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Virginia Galarla

Born 1951
Language Tiwi
Region Tiwi Islands



Biography

Virginia Galarla was born in 1951 at Wurrumiyanga. Her maiden name was Pangiraminni. She went to the catholic primary and high school at Wurrumiyanga.

When she turned 18, she got a job at the health centre and in 1972 she transferred to the Leproseum at East Arm in Darwin. In 1973 she was married and went to Maningrida with her husband for 1 year. In 1974 they returned to Wurrumiyanga where they had 5 children.

The family moved to Pirlangimpi in 1979. After her family grew up, she returned to the work at the Health Centre in Pirlangimpi until she retired in 2010.

When she retired, she was sitting at home making baskets as she didn't know about the Art Centre until 2014 when she joined and started to paint. Her paintings depicting seasons, ceremonies, bush foods, bush medicine, insects, ceremonial objects etc have continued to evolve and her are sought after.

Group Exhibitions

- 2022 Finalist National Emerging Artists Prize – Michael Reid, Art Bar, Chippendale, NSW
- 2022 Ngininguwula Kurrujipuni: Our Own Tiwi Ochre Colours – Darwin Hilton Double Tree
- 2022 Line in Parrallel – Artitja Fine Art Gallery, South Fremantle, WA
- 2022 Tiwi Creation – Cooee Art, Redfern
- 2022 Rotary Club Victor Harbor Art Show 2023 – Victor Harbor, SA
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- 2021 Tiwi Papers; Tarnanthi Festival 2021; Art Gallery of South Australia
- 2021 YIRRINKIRIPWOJA JILAMARA Darwin Hilton Double Tree
- 2020 Tiwi Islands to Arnhemland - Munupi Maningrinda, Artitja Fine Art Gallery; South Fremantle; WA
- 2016 Point of difference; Desert to sea, Artitja fine Art at Engine Room, Perth, WA