

Shirley Ingram

I was born and raised in Brighton Victoria and went to Gardenvale State School then to Firbank Girls School in Brighton. My art teacher told me I had a great eye for colour, art was one of my favourite classes. On leaving school I started work in the fashion trade and became a house model in Flinders Lane clothing trade for several years, this included travelled interstate to fashion shows. This kept my love of colour and design satisfied, the fabric design revolution was well in swing in those days and it was exciting to be part of it. I stayed in the trade for seven very satisfying years.

My husband two children and I moved to Mt Eliza and started a business called “Shirkarsal” flowers, a florist selling to shops on the peninsula and working in house for weddings, doing the flowers for Cobblestone Manor & Norwood House. Mt Eliza. This again fed my love of colour and design. My children and family have always been an inspiration and influence in my desire to create beautiful things, whether it is fashion, flowers or paintings

I was introduced to the Peninsula Arts Society by a close friend and started with watercolour some 12 years ago. I have been lucky enough to be tutored by Joan Bognuda, Glen Hoyle and Marilyn Richards, also attending workshops by other respected artists. . I also do the flowers arraignments for the art shows for the peninsula art society, and I am pleased to say I get lovely compliments each year that I have been asked to do them.

I am now contented to follow my own path inspired by my family and grandchildren and also my fellow artists in the Friday morning social group. I have recently started painting on YUPO a Japanese synthetic paper using bright INK and watercolour paint. I love using them as they allow me the freedom to express myself. I have sold paintings to various local shops and can be contacted on 0428782534.

