

GIFTED | ARTISTS IN FOCUS

Sue Cotton and Jane Button



MUNDARING ARTS CENTRE | GALLERY 2
24 November – 22 December 2017

Leading into the festive season and the tradition of gift-giving, Mundaring Arts Centre invites 'gifted' local artists Sue Cotton and Jane Button to offer an insight into their creative practices through exhibition, residency and workshops. Opening in conjunction with the Gallery 1 exhibition *DRAWN* by mixed media artist Karen Frankel on Friday 24 November, these *GIFTED* artists offer artworks perfect for gifting, filling Gallery 2 with drawings, sculpture and mixed media works.

Sue Cotton has created art all her life. With pen and paper ever ready, Cotton finds drawing allows her to think, ideas flowing along with the pen. For *GIFTED*, her body of work is a distillation of all her years of drawing, sparked by a phrase or a statement from a friend, a family member, or eaves dropped from a stranger on a train. She makes these snatches of conversation visible not so much through her intricately drawn lines but through the negative spaces created between these lines. These gaps or negative spaces form a language of their own as Cotton draws on and on.

Local artist **Jane Button** has grown up in the Perth hills surrounded by the natural beauty of Kalamunda and Wooroloo. Her love of the environment and visual arts led her to study the Environmental Art and Design course at Midland's North Metropolitan TAFE. Here she was encouraged to experiment with various mediums and techniques under the guidance of respected tutors. She considers herself a collector, fascinated by the assemblage of objects. Jane explains, "*Sometimes the most fragile objects in nature are the most powerful. My works are not big and full of grandeur, but made of small, seemingly insignificant components that all come together to form a story.*" Her 'match box' works treasure captured moments in time, while her 'boats' evoke the fragility of life's journey.

Jane Button will present workshops for all ages throughout *GIFTED*. Please visit www.mundaringartscentre.com.au/workshops-and-events/ for further information and bookings.

These exhibitions are open to the public from Saturday 25 November to Friday 22 December 2017 at Mundaring Arts Centre. Located in the heart of Mundaring at 7190 Great Eastern Hwy (corner Nichol Street), entry is free and the Galleries and Shop are open Tuesday – Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday and Sunday 11am – 3pm (closed Mondays and Public Holidays). For further information call 9295 3991, visit www.mundaringartscentre.com.au or find us on Face Book and Instagram.



IMAGES: (l-r) *Please Help Me Out Here*; *Verbal Diarrhoea* by Sue Cotton, ink on Arches paper; *Untitled (boat)*; *Untitled (matchbox) I & II* by Jane Button, mixed media and found objects.