

Artist Profile

Ron Farnill

Marine Artist



Born in Leeds, inland England, Ron's inborn love of the sea took him, in his spare time, to the Yorkshire coast and eventually to serve in the Royal Navy during World War 11. After migrating to Australia, he became an enthusiastic bike rider until a fall compelled him to find another area for his competitive spirit. This led him to Balnarring Yacht Club on Westernport and a boat of his own. He soon learned that boats don't have brakes! Next came ocean racing and, as a wise man who knew his capabilities, he progressed through catamarans, trailer sailors to keel boats; all the while fully aware and respectful of the sea and vagaries of the weather. Sea-going days over, the time came when Ron decided

to use his talents to capture these experiences and memories on paper, bringing the ambience on to dry land. His skilful use of watercolour, colour harmony, composition of shapes and his obvious enjoyment of painting make his 'marine portraits' a continuing joy to those fortunate enough to possess one. At present, Ron's sharing his enthusiasm and knowledge with less experienced painters by conducting one-day workshops at the studio of the Peninsula Arts Society.

Awards & Prizes

First Watercolour, Red Hill
Highly Commended, Banksia Show
First Watercolour, Corinella
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First All Mediums, Mordialloc Rotary
A.N.U Award, Altona Rotary
People's Choice, McClelland Guild
First Watercolour, St Christopher's
Highly Commended, Korumburra
Third Prize, Rosebud Rotary
Highly Commended, Red Hill
First Watercolour, Bass Shire
Highly Commended, Mornington Y.C.
Acquisitive Award, Rosebud Rotary
First Watercolour, Corinella 2000
Highly Commended, St Christopher's
Lees Award, Hastings
Second Watercolour, McClelland Guild
First Watercolour, Corinella 2001
Highly Commended, Dromana Rotary
Highly Commended, Hamilton Rotary
Highly Commended, St Christopher's
First Watercolour, Corinella
Third Watercolour, McClelland Guild
Acquisitive Award, Leopold
Highly Commended, Mordialloc Rotary
Best in Show, Red Hill
First Watercolour, Corinella
Highly Commended, Portland Rotary
First Historical Subject, Sorrento Rotary
First Watercolour, Corinella 2004
Second Watercolour, McClelland Guild
Highly Commended, Derinya

Second Watercolour, Warrnambool Rotary
First Watercolour, Corinella 2005
Commended, AGRA Autumn Exhibition
Third, Red Hill Show
People's Choice, AGRA Autumn Exhibition
Highly Commended, AGRA Winter
First Watercolour, Mordialloc Rotary
First Peninsula Scene
Dromana Rotary Show 2005
Highly Commended, Balnarring Art Fest
First Watercolour, McClelland Guild
Biennial Awards Exhibition
First Watercolour, Corinella 2006
Highly Commended, Cowes Art Show
Commended AGRA Spring Show
Highly Commended, Mordialloc Rotary Show
Highly Commended, Emerald Art Society
First Watercolour, Balnarring Art Fest
Highly Commended, Red Hill Show
Very Highly Commended, Yakerboo
Highly Commended, McClelland Guild
Biennial Awards Exhibition 2007
Highly Commended, Portland Rotary Show
First Christmas Exhibition, PAS
First Watercolour, Red Hill Show
First Grantville Award
First Watercolour Corinella 2009
Highly Commended Altona Rotary
Acquisitive Award Altona Rotary
First McClelland Guild monthly Comp
Highly Commended Red Hill
First Watercolour Flinders Art Show 2010

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