

CURRICULUM VITAE: De Gillett**Debra Elizabeth Gillett****D.O.B. 21/11/1960****Address:** 248 Preston Road
Wynnum West, Brisbane, QLD, 4178**Telephone Home:** 07 3348 5595**Mobile:** 0408 7200 29**Email:** gillett.de@gmail.com**website:** www.degillett.com.au**Public facebook page:** De Gillett BFA – Fine Artist <www.facebook.com/pages/De-Gillett-BFA-Fine-Artist/23027889345?fref=ts>**ARTIST PROFILE**

Debra Elizabeth Gillett, known as De, graduated in 2012 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Queensland College of Arts (QCA), Griffith University, Brisbane.

De's recklessly sumptuous paintings are her own expressionistic, neo-futurist take on elation of being, and offer an unfettered celebration of life. She is inspired and obsessed with colour— the brilliance of tropical light, joy, sensuality, motion and emotion.

Conceptual depth and technical excellence are layered in De's habitually highly textured paintings. She works across an eclectic variety of subjects using a comprehensive range of media including acrylics, mixed media, drawing, oils, and inks.

EDUCATION

- 2012** Bachelor of Fine Art, GPA 6.33, Queensland College of Arts, Griffith University, Southbank Campus, Brisbane, QLD and graduate member of Griffith University Honours College.
- 2004** Certificate IV in Assessment and Workplace Training, Barrier Reef Institute of TAFE, Ingham, Qld.

ACADEMIC AWARDS

- 2012** Award for Academic Excellence: 3rd Year Bachelor of Fine Art, Queensland College of Art, Griffith University.
- 2011** Award for Academic Excellence: 2nd Year Bachelor of Fine Art, Queensland College of Art, Griffith University.
- 2010** Award for Academic Excellence: 1st Year Bachelor of Fine Art, Queensland College of Art, Griffith University.

AWARDS AND PRIZES

- 2017** Brisbane Art Prize: Finalist, *Connectedness*, Mixed media on linen diptych, each panel 41 x 51 cm.
- 2017** Westfield Garden City MacGregor Lions Art Extravaganza: Highly Commended, *Opaline*, Acrylic on canvas 1010 x 1010mm.
- 2017** Moreton Bay Region Art Awards: Finalist, and 2nd place People's Choice Award, *Sea levels rising (Please pass the coal)*, Acrylic and mixed media on canvas, 760 x 1530mm.
- 2017** Lethbridge 10,000 ; Online Finalist, *Vanity sizing and the plump white rump*.
- 2017** Brisbane Rotary Art Spectacular: Gallery Finalist, *Sistamoon, brothasky*, Acrylic on canvas, 1220 x 910mm. Online Finalist, *Opaline* and *Respite Creek*.
- 2016** Clayton Utz Art Awards: Finalist; *Acknowledgement of Country*, Acrylic on linen, 1220 x 1820mm.
- 2016** Royal Queensland Art Society Queensland Figurative: Finalist; *Skindeep*, Acrylic on linen, 1220 x 910 mm.
- 2016** Macgregor Lions Garden City Art Extravaganza: Highly Commended: *Fantastic Four*, Mixed media on linen, 40 x 51cm. People's Choice Award: *Rainbow maelstrom*, Acrylic on linen, 1000 x 1000 mm.

