
KAREN SEDAITIS

PROFILE

Born 1963 Canberra. Visual Artist, Writer/Poet, Horticulturist, Landscape Designer

EXPERIENCE

HORTICULTURIST & LANDSCAPE DESIGNER 1986 - 2018

I have an Associate Diploma in Horticulture with a special interest in flowers and bulbs. I have worked as a freelance garden consultant, an organic grower of produce for supply to Canberra restaurants, a breeder of liliium bulbs and an organic cut-flower grower to SE NSW florists. I created and managed Scarlet Pimpernel Garden Escapes, providing landscape designs and builds in Canberra. I have worked as a freelance garden designer for the past 30 years.

WRITER 2000 - PRESENT

I studied Creative Writing at the University of Canberra in 2000. 'Soul Dark Soil', a collection of my short stories, was published by Zaresky Press, NSW, 2001. I also enjoy writing poetry and haikus.

ARTIST 2017 - PRESENT

I completed a number of drawing and painting classes at The School of Art, ANU, Canberra in the early 1990s. I drew and painted for pleasure while pursuing my horticultural interests until early 2018, when I began to pursue my art practice full time. I have studied with SE NSW visual artists in various workshops and classes. I became an artist-member of Spiral Gallery Co-operative, Bega, in 2018. I have co-curated two solo exhibitions and two group exhibitions at Spiral Gallery and curated my first solo exhibition in 2020. I sit at the gallery every fortnight. I have participated in six group shows at Spiral Gallery & exhibited work at Artescence Gallery in Pambula, NSW. I received an Australian Cultural Diplomacy Grant from ADFA (Foreign Affairs) in December 2020 for mentorship throughout the OUTPUT: Art After Fire project.

EXHIBITIONS

'A STILL LIFE' SOLO EXHIBITION @ SPIRAL GALLERY 3, 29 JULY 2020
EASTER GROUP SHOW @SPIRAL GALLERY APRIL 2020, APRIL 2021, APRIL 2022
GROUP EXHIBITION @ ARTESSENCE GALLERY, 2019
PLACE & IDENTITY @ SPIRAL GALLERY, 2019
ARTESANATO GROUP SHOW @ SPIRAL GALLERY 2020, 2021
ART AFTER FIRE @ SOUTH EAST ARTS (COLLABORATION WITH AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS)
LINES GROUP SHOW @ SPIRAL GALLERY, 2021

ART PRIZES

'WATER' OPEN ART PRIZE @ SPIRAL GALLERY (HONOURABLE MENTION), 2020
RIVER OF ART PRIZE (3RD PRIZE), 2020
LETHBRIDGE 20000 SMALL SCALE ART AWARD, (FINALIST), 2021

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