

...and don't forget to make some art - write or draw or build or sing or live as only you can. May your coming year be a wonderful thing in which you dream both - dangerously and outrageously.

...And I hope that somewhere in the next year you surprise yourself."

Neil Gaiman



SEASONS GREETINGS

Our last newsletter of the year!

As I reflect on the past year I have been thinking about how important the arts are for our well being. The human brain is an amazing and complex organ and there are a range of modalities within which we 'know' things. Our ability to 'think' is not limited to the logical, linear and language areas of the brain.

The development, stimulation and extension of non-linear, non-verbal areas of functioning of the brain are critical to enabling all other areas of human functioning to be enhanced. It frees us to think in new ways, aids the development of 'new' neuronal pathways and helps to resolve problems that seem insurmountable when using logical thought.

Our passion for the arts has not diminished over the three +years that we have been running blueBanksia, rather it has grown exponentially and accordingly, we would like to end the year with a special invitation to join us next year as we expand blueBanksia into other areas of artistic endeavour. We are very excited and looking forward to making blueBanksia THE place to find short courses and resources for visual arts, writing, music, digital media and production as well as theatre and drama.

Watch out for our next newsletter in February.

We hope you and your family have a wonderful festive season and wish you many creative adventures in the new year!

Teresa and Stephanie

Choir with Tony Backhouse in Tasmania



To start you thinking about other creative arts courses, this month we focus on **Into the Blue - CHOIR TASMANIA - EAST COAST.**

Into the Blue views wilderness as a place in which to explore a range of human activities. Their Lifestyle and Creative programs take your passion or special interests and weave it into a fascinating journey. Remarkable things happen on Into the Blue trips.

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Woodblock Printing - it's all in the Registration!



I've just spent a very pleasant four days learning about Japanese Woodblock Printing at Warringah Printmakers Studio In Manly Vale, NSW with Rosanna Jurisevic.

Warringah Printmakers Studio is a community based, non-profit organisation offering classes, workshops, studio access, regular exhibitions & a variety of exciting & innovative projects for artists with Studio membership.

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Events Summary 22 December, 2011 to 29 January 2012

Be sure to visit the [Events Calendar](#) and browse through what's on offer

in 2012.

Find visual art events:

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If you are short of time and just can't get to any events don't forget to visit blueBanksia's Shop and look for inspiration from our Art DVD films of internationally renowned artists. [Browse here](#)>

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