- 2016 Brisbane Rotary Art Spectacular: Gallery Finalist, *Monsildale vignette*, Acrylic on canvas, 1220 x 910mm. Online Finalist, *Bris-Side Story* and *Monsildale hillside*.
- 2016 Moreton Bay Region Art Awards: People's Choice Award, *Acknowledgement of Country*, Acrylic on linen, 1220 x 1820mm
- 2016 Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery Landscape Competition: Special Merit Awards, *Aftermath*, Acrylic on canvas, 910 x 610mm; *Monsildale hillside*, Acrylic on canvas, 1220 x 910mm.
- 2016 Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery Abstract Arts Competition: Special Merit Award, *From Flames*, Acrylic on canvas, 1220 x 910mm.
- 2015 Royal Queensland Show (The Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland): Painting and Drawing:
Second Prize, Class 2 Open Class Native Australian Wildlife Flora and Fauna, *Treetop*; Acrylic on canvas; 900 x 600mm.
Commended, Class 1 Open Class- Any subject Figurative, *Habitation study*; 900 x 600mm.
- 2015 Soroptimist International Gala Art Exhibition Brisbane South: People's Choice; *Flightlace*; Acrylic on canvas 600 x 900mm.
- 2015 The John Villiers Waltzing Matilda Outback Art Show 2015: Second Prize, *Habitat*; Mixed media on linen; 1220 x 910mm.
- 2015 King St. Canvas Paddock to Plate: First prize Judges Choice. *Thargomindah smoko, 1936*; (charcoal & oil on linen) 860 x 1220mm.
- 2014 Chroma Artist of the Year, September Judges Choice. *Thargomindah smoko, 1936*; (charcoal & oil on linen) 860 x 1220mm.
- 2014 Queensland Figurative 2014, Finalist. *Bruised- Embracing erudition*; Oil on canvas; 540 x 760mm
- 2014 Chroma Artist of the Year, June Finalist. *Bruised- Embracing erudition*; Oil on canvas; 540 x 760mm.
- 2014 The John Villiers Waltzing Matilda Outback Art Show 2014: Finalist, *Where once was water*; Mixed media on linen; 760 x 1530 mm
- 2014 The Andrew Fisher Portrait Prize 2014 Highly Commended, *Bruised- Embracing erudition*; Oil on canvas; 540 x 760mm.
- 2013 The John Villiers Waltzing Matilda Outback Art Show 2013: \$1000 Celebrity Prize, *Thargomindah smoko, 1936*; (charcoal & oil on linen) 860 x 1220mm;
Winner Popular Vote, *Over the sunset plains*, (ink and acrylic on linen) 610 x 122cm.
- 2012 Moreton Bay Region Art Awards: finalist, *Aves Asunder*, (ink and acrylic on canvas) 910 x 1220mm.
- 2012 Just Nudes 2012: Second prize, painting, *Soliloquoy*, (ink and acrylic on canvas) 400 x 760mm.
- 2012 The John Villiers Waltzing Matilda Outback Art Show 2012: Finalist, painting, *Cadencing the updraught*, (acrylic on canvas) diptych- each panel 610 x 920mm.
- 2011 Woollam Waltzing Matilda Outback Art Award 2011: Third prize, painting, *Relinquish to the river*, (oil on canvas) 1200 x 600mm.
- 2009 Australian Artist Magazine: Australian Artist Challenge No. 35- Still Life & Florals, Third Prize - *Fragrant Unfurling*, (oil on canvas), 1500mm x 1000mm.
Outback Spirit Ergon Energy Waltzing Matilda Art Award: Finalist - *Considering the Apology*, (oil on canvas), 1200mm x 800mm.
Sarina Art Extravaganza: Winner, People's Choice Award, *Homeless (Smith Street)*, (oil on canvas) 510mm x 770mm.
- 2008 Townsville Art Society Awards: Highly Commended (Judge Tony Ellwood) Oil Painting - *Homeless (Smith Street)*, (oil on canvas) 510mm x 770mm..
Hinchinbrook Acquisitive Art Competition: First Prize - Landscape, *Bluewater Blackboys*, (acrylic on canvas) 1200mm x 900mm
- 2007 Outback Spirit Ergon Energy Waltzing Matilda Art Awards: Finalist - *Sacred Sand,s* Acrylic on canvas 750mm x 1000mm; and Winner, People's Choice Award - *Harlequin Whirlwind*, (acrylic on canvas) 1500mm x 1000mm
Barcardine Art Competition: Winner, People's Choice Award - *Bluewater Blackboys*, (acrylic on

