

Earth Canvas ~ Swan Hill

FARM & ART OPEN DAY

REGENERATIVE FARM TOUR + ART TALK + LOCAL FOOD FOR LUNCH

Saturday 8th May 2021

10am to 3.30pm

Art talk and walk

10am to 10.45am Starts at **Swan Hill Regional Art Gallery** Horseshoe Bend, Swan Hill for an artist walk and talk.

Farm tour & lunch

11am Travel to **Mallee Organic Farms** 168 Tresco West Rd Tresco (15 minutes from Swan Hill CBD).

Come and enjoy a day of Art and Organic farming on an organic horticultural farm supplying stone fruit, figs pumpkins and broccoli to major supermarkets around Australia.

See how composting and biodegradable packaging closes the loop for this C21st farming business.



- Talk with local traditional Fibre artist Glenda Nicholls
- Organic Farmers Kelvin, Deanne and Nathan Free from Mallee Organics
- Lunch provided by Mallee Wood Fired Pizza. Produce from Mallee Organics

\$35 per adult ~ \$75 family of 4 ~ \$25 student ~ \$15 under 16 ~ Free under 5

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EARTH CANVAS

Earth Canvas is about reconnecting people with the farming landscape and using the eye of the artist to express what they see. It is about empowering people to be part of the solution to make the planet earth a better place.

Earth Canvas started with 6 leading Australian artists working on 6 Regenerative farms between the Murray and Murrumbidgee Rivers on the SW slopes of NSW.

The artists produced over 70 artworks now travelling to 6 regional galleries and museums in 4 states and finishing at the Australian National Museum in Canberra, October 2022.

At each regional exhibition a local artist and farmer are engaged to share their knowledge of art in the region.

The Swan Hill Regional Art Gallery Earth Canvas exhibition is open from March 19 to May 9, 2021.

GLENDA NICHOLLS

Glenda was born and raised in the Swan Hill district and is a Waddi Waddi, Ngarrindjeri and Yorta Yorta artist. Her cultural name is Jule Yarra Minj, translating to little river girl and her maternal Ngarrindjeri totem is the Writcharuki or willy-willy wagtail.

Glenda is a master weaver, constructing elaborate sculptural works that connect the present with the ancestral past. She wants to keep the processes of yesterday alive. Her late grandmother and her mother and sisters are weavers.

Glenda is pleased to work with Earth Canvas as she sees regenerative farmers as "caring for country She wants to keep the processes of yesterday alive.

Glenda prefers to use natural grasses but the change to the waterways and extensive use of chemicals has made grasses brittle to harvest. She is concerned about the devastation of the Murray Darling Basin and says "The water is not coming through the veins."

Glenda will show visitors how she uses found objects from nature to produce her art works and making feather flowers.

Organic Farmers KELVIN, DEANNE AND NATHAN FREE

Mallee organics transitioned from a traditional horticultural farming business 15 years ago to an organic vegetable and fruit farm supplying major supermarkets on the eastern seaboard. The Free family have farmed the red sandy soil on the edge of the Mallee Dunes and the Avoca Floodplain adjacent to the Murray River and Lake Boga for nearly 80 years.

The 120 ha organic Vegetable and Fruit farm produces stone fruit, figs, broccoli and pumpkins. The quality of the soils and health of the plants is paramount for the Free Family.

Kelvin Free says "we make our own compost to fertilize the soil and grow our own replacement fruit trees to avoid using conventionally grown trees that are treated with genetically modified products.

Gallery Tour, lunch and an afternoon on Mallee Organics farm at Tresco

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Earth Canvas
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A family day at the Gallery and visit an organic farm.

For farmers, consumers and anyone interested in healthy food and healthy soil.

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