

Short St. Gallery



Agnes Armstrong

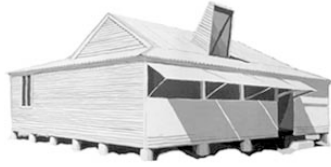
Born 1954
Region Kununurra, East Kimberley
Language Miriwoong

Biography

Agnes Armstrong's paintings embrace the stories of her childhood years in delightful often naive interpretations. She shares her memories of growing up on stations, bushlife and the stories taught by her grandparents. Her images connect story, place and childhood memory. "I was born beside a billabong on Ivanhoe Station and I grew up with old people. They taught me lots about hunting-all the bush foods. I used to work at Ivanhoe station doing housework and gardening. I came to Kununurra and started schooling during the 60s. Before that I had been at the Research Station School. During the 70s I was at the Beagle Bay Mission School. I came back to Kununurra then and got a job cooking for the pensioners in our Mirima Community. I would do the shopping, count the money for the pensioners and payt heir bills. We had a little shop then. I then moved to Dingo Springs where I watched the old people carving boab nuts and I started doing boabs too. After that I came back here to Waringarri Arts to do painting. I am doing Ministry and bible studies as well. I have one daughter and three adopted sons and I live in Mirima, stopping in my country for good."

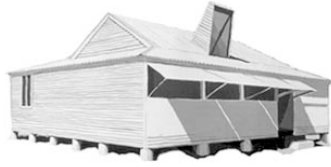
Group Exhibitions

2019 Ochre, Artitja Fine Art, South Fremantle, Perth WA



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- 2019 Kimberley Art Prize, Shire of Derby and the West Kimberley, Derby, WA
- 2019 The AlternativeArchive: Our Legacy, curated by Dora Griffiths, Dawang Gallery, Waringari Arts, Kununurra WA
- 2019 Desert River Sea: Portraits of the Kimberley, Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth WA
- 2019 Water Talk, Mossenson Galleries, Subiaco, Perth WA
- 2018 Kimberley to Coast, Salt Contemporary Art, Queenscliff, VIC
- 2017 Hedland Awards, Courthouse Gallery, Port Hedland WA
- 2017 Flight, Aboriginal Perspectives from the Sky, FORM, Perth WA
- 2016 Cossack Art Award 2016, City of Karratha, Karratha WA
- 2014 "Gerloong", Kittey Malarvie, Judy Mengil and Agnes Armstrong, Mossensons Galleries, Perth WA
- 2014 "Wood and Water", Northern Editions, Charles Darwin University, Darwin NT
- 2013 "Our Living Land" An Exhibition of Leading Artists from the East Kimberley, Salvo Hotel, Shanghai, China
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- 2013 The 2013 Sulman Prize, Art Gallery of NSW
- 2012 "Sharing Difference on Common Ground" Bunbury Regional Art Galleries, Bunbury
- 2012 "Sharing Difference on Common Ground" The Cannery Arts Centre, Esperence
- 2012 "Songlines-A Coo-ee Christmas" Coo-ee Gallery, Bondi Beach, NSW
- 2012 "Sharing Difference on Common Ground" Geraldton Regional Art Gallery, Geraldton
- 2011 "Sharing Difference on Common Ground" Alcoa Mandurah Art Gallery, Mandurah
- 2010 "Northern Impressions" Northern Editions and Artback NT Touring Exhibition
- 2009 "Danggang/Garardeng Red Ochre White Ochre" Mossensons Galleries Melbourne VIC
- 2009 "Sharing Difference on Common Ground" Holmes A Court Gallery Perth WA
- 2008 "Waringari" Indigenart Perth WA 2008 "Waringari Women" Suzanne OConnell Gallery Brisbane QLD
- 2008 "Dawang-Our Country Our Place Our Home" Mossensons Gallery Melbourne VIC
- 2008 "Kimberley Ink" Northern Editions Darwin NT
- 2008 "Revealed-Emerging Artists from WA Art Centres" Central TAFE Art Gallery Perth WA
- 2008 "Kimberley Ink and Ochre" Wollongong University NSW
- 2007 24th NATSIAA MAGNT Darwin



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Collections

City Of Karratha
City Of Perth Collection
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Wollongong University Collection
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Bibliography

2013 "Our Living Land" Exhibition Catalogue
2009 "Sharing Difference on Common Ground" Touring Exhibition Catalogue Awards
2019 Kimberley Art Award-Indigenous Artist Category
2016 Cossack Art Award-Invited Artist Category
2012 Finalist in the Fremantle Print Award, Fremantle Arts Centre, Fremantle
2007 Highly Commended Painting Award 24th NATSIAA Darwin Museum & Gallery Darwin NT