canvas) 1200mm x 900mm

- 2006** Townsville Art Society Awards: Winner, People's Choice Award - *Dreaming Untold* (acrylic).
Barcardine Art Competition: Winner, People's Choice Award - *Leo* (acrylic); First Prize, Section C - *Flightsong* (acrylic).
Hinchinbrook Acquisitive Art Competition: Winner, People's Choice Award and Highly Commended, Section 3- *Halcyon Flight* (acrylic); First Prize, Decorative Pottery - *Harlequin Angel* (ceramic); Highly Commended, Section 2 - *Creeks Guardian* (acrylic); and Highly Commended Section 7: *Angel Chorus* (ceramic).
Townsville Agricultural Show: First Prize, Portraiture - *John the Baptist* (acrylic); Second Prize, Seascape - *Aquaria* (acrylic); and Highly Commended, Seascape - *Shimmer* (acrylic).
Flying Arts Regional Arts Award: Finalist - *Tropical Abundance* (acrylic)
- 2005** Maleny Art Awards: First Prize, Portraiture - *John the Baptist* (acrylic); and Highly Commended, Abstract/Contemporary - *Fire Fliers* (acrylic).
Hinchinbrook Acquisitive Art Competition: First Prize, Section 2 - *Jewel* (acrylic); Highly Commended Section 3 - *Off the Jetty* (acrylic).
Townsville Agricultural Show: Winner, People's Choice Award - *Brothersista* (acrylic); First Prize, Seascape - *Amethyst Mist* (acrylic); and Second Prize, Open Section - *Brothersista* (acrylic).
- 2004** Ernest Henry Memorial Art Contest: Highly Commended - *Shoredance* (acrylic); and Highly Commended - *Yarnin'* (acrylic).
Hinchinbrook Acquisitive Art Competition: Highly Commended, Open Section - *Undercurrent* (acrylic); Highly Commended, Section 3 - *Shoredance* (acrylic); and Highly Commended, Section 7 - *Secret Women's business* (ceramic).
- 2003** Hinchinbrook Acquisitive Art Competition: First Prize, Functional Pottery - *On a Pedestal* (ceramic); First Prize, Decorative Pottery - *Medusa Bottle* (ceramic); Highly Commended, Open Section - *Iolaus* (bronze); and Highly Commended, Seascape - *Vortex* (pastel).
- 2001** Hinchinbrook Acquisitive Art Competition: Highly Commended, Local Artist - *Mandala* (ceramic).
- 2000** Hinchinbrook Acquisitive Art Competition: Overall Winner, Open Section - *Purple Haze* (pastel); First Prize, Decorative Pottery - *Baby Cassowary* (ceramic); and First Prize, Drawing - *Salome* (graphite).
- 1999** Hinchinbrook Acquisitive Art Competition: Highly Commended, Open Section - *Youth, Beauty, Fertility*; First Prize, Decorative Pottery - *Baby Gecko*.
- 1998** Hinchinbrook Acquisitive Art Competition: First Prize, Wheel-thrown Pottery - *Ripples Bowl*.
- 1997** Hinchinbrook Acquisitive Art Competition: First Prize, Wheel-thrown Pottery - *Reef Bowl*.
- 1996** Hinchinbrook Acquisitive Art Competition: First Prize, Hand-built Pottery – *Dreamtime*; Winner Popular Vote, *Namibian Smile* (pastel).
- 1995** Ernest Henry Memorial Art Contest: Highly Commended, Drawing in any medium - *Duet* (pastel).
Hinchinbrook Acquisitive Art Competition: First Prize, Landscape - *Outpost* (pastel); First Prize, Local Artist - *Duet* (pastel); Second Prize, Popular vote - *Duet* (pastel); and First Prize, Hand-built Pottery - *Treasures Bowl* (ceramic).
- 1994** Hinchinbrook Acquisitive Art Competition: First Prize, Local Artist - *Boys from the Bush* (pastel); and Winner, Popular Vote - *Boys from the Bush*.
- 1990** Hinchinbrook Acquisitive Art Competition: Highly Commended, winner encouragement award - *Rock Pigeon Habitat* (pastel).

