



POTTERY & GALLERY

MEDIA RELEASE

Springmount Pottery; a superb pottery gallery located in a natural bush setting specialising in Australian ceramics, Ashware, jewellery, fine art, wildlife paintings and the famous Springmount Pottery range, has the brilliant works of local artist Lyn Cooke now on display.

Lyn Cooke uses the subject matter of Australia's unique flora and fauna as well as the many varieties of beautiful birds to provide inspiration for her very detailed studies in watercolour and mixed media.

Born in Melbourne in 1954, Lyn has always had an interest in painting and drawing. After completing a Diploma of Teaching at Burwood and a B.A. at Monash University, she moved to country Victoria where she taught in schools in the Ballarat area. Retaining her love of art however, she chose to leave teaching and has now been painting full-time for several years.

Lyn is largely a self-taught artist. Her meticulous studies of wildlife are usually executed in a mixture of watercolour and gouache. After preliminary sketches, the subject is drawn in pencil on to watercolour paper. The background is then completed. An airbrush is often used to achieve a soft, out-of-focus look. Work then begins on the main subject. Detail is gradually built up using very fine brushwork. Many layers may be required to achieve the desired result.

The bushland setting of her home provides Lyn with many of her painting subjects. Additional inspiration comes from regular trips to other parts of Australia. Her keen interest in flora and fauna, particularly Australian birds, is reflected in her paintings.

Lyn has been the recipient of numerous art awards and is represented in private collections throughout Australia and in many other countries. Her work has been featured on television and in the print media and paintings have been reproduced on calendars and as limited edition prints.

The gallery is open 11am – 4pm Wednesday – Sunday. For more information call Evelyn on (03) 5345 2856.

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