

## HELEN FORBES CV

Helen uses geometric and abstract designs together with patterns, layers and textures to create this work. She is particularly interested in the way industrial, everyday materials such as jute, beaten tin, kaolin clay and paint can be worked to produce compositions of an almost metaphysical nature.

She has a great love of drawing and has made many detailed drawings of birds and intricate nests which sometimes find their way into her more abstract works.

Helen has had 13 solo exhibitions and won the Cossack Contemporary and Abstract Art Awards in 2008 and 2005. She has drawn and painted all her life as well as working as a freelance fabric designer and interior decorator where she did all the working drawings and hand painted fabric and furniture. She lives in the Brookton Valley and finds much inspiration in the indigenous birds and trees around her home.

### SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2009 Gadfly Gallery, Dalkeith
- 2007 Elements Gallery, Subiaco
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- 2006 Mahoneys Galleries, Melbourne
- 2005 Gadfly Gallery, Dalkeith
- 1999 Perth Galleries, Subiaco
- 1999 Narrogin Regional Gallery
- 1998 Libby Edwards Galleries, Melbourne
- 1996 Perth Galleries, Subiaco
- 1995 Libby Edwards Galleries, Melbourne
- 1994 Libby Edwards Galleries, Melbourne
- 1982 Heyday Gallery, Melbourne
- 1981 Heyday Gallery, Melbourne

### GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2015-10 P.S.A.S Studios, Arq Design, Jahroc Gallery Margaret

River

- 2014-02 Cossack Art Awards
- 2015-10 P.L.C. Annual Art Exhibition
- 2013-07 Hale School Annual Art Exhibition
- 2011-07 Artitude Telethon Speech and Hearing Exhibition
- 2011-08 Mandurah Art Award
- 2010-00 Mandorla Religious Art Award
- 2007 Melville Art Award
- 2007 Artist in Arms, Perth
- 2005 Heart Foundation Exhibition
- 2005 Deckchair theatre Exhibition
- 2005-03 Code Red Gallery, Claremont
- 1997 Perth Galleries, Subiaco

#### AWARDS

- 2008 Winner/Cossack Abstract Art Award
- 2005 Winner/Cossack Contemporary Art Award

#### CORPORATE/PRIVATE COLLECTIONS and COMMISSIONS

- Arcchon/WA/PL, Horizon Power, Dampier Port Authority,
- Rockman's Regency Hotel/Melbourne, Potpourri Prints,
- Hoad and Crowther Fabrics/Melbourne plus included in many private collections in Europe, USA and Australia

#### EDUCATION

- 1966-62 Diploma Fine Arts, Perth Technical College
- 1961-49 Presbyterian Ladies College