RECENT EMPLOYMENT

- 2013 -** **Co-owner, webmaster, social media manager & Lead tutor:** Arts Tree, Wynnum, Brisbane.
www.artstree.com.au
- 2012 - 2013** **Art Tutor:** The Art Shed, West End, Brisbane.
- 2011** **Caricaturist:** Arts Education Law Events, Griffith University.
- 2011 - 2012** **Student Mentor:** Uni-key, Queensland College of Art, Griffith University.
- 2010 - 2012** **Life Drawing Instructor:** Drawn from Life, Metro Arts, Brisbane City.

ART TUTORING

- 2015** Artist's Society of Canberra Summer School 5 day workshop January 11-16th.
- 2014** Artist's Society of Canberra Summer School 5 day workshop.
- 2013** Launceston Art Society, Acrylic Ink 3 day workshop.
- 2013** Old Fire Station, Dubbo, 2 day ink workshop.
- 2012** Red Door Gallery, Dubbo, Florals in Oils 2 day workshop and Pastel Mess 2 day workshop.
- 2012** The Art Shed, Brisbane, 6 x 2 day painting workshops and 3 x demonstrations.
- 2011** Launceston Art Society, Acrylic Ink 3 day workshop.
- 2011** Yurara Art Group, Textures and Glazing weekend workshop.
- 2010** Samford Art Group, Acrylic Ink weekend workshop.
- 2010** Yurara Art Group, Acrylic Ink weekend workshop.
- 2010** Sawtell Art Group, Acrylic Ink weekend workshop.
- 2009 to 2012** Third Dimension Art (Dubbo). Acrylic Ink weekend workshop x 3, Florals in Oils weekend workshop, Portraiture weekend workshop.
- 2006 to 2009** Townsville Art Society Classroom: Tutor (weekly painting classes for adult students).
- 2003 to 2009** NQPA Studio, Oil Painting weekend workshops x 3, Acrylic inking weekend workshops x 4.
- 2003 to 2009** North Queensland Potters Association: Tutor - Clay Sculpture weekend workshops x 5.
- 2007 to 2009** Hinchinbrook Regional Arts, Clay Sculpture weekend workshop, acrylic painting weekend workshop.
- 2008** Bowen Potters, Clay Sculpture weekend workshop.
- 2005 to 2008** Charters Towers Pottery Club, Clay Sculpture weekend workshops x 4.
- 2004 to 2005** Grafton Artsfest, Clay Sculpture 6 day workshop x 2.

SOLO & MAJOR EXHIBITIONS

- 2016** "City Coastal Country" with Kylie Farrelly at The Manly Gallery, Brisbane.
- 2014** "Artist of the month" 9 works, Solo exhibition at The Manly Gallery, Brisbane.
- 2013** "Luminous QLD": 25 works, Solo exhibition at The Manly Gallery, Brisbane.
- 2007** "Intimate": Solo exhibition at Gallery53, Cairns
- 2003** "Duos Showcase": with Fay Morris at Perc Tucker Regional Gallery, Townsville.
- 2003** "Symbiosis": 164 works with David Rowe and Fay Morris, Gallery Hinchinbrook, Ingham.
- 2000** "Humanology": Solo Exhibition, 44 sculptures and 8 pastels at Christopher's Studio Arts, Townsville.
- 1999** "New Dimensions 1999": 410 works with Mim Bates, Gai Chappell, Linda Knibb and Danny Chappell at Hinchinbrook Shire Hall, Ingham.
- 1998** "Nature Fantasia": 60 works with Frank Ten Bos at Cairns Casino.
- 1997** "Farewell Townsville": with Richard Bogusz and others at Barrards Gallery, Townsville.
- 1995** "New Directions": 200 works with Mim Bates and Gai Chappell at Hinchinbrook Shire Hall, Ingham.

