



NELL SYMONDS



ARTIST STATEMENT

Nell was raised in the south west of W.A. Living in small towns with strong communities and spending her time largely outdoors. Whether in the native bush, learning to discern the difference between Jarrah or Red Gums, or by the ocean.

Nell predominately worked in graphite and charcoal in her 20s. Traveling extensively called for a creative practice that was light on the luggage. After a tumultuous early 30s of loss and recovery, Nell found time to explore her creativity once again.

Nell is now a wife and mother to two teenage stepsons and a 5 year old boy. These new roles have changed her perspective on life and herself. Developing calmness and cultivating the patience required for long hours refining the practice of oil painting.

Protea Jug Series

Still life has a calmness that Nell has been drawn to over and over again. It quietly commands you to gaze into its eyes and know the depths of its soul.

The objects are placed alone in the landscape of the painting, encouraging us to reflect and appreciate that alone does not mean lonely. A simple but bold colour palette completes Nell's paintings. And above all, shadows.

In this series Nell explores the relationships between significant elders in our lives. The shadows a person throws in our life are often not caused by the obvious answer. When you learn the life story, the shadows they cast become understandable. Love and understanding are the key to close familial relationships. They allow for mistakes, forgiveness and appreciation.



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Group Exhibitions

December 2021 - Linden Postcard Show, St Kilda, VIC

May 2021 - Facets of Fairholme, Toowoomba, QLD

March 2021 - Grammar Art Show, Toowoomba, QLD

February 2020 - Inside This Box, Cornerstore Gallery, Orange, NSW

December 2020 - Linden Postcard Show, St Kilda, VIC

Award Exhibitions and Prizes

October 2021 – Melville City Art Award, WA. – Finalist.

March 2021 - Beverley Station Arts, Beverley, WA. Highly commended

November 2020 - South Perth Emerging Artist, Perth. Finalist

September 2020 - Ellenbrook Art Award, Ellenbrook, WA. Winner (painting category)