



*Angela Russo*

*Artist*

Angela Russo was born in Melbourne, Australia and has lived on the Mornington Peninsula all her life. Angela is a qualified Primary Teacher. It was during her teaching years that she became renowned for her blackboard drawings and cartoon illustrations.

When her last child commenced school she realised her dream of taking up classes in art. She began with Pastel classes with Jacqueline Long and these were followed with tuition by Rosemary Todman-Parrant and Agata Lelek. She also participated in workshops with Maxwell Wilks and Alan Rawady. Angela still continues to participate in further art workshops.

Angela paints a wide variety of subject matter including landscapes, cityscapes, still life, portraits, figures, animals, cars and toys. Angela draws inspiration from living on the beautiful Mornington Peninsula; her love of the Australian landscape and her travels to Europe and the U.S.A. In her artwork she aims to capture the contrasting effects of light; the beauty of the scene and the mood of her figures. Her aim in painting is to inspire and uplift the viewer. She is influenced by the impressionist painters. Angela's favourite medium is pastel but she also enjoys working in pen and wash for her smaller scene artworks.

Angela exhibits regularly in art shows in Victoria. She also belongs to the "Accent on Art" and "Studio 12" painting groups and exhibits with both of these. Angela has also completed several commissions and sold privately. She is represented in private and corporate collections in Australia and overseas. Angela currently has works on display at the Guild Art Gallery in Tyabb, Victoria.

Angela's awards include Best Pastel-Derinya Art Show 2008; Best Cityscape-Pastel Society of Victoria 2008; Commended-Mornington Rotary Art Exhibition 2010.

Angela is a member of The Pastel Society of Victoria, The Peninsula Arts Society, and The McClelland Guild of Artists.

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