

Peggy Shaw - BIOGRAPHY



Peggy was born in Hobart in 1922 and, from an early age, became interested in drawing and painting. Having attended the Hobart Technical College she gained qualifications in fashion drawing and painting at age thirteen. She gained many awards while at school and had further tuition at age fifteen to eighteen. Peggy was an exhibiting member of the Tasmanian Art Society at the age of seventeen.

During the war her efforts were devoted to voluntary work in her spare time. After marriage, moving to Melbourne and rearing four children, she joined the Cheltenham Art Group, having tuition from Donald Cameron in oils which she practised for a number of years. However, when the late John Morrissey introduced her to the magic of watercolour, that then became her consuming passion.

Most of the exhibition consists of flower paintings and some landscapes. Those are the only works she has recorded in recent years. She also has a collection of five hundred tonal pencil sketches done on location in all parts of Victoria. Some of these will be included in the exhibition.

Her many friends, family and artist colleagues look forward with pride and joy to celebrating at Peggy's historic exhibition with the **Official Opening at 2.30pm on Saturday 14th January** at the Castlemaine Art Gallery, continuing through to 29th February 2012. Good luck Peggy!

