

Heart and Soul of Outback Australia

Born in Bendigo in 1933, Montville Art Gallery's Artist of the month - Arthur Hamblin, grew up on a farm as one of nine children. He began painting at the age of sixteen and became a full time professional artist in the 1960s. Australian country life, stockmen, cattle, horses, camels and bird life are his subjects.

One of the highlights of Arthur's long and successful career as an artist was an invitation from The Northern Territory Government Bicentennial Committee to join 'The Last Great Cattle Drive' as its artist in residence.

"Twelve hundred head of bullock were driven from Newcastle Waters in the Northern Territory to Longreach in Western Queensland - a distance of 2,000 kilometers. The bullocks were sold in Longreach and the proceeds donated to The Stockman's Hall of Fame," Arthur explained. "Twelve of the paintings which resulted from this trek are permanently displayed in the offices of The Northern Territory Government. The rest of the paintings were sold in an exhibition cum auction which was a complete sell-out."

"I owe my success as an artist to the colourful characters I have met on my travels throughout outback Australia and the experiences I have shared with them," he told us.

"Arthur's paintings capture the heat, colours and the vastness of the outback. Viewers claim they can feel the searing heat of the sun and taste the thick, dry dust when they look at his paintings," gallery manager, Lisa Powell explained. "His small watercolours are extremely popular with visitors wishing to take home a reminder of their visit to outback Australia."

Arthur's paintings will be featured at The Montville Art Gallery for the month of July or see website www.montvilleartgallery.com.au

The Gallery is located opposite the Village Green and is open daily from 10am to 5pm.

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