STUDENT & GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2016** "Reinventions": Queensland Conservatorium of Music with Lunaire Collective.
- 2013** "Brisbane Rotary Art Spectacular": Riverside Centre, Brisbane CBD.
- 2012** "Here Now" Queensland College of Art, Griffith University, Southbank, Brisbane, 2012 Fine Arts Graduate Exhibition.
- 2012** "Inked" The Art Factory, South Brisbane. 2012 QCA Printmaking graduates exhibition.
- 2012** "Eleventh Hour" POP Gallery, Woolloongabba, Brisbane, Curated group exhibition of printmaking.
- 2011** "Detours", POP Gallery, Woolloongabba, Brisbane, Curated group exhibition (Curators Tim Mosely & Alan Owens).

- 2011 "Study Tour" Project Gallery, Queensland College of Art, Photography group exhibition.
 2011 Project Gallery, Queensland College of Art, The Hive Creative Initiative group exhibition.
 2011 Restaurant gallery, with Scott Breton and Nick Leavey, Lock'n'Load, West End, Brisbane.
 2010 "Impress Print Auction": White Canvas Gallery, Fortitude Valley, Brisbane – group exhibition.
 2010 "12 x 21": Ship Inn, Southbank, Brisbane – QCA group printmaking exhibition.
 2006 "Figuratively Speaking": Flinders Gallery, Townsville - group showing with JCU Visual Arts Lecturers and local artists.

JUDGING

- 2013 Art on Show 2830; Dubbo NSW. 263 entries, prizes awarded across The Norma Williams Memorial Prize, Landscape, Birds & Animals, Still Life, Sculpture, and Junior sections.

TELEVISION APPEARANCES

- Profiled on "Put some Colour in your Life" September 8th 2013.
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ACOB1njW1s4>

PORTRAIT COMMISSIONS

- 2014 Piccardi Legal: portrait of Tony and Megan Piccardi.
 2012 Brown and Hurley Transport: portrait of J.P. Hurley (President); oil on canvas.
 2009 Townsville Art Society: portrait of Kevin O'Shea.

MEMBERSHIPS

- The National Association for the Visual Arts.
 The Royal Queensland Art Society.

PUBLICATIONS & REVIEWS

- 2015 'Artists' visions are fit for a King', *The Courier Mail HOME*, August 8, pp.22-23.
 2014 Gillett D, 2014 'Go Braver and Bolder Part 1', *Australian Artist Magazine*, iss.364, October, pp. 20-27.
 2014 Gillett D, 2014 'The Way I See Art', *Artist's Palette Magazine*, iss.134, July, pp. 42-52.
 2013 Whyte S, 2013 'De lights up art gallery' *Wynnum Herald* October 30.
 2011 Gillett D, 2011 'Unlimited Potential' *Australian Artist Magazine*, iss. 321, March, pp. 58-65.
 2009 Gillett D, and Grant H (ed.) 2009, 'Mastering movement in oils' *Australian Artist Magazine*, iss 302, August, pp.12-19.
 2007 Lynch B, 2007, 'Artist inspired by subject' *Townsville Daily Bulletin*.
 2007 Harskamp K, 2007, 'Intimate Collection' *art&about, Cairns Post*, July 30.
 2005 'Birds to bronze reptiles' *Townsville Bulletin*, October 7.
 2005 Cooper L, 2005, 'An Artist with Attitude', *Citylife Magazine*, July.
 2006 Wildeheart, M. 2006, 'Takes on human form' *The Guide, Townsville Daily Bulletin*, June 30.
 2002 'Artsfest: True work of talent' *The Daily Examiner* October 2.
 2000 'Purple Haze is the toast of Hinchinbrook', *Herbert River Express*, August 3, p.1.
 2000 Murdoch, A. 2000, 'Firing on all cylinders', *The Townsville Daily Bulletin* August 6.
 1995 Oliveri, L. 1995 'Oh, what a show', *Good Art, The Townsville Daily Bulletin* August 4.
 1995 'New Directions', *Island Coast News* August.
 1995 'Athletic inability triggers Ingham artist's passion' *Queensland CountryLife* March 2.
 1995 'Art show has something to prove', *The Herbert River Express* July 25.

