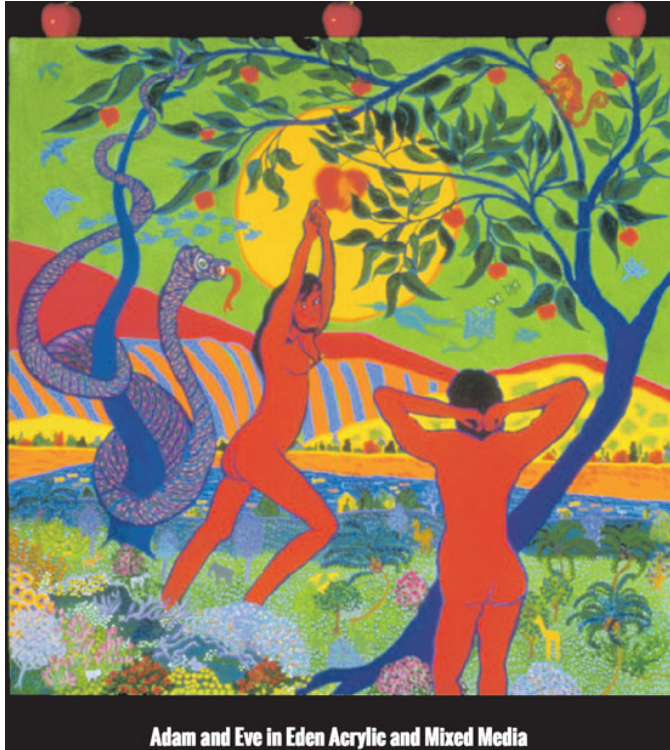


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An Art Exhibit for the Ages

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Adam and Eve in Eden Acrylic and Mixed Media

The Lamorinda Arts Council, which continually works to come up with ways to promote the arts for all ages, is presenting the Around the World at 80 exhibit. It will feature artists age 80 and better who continue to develop their art in their golden years. The display will be staged at the Orinda Library Art Gallery for a month beginning July 1. The deadline to submit art is June 1.

LAC's Maggie Boscoe is the curator of the exhibition. The non-profit manages the display at the art gallery and she says the venue is so popular that events there have to be planned years in advance.

Boscoe says that LAC has for years promoted and displayed art production coming from local schools at the gallery - the last one being the high schools art competition.

"We thought it would also be a good idea to feature mature artists whose creativity and desire to grow is intact, in their 80s and 90s," she says.

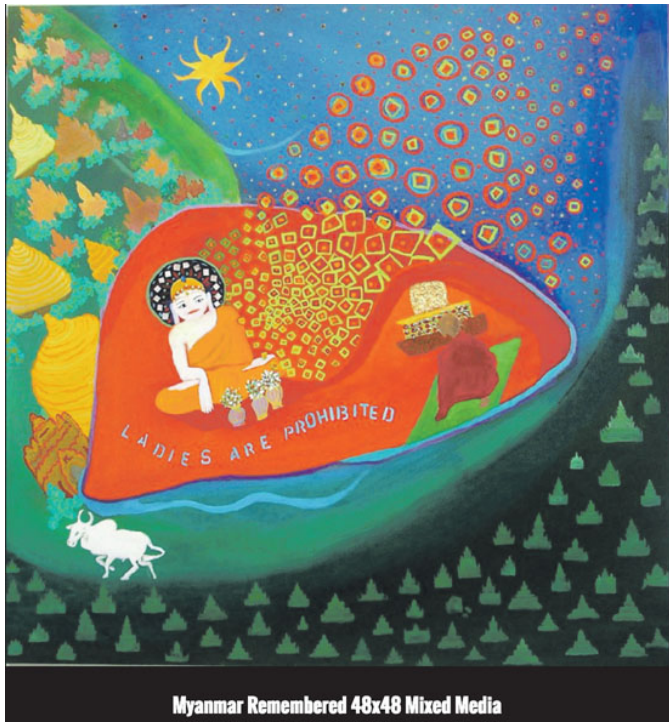
Already 16 local octogenarians and nonagenarians have sent pictures of their art to Boscoe for inclusion in the exhibit. She drops names such as painter Helen Ann Licht, sculptor Ralph Smith - father of Orinda city manager Janet Keeter - and sculptor and ceramicist Joan Ibarolle.

Artwork must be four feet or less in any direction and weigh less than 50 pounds. Artists are asked to submit three to six photos of their artwork via email in JPG or PDF format to gALLERY@lamorindaarts.org.

"We are looking for work that is transformative and manifests the core of the artist - work that breathes the spirit of life into those who view it," Boscoe says.

Additional information is available online at www.lamorindaarts.org/gallery/call-entries-around-world-80-art-exhibit.

There will be an artists' reception on Sunday, July 17 at the gallery. It is located at 26 Orinda Way.



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