



Short St. Gallery

Lenie Namatjira

Born	1951
Language Group	Western Aranda
Region	Alice Springs

Lenie (deceased) was born in Raggats Well, Glen Helen Station. Lenie was Albert Namatjira's granddaughter, daughter to Oscar Namatjira. After an absence from Hermannsburg to attend the mission school and complete three years of service in the Army Labor gang, Oscar returned to his family at the Hermannsburg Mission and took up painting like his father. For a period of twelve months Oscar became Albert's truck driver, driving Albert and his supplies to different painting locations. Oscar learnt how to paint from his father and became a skilled practitioner in his own right. Oscar raised a large family, Lenie being one of ten children. Lenie and her siblings (Euphrene, Reginald, Saleen, Wallace, Albert Jnr, Marcia, Donald, Rosabelle, Gwenda and Bessie) were all raised at Hermannsburg. Lenie painted in the tradition of her father and grandfather. Her watercolour paintings focused on the landscape west of Hermannsburg. Many of her paintings were drawn from childhood memories of her country. Lenie's paintings are held in collections including the Art Gallery of New South Wales and the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory.

Group Exhibitions

- 2004 Desert Mob Exhibition, Araluen Galleries, Alice Springs, NT
- 2005 Affordable Art Show, Melbourne, VIC, Courtesy Alcaston Gallery
- 2005 Art Sydney 05 Fox Studios Sydney, NSW, Courtesy Alcaston Gallery
- 2005 Desert Mob Exhibition, Araluen Galleries, Alice Springs, NT
- 2006 Watercolour Exhibition, Araluen Galleries, Alice Springs, NT
- 2006 Desert Mob Exhibition, Araluen Galleries, Alice Springs, NT
- 2007 Advocate Art Award, Araluen Galleries, Alice Springs, NT
- 2007 Divas of the Desert, Gallery Gondwana, Alice Springs, NT
- 2007 Desert Mob Exhibition, Araluen Galleries, Alice Springs, NT
- 2008 Indigenart, Subiaco, WA
- 2008 The Namatjira circle-landscapes of Central Australia, Birrung Gallery, Sydney, NSW
- 2008 Desert Mob Exhibition, Araluen Galleries, Alice Springs, NT
- 2008 CCAE, A New Beginning Exhibition, Darwin, NT
- 2009 Real to Surreal, Scenes from the Centre: Journey with the New Generation of Hermannsburg Watercolour Artists, Tandanya, Adelaide, SA
- 2009 Beyond Batterby, Recent Watercolour by Central Australian Artists, Hobart, TAS
- 2009 The Watercolourists of Central Australia, Indigenart, Melbourne, VIC



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- 2009 Art Gallery of NSW
- 2010 Telstra Art award finalist
- 2011 Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
- 2011 Chapman Gallery, Canberra Collections: National Gallery of Australia, Canberra, ACT
- 2011 Namatjira: Regeneration, Metropolis Gallery, Geelong, VIC
- 2012 Damian Minton Gallery, Sydney, NSW
- 2012 The Lockup, Newcastle, NSW
- 2012 Regional Art Gallery, Burnie, TAS
- 2012 Art Mob, Launceston, TAS
- 2012 Art Mob, Hobart, TAS
- 2012 Frankston Arts Centre, Frankston, VIC
- 2012 Adelaide Festival Centre, Adelaide, SA
- 2012 Talapi Gallery, Alice Springs, NT
- 2012 Perc Tucker Regional Gallery, Townsville, QLD
- 2012 Douglas Abbott and Lenie Namatjira, Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
- 2012 The Beyond Billabong Fundraiser, QLD
- 2013 The Namatjira Legacy, Tali Gallery, Sydney, NSW
- 2013 Customs House Library, NAIDOC week 2013, in collaboration with the City of Sydney and Tali Gallery, Sydney, NSW
- 2013 Contemporary Aboriginal Art From Australia, Château de l'Etang, Paris
- 2013 Living Watercolours, Southbank Centre, London
- 2014 Five Generations: The Strength of Namatjira's Legacy, Araluen Galleries, Alice Springs, NT
- 2014 RightNow, Boomalli, Sydney, NSW
- 2014 Regeneration, Metropolis Gallery, Geelong, VIC
- 2014 Women Artists of the Hermannsburg School of Art, The Residency, Alice Springs, NT
- 2014 Namatjira to Now, Parliament House, Canberra, ACT
- 2014 Country in Colour, AIATSIS, Canberra, ACT
- 2015 The Namatjira Collection, RAFT art space, Alice Springs, NT
- 2015 Hermannsburg Horizons, Woolloongabba Art Gallery, Brisbane, QLD
- 2015 TARNANTHI, The Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide, SA
- 2015 A Hermannsburg Christmas, Redot Gallery, Singapore
- 2015 Kinship, In the footsteps of Namatjira, Moree, NSW

Awards

- 2014 Knara Nunaka Tjurretja – Our Big Country: The West MacDonnell Ranges, Highly commended at the 31st Telstra Arts Awards