COMMUNITY

- 2012 The Schoolbag Asia Pacific, Volunteer artist.
 2005 to 2010 Hinchinbrook Acquisitive Art Competition: Sponsor.
 2006 to 2009 Townsville Art Society: Member, Gallery member, Volunteer and Committee member.
 2006 to 2009 Tropic Sun Theatre Company: Volunteer, "His and Hers" Art Events.
 2004 to 2009 North Queensland Potters Association: Member, Committee Member and Volunteer.
 2000 to 2002 Chequers Artist Run Initiative, Allingham, Founding Member and President.

- 2002 to 2009** Hinchinbrook Regional Arts: Founding Member and Gallery member.
2007 & 2008 Art Escape, Paluma: Organiser and volunteer (annual).

PUBLIC ART

- 2007** Thuringowa City Council: *Thuringowa*, Acrylic Painting for giclee reproduction given as corporate gifts, staff gifts, and postcards.
2007 Spinal Injuries Association: *Parallel Odyssey*, Acrylic Triptych, portrait of Peter Allen.
2007 Riley A, 2007, *Rainbow Bee Eater* cover art for 'Arrivals and Rivals: A duel for the winning bird'. Brambleby Books, London.

COLLECTIONS

- 2016** Mayoral Office Charters Towers, Mayor Elizabeth Schmidt, *Hope*, Acrylic on canvas diptych.
2016 Dr. Cameron Mackay: *Hands at work*; .Mixed media on linen.
2014 Collection of The Hawker School, Canberra; *Rainbow bird*; *Hyacinths*.
2013 State Library of Queensland: *Recumbent, reading*, (collagraph).
2012 Griffith University Artworks: *Recumbent, reading*, (collagraph) within *Read Red Read 2012 Folio* Box, Queensland College of Art Printmaking graduates and staff.
2007 The Sisters of Mercy, Cairns: *Bluewater Blackboys, Billabong, Flight and Amethyst Flight*.
2007 Jayco Caravans, Melbourne: *Jay* (acrylic).
2007 Stafford Family: *Sunstone* (watercolour and pastel).
2006 Hinchinbrook Shire Council Chambers: *Ingham Iconography*, Acrylic Triptych.
2006 Jenni Edgely: *Lorikeet* (acrylic).
2000 The Hinchinbrook Shire Council: *Purple Haze* (pastel).
1996 City of Suwon, Korea: *Browsing Kangaroo* (ceramic).

CORPORATE DESIGN

- 2007** Jayco Freedom Caravans: fabric design.
2007 to 2008 Beaulieu Pacific: range of fabric designs
2000 Hinchinbrook Shire Council: logo design.
2000 Schmidt's Livestock Transport: logo design.
2000 Livestock Transporters Association of Queensland (LTAQ): logo design.

EVENTS

- 2012** World Record, World's Largest display of chalk pavement art, fundraiser for The Schoolbag, at Queensland Art Gallery. Originator of idea and participant.
2007/2008 "Gumburu Getaway Art Escape", Paluma: Organiser and Administrator for 2 day art events for 20 adult artists.
2007 "Art Start", Thuringowa City Council (at the Riverway Arts Centre): presented "Warts and All – what it really is to be an artist!", Powerpoint presentation.

PRIVATE SCULPTURE COMMISSIONS-

- 2005** *Gundamen* (bronze) for Drew and Valerie Thompson (Townville).

GALLERY REPRESENTATION

CWM Galleries: Four Points by Sheraton, Sussex Street, Sydney www.cwmgalleries.biz
 The Manly Gallery, 11 Cambridge Pde. Manly www.manlygallery.com.au

REPRODUCTION WORKS

www.undertheartstree.com.au
www.artreproductions.com.au