

Susannah Nelson

Born 1943

Language Waramungu, Warlmanpa

Region Tennant Creek



Susan first learnt how to paint acrylic in the small mission school (the Bangalow) just outside of Alice Springs where she spent her years as a young girl. Pastor Long gave the children their posters depicting Christian scenes in basic outline. The illustrations were coloured in by the children who thereby learnt the story of the Bible pictorially. Here began Susan's love of paint and fascination with God's story. Every Wednesday and Sunday night in Tennant Creek, Susan takes these paintings to church for sharing. Here she stands out front with one of these several rolled canvases, whose story she sings out to the congregation, sometimes with great theatrics. Sharing paintings are often completed in haste – taken home from the studio to be finished in her Mulga Camp home.

Solo Exhibitions

2016 Merry Susannah Nelson Christmas – Northern Centre for Contemporary Arts

Group Exhibitions

2019	Ankkinyi Apparr Ankkinyi Mangurr - Tamanthi Festival - State Library of South
2019	Australia, Adelaide
2019	From Dusk until Dawn - Art From The Barkly - An exhibition with paintings on
	canvas and recycled tins in Barkly Arts Gallery Studio (Tennant Creek, NT)
2019	My Art, My Culture exhibition - Desert Harmony Festival, Tennant Creek
2019	Satellites of the Desert - Northern Centre for Contemporary Art
2019	Easter Exhibition - Barkly Regional Arts Gallery
2018	God Talk, My Culture - Presbyterian Church, Springwood (NSW)
2018	Partijma Light Festival - Alice Springs, NT
2018	Desert Mob - Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs



Short St. Gallery

2018	Art Naif Festiwal Katowice (Poland)
2018	Easter Exhibition - Barkly Regional Art Gallery Studio
2017	Biennale Hors Normes, - Mairie du 3e, Lyon (France)
2017	Desert Mob - Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs
2017	Dreams and dreaming exhibition - Nyinkka Nyunyu, Tennant Creek
2017	Rendez-Vous des Artistes - Saint Cyr au Mont d'Or (France)
2015	Desert Mob - Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs
2014	One Last Time, - Sheffer Gallery, Sydney
2014	The Final Round-Up, - Sheffer Gallery, Darlington, Sydney
2014	Bush Warinyi Mayi, - pop up art market, Tennant Creek, NT
2013	Solidarity For Love: Gday from Aussie Minjung - Monkey-Wrenching Art Centre,
	Taiwan
2012	Twenty Years on - Paul Keatings Redfern Park Speech - Damien Minton
	Gallery, Sydney
2011	Desert Mob 2011, Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs –

Bibliography

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	p.108, p.170
2014	Warumungu Manu - Tennant Creek Country, Darwin: Northern Territory Library
2017	Desert Mob catalogue 2017. Alice Springs: Desart. p.16
2017	Gospel Book by Alan James