

Short St. Gallery

Penny K Lyons



Born 1932
Region Fitzroy/West Kimberley
Language Walmajarri/Juwaliny

Biography

Penny K Lyons was born at Wanywurtu under a tutujarti (desert walnut) tree. She grew up in that place with her family, one father, two mothers, one brother and two sisters. There is a rock hole with spring water at Wanywurtu and Penny remembers going walkabout for goanna and pussycat (feral cat) at this place.

Penny's family and other groups migrated north to the cattle station country surrounding the Fitzroy Valley. When they left the desert she was a girl in her early teens. During the journey she first lost her mother and sister and later her father and other mother. When this happened she became quite hysterical at the loss of her parents and wanted to keep looking for them. Her brother, Peter Skipper, got angry with Penny and left her and her little sister at Fitzroy River near Milidjidee and kept going.

Penny K Lyons beautiful paintings show the traditional waterholes and hunting grounds of the Great Sandy Desert, where she and her family lived up until the early 1950's.

Group Exhibitions

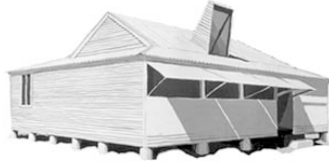
2016 Gimme Shelter - A Survey Show from the Artists of Fitzroy Valley, Short St Gallery, Broome, WA

2009 Mangkaja Artists 60 x 60 , Randell Lane Fine Art, WA

2009 Sharing Difference on Common Ground, Holmes a Court Gallery, Perth, WA

2009 Senior Artists from Fitzroy Crossing, Suzanne O'Connell Gallery, Brisbane, QLD

2009 Mangkaja Survey Show, Short St Gallery, Broome, WA



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- 2009 Emerging and re-emerging, Outstation, Darwin, NT
- 2009 My Country - Paintings from Yiyili and Fitzroy Crossing, Bridget McDonnell Gallery, Melbourne, NSW
- 2008 Wet n'Wild, Artkeich, Freiburg, Germany
- 2008 Through Our Eyes - The Canning Stock Route, Port Hedland Courthouse Gallery, WA
- 2008 Women on Country, Suzanne O'Donnell Gallery, Brisbane, QLD
- 2008 Waterholes and Bush Tucker, Bridget McDonald Hampton Gallery, Sydney, NSW
- 2008 Shalom Gamarada, Caspary Conference Centre, University of NSW
- 2007 Bendi Lango, the Indigenous Scholarship Fund, Sydney, NSW
- 2007 Living Water - Mangkaja Artists WA, Randell Lane Fine Art, Melbourne, VIC

Public Art

- 2008 Fitzroy Valley Education Centre
- 2008 Fitzroy Crossing Hospital

Collections

- National Gallery of Victoria
- National Museum of Australia
- Fitzroy Crossing High School
- Fitzroy Crossing Hospital

Publications

- 2009 Kimberley Aboriginal Artists, Sharing Difference on Common Ground
- 2009 FORM and the National Museum of Australia, Canning Stock Route Project: Ngurra Kuju Walyja, One Country One People
- 2008 Exhibition Catalogue, Through Our Eyes: The Canning Stock Route Project
- 2005 Exhibition Catalogue, ReDot Gallery, Singapore Surprise; Cory and Friends
- 2004 National Gallery of Victoria, Colour Power: Aboriginal Art Post 1984
- 2000 Oxford University Press & ANU, Oxford Companion to Aboriginal Art & Culture/Ngurra Entry