War?" is now on display at the Bainz Gallery in the foyer of the Wangaratta Library.

Featuring reflections on the subject in a wide variety of mediums, the exhibition will be officially opened today at 5pm by Rosie Koop and open to the public until May 4.

WWI Anzac display

AN exhibition of photographs and memorabilia depicting scenes and people from WW1 is now on display in the foyer of the Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre.

The items are on loan from various sources including the Wangaratta RSL and the Wangaratta Historical Society and members of the public are welcome to view them.

Natural fibres exhibition

AN exhibition providing an insight in natural fibres and items including blankets and fashion apparel is now on display at the Wangaratta Visitor Information Centre.

Presented by Creswick Natural Fibres Beechworth, "A Very Fine Yarn" will be open daily until April 30 and entry is free.

Winton car mania

A COLLECTION of Australia's wildest modified vehicles will head to Winton on the Easter long weekend from April 3 until 6 as part of the second annual Easter Car Mania event.

Modelled on the success of the Performance Car Mania held at Winton each year, the plan is to give car enthusiasts another opportunity to perform skids, drags, and to cruise.

Camping space is available at the track and more information is available at www.wintonraceway.com.au.

Molyullah Easter sports

FAMILIES are invited to the Molyullah Recreation Reserve on Monday, April 6 for the 115th traditional Easter Sports event.

The popular annual event features activities including market stalls, woodchopping, tractor pull, horse events and bronco rides with plenty to entertain children including races.

Proceeds from the event will go towards the development of a long term plan for the recently refurbished Molyullah Hall and grounds.

Eldorado Museum open day

THE Eldorado Museum will hold its annual Open Day on Sunday, April 12 from 11am until 4pm.

Visitors can enjoy demonstrations of potting, blacksmithing and spinning, while children's activities will include old style games, dress-ups and a photo booth.

There will also be gold panning, steam engines, hand grinding wheat, old style copper plate handwriting, theatrical re-enactments and music.

Entry is by gold coin donation with refreshments available in support of the Eldorado tennis club.

Glenrowan craft market

THE Lions Club of Glenrowan Warby Range project will hold a Glenrowan community and craft market at the Lions Park in Glenrowan on Sunday, April 5.

Featuring a wide range of stalls featuring hand crafted items and local products, the market will run from 9am until 2pm.

Good Friday fundraiser

THE Buffalo Brewery in Boorhaman will hold its annual Good Friday family day on Friday from 3pm.

The event will feature activities for children, with a barbecue fish dinner with the major auction to start at 7pm.