

Carcoar Art Experience

The renowned Carcoar weekend workshops continue in 2012 with renowned Australian Abstract Artist and teacher, **Peter Griffen**. March 24 ~ 25

The art of Peter Griffen is influenced as much by the classical painting of the Renaissance as by the serendipity of abstract expressionism.

Indigenous art from different parts of the world (in particular Australia) and its relationship to the natural landscape influence his work also, producing powerful abstract images that speak from the past.

Peter's Course Description:

Starting with a demonstration by Peter, the workshop lurches into a weekend of free form, uninhibited landscape painting referencing a variety of individually chosen sources.

The village of Carcoar offers many historic and natural motives to be inspired by. In this environment participants may wish to work en plein air, or in the studio, work from sketched studies, from photographs or from any other materials brought from home.

Participants may wish to paint "landscape" in general, perhaps in a very abstract way or make responses to other landscapes of their own liking.

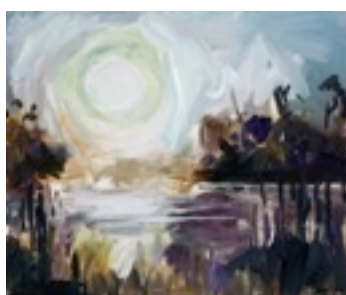
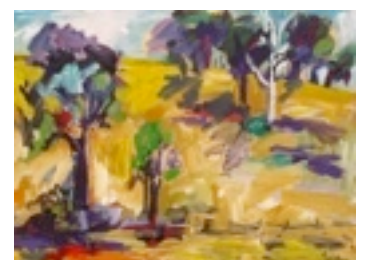
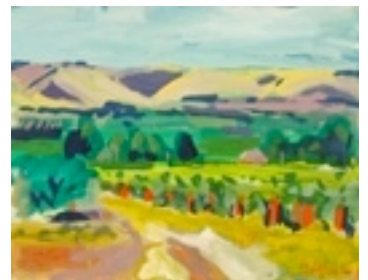
Acrylic paint will be supplied, and participants are asked to bring their own brushes, etc., and their own surfaces to paint on. Working on many paintings at once will be encouraged and so lots of inexpensive paper and many canvases of various sizes is recommended.

Participants will respond to landscape in their own way. Invented images will be the order of the day as opposed to unimaginatively "copying" from the reference motives. Various techniques will be demonstrated such as expressive brush work, glazing, splashing, dripping, scraping and collage. The combination of drawing and painting will be suggested as will the use of strong vibrant colour.

"To make discoveries, risks must be taken; the traveller must get lost. A well-planned journey can only lead to an already known destination. At some stage the painting must break free from control....."

Peter Griffen

You can visit Peter's website @ www.petergriffen.com



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Peter Griffen, born in Adelaide, now based in Sydney, first exhibited in 1972 and has since had over fifty solo showings throughout Australia, as well as London, Paris, St. Tropez, Lyon and New Zealand.

Peter is represented by galleries throughout Australia and in Copenhagen and by agents in UK and France. His work has been exhibited in art fairs in Europe, UK, Canada and Asia. He participates widely in group exhibitions, has been commissioned several times and his work has been acquired for private, public and corporate collections in Australia and overseas.

Peter Griffen works and lives in his studio and also enjoys working 'en plein air' in various parts of the world, especially the Australian outback.

Carcoar - an inspiring environment for artists and lovers of the beauty of the Australian landscape and rural history - a picturesque 19th Century village set on the Belubula River amidst the rolling hills of the Central West of NSW.

The third oldest town west of the Blue Mountains and classified by the National Trust - many wonderful old buildings remain intact.

You have the opportunity to experience a sense of times past in this gorgeous village.



Weekend tuition costs \$300 per person & includes acrylic paints provided by sponsor.

Fri 23rd Gather at Carcoar - join us from 6.30pm for drinks and supper at "City Bank" as our guests.

Sat 24th 9.30am Classes with Peter Griffen at the historic Carcoar School of Arts. Morning tea & lunch provided (included as part of tuition cost).

Sun 25th 9:30am Classes with Peter Griffen at the School of Arts and surrounds. Morning tea & lunch provided (included as part of tuition cost).

Hosts: Janey & Andrew Baulch "City Bank", Carcoar NSW 2791

Enquiries & Bookings: 02 63673290 or carcoar.art@optusnet.com.au

Accommodation in Carcoar

Royal Hotel	Five Frogs B&B
Host - Ross Townsend	Host - Mel
Belubula Street Ph: 6367 3009	Belubula Street Ph: 6367 3155
Rose Cottage	Stoke House B&B
Eulamore Street Ph: 6367 3000	Hosts - Liz & John Campbell
	Naylor Street Ph: 6367 3235
Other accommodation is available in Millthorpe	
Mandurama and Neville - Contact Andrew	

The Royal Hotel Restaurant serves a la carte meals if you'd like to eat there on Saturday night. Please book as they're popular.



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