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UNIQUE EXHIBITION SHOWCASES KERRIE'S JOURNEY THROUGH ART

Crossover artist Kerrie Warren will showcase her journey through art at an exhibition titled "Decades of Devotion" at the West Gippsland Arts Centre from Tuesday, June 19 to Friday, June 29.

"Decades of Devotion" features Kerrie's artworks from her childhood through to the present day in a wide variety of

forms including poetry, pottery, sculpture, drawing and painting.

Kerrie has most recently been known as an abstract expressionist/abstract geometric painter who works from an internal reference point to create balance and harmony through color, line, texture and form.

Her artworks involve careful planning, control and execution, whilst remaining uninhibited to

confidently make marks with energy and passion. This allows the artwork to have a life of its own.

However, Kerrie said many people are not aware of the artistic journey and influences in her life that have brought her to abstract contemporary art. She hopes this art exhibition will give an insight into her artistic background.

The exhibition will feature storyboards, sur-

rounded by artworks from her home and artworks that have been borrowed for the exhibition.

A feature will be an old sculpture titled "Waiting for the Visitor", which will be the centre piece of the exhibition. The sculpture normally sits in a special place in her garden.

"Waiting for the Visitor" is a sculpture of a woman who is pregnant with an alien baby. The sculpture shows the woman looking up to the sky awaiting the visitor's return.

Kerrie said the sculpture is one example of an art piece people might not have expected from her.

A very special artwork on display is the first painting she considered artwork. The painting was created by Kerrie when she was 11 years old and given as a present to her mother.

Kerrie came up with the idea to showcase old artworks after her collec-

tion, which is very recently completed.

Kerrie said her art has gone through numerous changes, including with-in abstract contemporary art.

"I feel quite settled in it (abstract contemporary art) now," said Kerrie, adding that her confidence has spilled over into her work.

The past 12 months have been very busy for Kerrie, who is the organiser and an artist with contemporary art group "Wild Dogs from Down Under".

The group's "Gippsland" exhibition will travel to Warragul's sister city of Jujiang, China in the coming months.

"Decades of Devotion" will be held at the West Gippsland Arts Centre from Tuesday, June 19 to Friday, June 29. The exhibition will be open Mondays to Fridays from 9am to 5pm and also during performances at the arts centre.

For further information

