



## The Flight of Ikaros

An exhibition of artwork reflecting on Greek - Australian culture, in association with the Panlkarian Brotherhood "Icarus" of Australia Inc.

This exhibition is unique in the sense that all the artists involved have a connection to the remote, and until recently, bypassed Greek island of Icaria.

All the participants in this show are either direct descendants of Greek migrants of this island or have married into their community.



ceramic by Eleni Pitsilioni-Alexiou

The exhibition is part of the 50th Golden Jubilee 1958-2008 celebrations of the Panlkarian Brotherhood "Icarus" of Australia Inc

The artists in this exhibition bring a unique vision via sculpture, photography and painting of the migrant experience.

**Eleni Pitsilioni-Alexiou** is a Sydney based ceramicist. She grew up in Greece (her mother was from the island of Icaria) and has lived and worked in Sydney for the last 25 years. She studied pottery in Greece and has also worked with weaving and jewellery. This exhibition will feature some of her exquisite ceramics and a range of jewellery, including earrings.

Sculptor **Stavros (Steve) Carapetis** refers to his style as "Organic Abstract", with the actual pieces emerging as though they already exist inside the raw material. "I love working in stone and wood" Stavros says. "Each medium has its fascination and beauty for me." The forms and shapes that he creates are smooth and flowing with images of, and similarities to, elements of the human form; hence the reference to term "organic".

Painter and sculptor **Bill Cook** and his wife Mary have just returned from 8 months in Greece, mostly on the island of Icaria. He spent the first three months painting and drawing intensely on this island in the village of Kampos.

Bill also took up an artist residency on Skopelos, a northern Greek island, noted for its scenic beauty and formed the major backdrop for the film "Mamma Mia". Skopelos town is a picture postcard Greek village and the residency is perched up on the side of a hill overlooking a brilliant, aqua blue bay.

Whilst away, Bill had a very successful solo exhibition in the town of Evthilos on Icaria, and can now take satisfaction knowing that many of his works are in private Greek collections and the City of Evthilos collection.



painting by Bill Cook

Bill's daughter, **Sarah-Jane Cook** is a professional practicing artist and community arts worker. Sarah-Jane has participated in arts residencies in New Delhi, India and in Ashfield, New South Wales and has exhibited widely. Drawing on personal experiences as an individual of mixed ethnic origins she is constantly drawn to investigating day to day activities, beliefs and rituals that make up who we are to try and understand her own and others' issues around identity, tradition, language and culture.

**Joanna Kalambogias** was born in Adelaide of Greek heritage. Joanna has developed a strong interest in the Greek community and its culture, and has established herself as a

prominent artist within the community.

Joanna's work is both personal and symbolic and she requires the viewer to search for her intentions through a close reading of the work and its many elements.



painting by John Panteladis



sculpture by Stavros Carapetis

**Stefanis Kourakis** is a graduate of the SA School of Art, studying in the same era as Bill Cook. Stefanis' work is original and very individual, and challenges the thinking viewer.

**John Panteladis** was born in Icaria, and migrated with his family in 1953. He taught art at various High Schools for 30 years, and since retiring has begun painting landscapes and portraits in oils.

John explores the beauty of nature in all its forms, and expresses his inspirations, feelings, perceptions and impressions using colour to communicate. In 2000 he visited Greece and Europe and staged a very successful first solo exhibition in Icaria.

**Maria Tsounis** graduated from the SA Art School with a Printmaking major in 1984, but didn't make a print again for 20 years - not till she purchased a computer and printer in 2004. "I am interested in blending my interest in nostalgia, with photography, digital manipulation and mixed media" Maria says.

She has always taken photos, and found that learning digital image manipulation was liberating and useful in accelerating the speed and means by which she could process images. It has brought her back to contemplating the creative process - a wonderful antidote to the stresses of everyday life.

As a quirky twist of fate approximately 180 families from the island Icaria, named for the legendary Ikaros, have settled in Adelaide. They have provided SA with skilled trades people, teachers, lawyers, an assortment of other professionals, four or five multi millionaires and most recently a Supreme Court Judge. All this is far disproportionate to this island's meager population of 7,000.



drawing by Sarah-Jane Cook

'The Flight of Ikaros' will be officially opened at 6.45pm, Friday 7 November, with Gallery M open from 5 - 8pm.

**Nick Chapley**, Past President of the Panlkarian Brotherhood will give an introduction in Greek; Guest Speaker is **Steve Georganas MP**, Federal Member for Hindmarsh.

Opening night music will be performed by Dimos Alexiou

# GALLERY M *diary*

**2 November**

CLOSE OF CURRENT EXHIBITIONS

**7 November - 30 November**

WHOLE GALLERY EXHIBITION

- ▶ *'The Flight of Ikaros'*  
Paintings, sculpture and mixed media by Greek and Australian artists

**2pm Sunday 9 November**

**MEET THE ARTISTS**

A chance to meet and talk to artists from *'The Flight of Ikaros'* exhibition in a relaxed and informal atmosphere

**7 December- 9 January '09**

WHOLE GALLERY EXHIBITION

- ▶ *'7th Annual City of Marion Community Exhibition'*  
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**23 January - 15 February**

WHOLE GALLERY EXHIBITION

- ▶ Contemporary ceramics, jewellery, painting, photography, printmaking and video installation by graduating students from the **Vizarts Program, TAFE SA O'Halloran Hill Campus.**  
Not many exhibition opportunities exist for 2009, and proposals are being accepted for 2010. Proposal forms available at [www.gallerym.net.au](http://www.gallerym.net.au)

# talking shop



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'A Little Bit'  
written by  
Christine & Peter Maniaty  
\$20

Childrens Books  
illustrated by  
**Claire Richards**

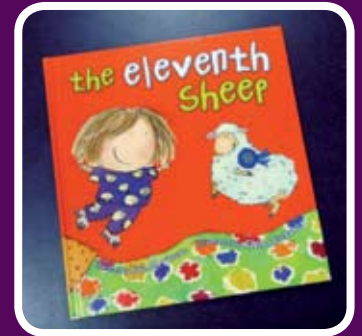


(right)  
'The Eleventh Sheep'  
written by Karl Mewburn  
\$15

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paper gift bags  
by  
**Students from  
Suneden School**  
\$4.50 each



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starting from \$5 each



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