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I was born in 1937 at Oakleigh, Melbourne... attended Hughesdale Primary and Malvern Girl's School... Our parents encouraged all creative art and craft activities... We were so lucky...no TV then...

After my working years... Dental Nursing and Retail sales... I married in 1960...and eventually... with three young children...a very tight budget... art pursuits were impossible... In 1970 I did a class making Paper-flowers...then a mixed Crafts class... Believe it or not... there were hardly any classes around then ...so I decided to teach at home to ease the finances ... \$1 a lesson! ... a very enjoyable time for 10 years...making our life a little easier...

An 8- week term in Oil painting followed ... eventually selling at Art Shows... Dromana ... Rosebud... Camberwell... Mt Waverley and the Herald Art Show in Melbourne.

In 1980 Wheel and Hand pottery ...then Antiqued Ceramics became crafts (for about 15 years) selling through local markets and Gift shops... Then in 1982 we purchased a small Gallery in a beautifully landscaped acre property in Mt. Dandenong... Paintings...Handcrafts...Restored Antique Furniture... Ceramics and Pottery from my students as well as local Artists from the area... kept us busy for two years...

We moved to South Frankston in 1985... to an acre property (where for 15yrs we landscaped a lovely garden)...We've moved now to Langwarrin...But the clock was ticking... So after 35 years away from art... I joined a Pastel Class here in 2009... successfully exhibiting at Mt.Waverley and Dromana and with a Highly Commended at the Derinya Art Show... Peninsular Art Society's Spring Show...Bright Festival in 2010 and 2011...then at Mornington...Bendigo and Mt.Waverley in 2012and 2013...

