RONDA'S RECYCLED WEAVING WORKSHOPS Facilitator Environmental Wiradjuri Artist: Ronda Sharpe Website: <u>http://www.instagram.com</u> Instagram: <u>https://www.instagram.com/rondasart/</u>



About the Artist:

Ronda Sharpe is a Wiradjuri environmental artist inspired by her love and concerns for the environment. Ronda's use of recycled mediums is examining the connections of the past, the present and the future and highlights the contemporary boundaries of consumerism and the throwaway society we currently live in.

"I promote awareness of waste in our ecosystem by creating artworks using discarded materials that are considered trash. I have worked on a series of fibre art collections that resembles contemporary Australian Aboriginal forms including functional carrying vessels, baskets, fish traps and the Australia Aboriginal flag.

Simultaneously I am pushing the boundaries by incorporating modern and traditional weaving practices with the use of recycled and natural mediums including discarded data cables and electrical wires juxtaposed with the reconfiguring of our current fast-paced throwaway lifestyle and use of high technological tools, that allow us to connect and tell our stories instantly and globally.

Education:

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- Graduate Diploma of Creative Industries- James Cook University, Cairns 2014-2016
- Diploma Children's Services: TAFE NSW Accredited distinction level 2004-2007

Previous Workshops:

I have programmed and facilitated various interactive hands on recycled weaving and recycled art workshop for adults and children that provides the opportunity to create eco-friendly woven and sustainable art projects. The workshops have been hosted for Gold Coast Council creative and artist in residence programs; Home of The Arts (HOTA), Gold Coast and Griffith, College of Arts and Griffith University Art Gallery, Brisbane.

Weaving Workshop:

The weaving recycled workshop are designed for weavers of all abilities, participants will be taught traditional and contemporary weaving techniques using a variety of natural fibres and reclaimed materials and guided to produce a woven object to take home. Ronda invites you to experiment with the use of repurposed and natural fibre mediums and engage in the creative weaving circle experience.

What to bring:

All materials will be supplied, and workshop caters for adults and children but parental or guardian supervision is required for all children.

Cost to facilitate workshop:

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The recycled art workshop is designed to stimulate children's creative imagination and inspiration by turning repurposed recycled materials into art. The object of the interactive hands-on workshop is to teach children how to create eco-friendly art projects from recycled mediums and provide environmentally sustainable awareness of reducing and reusing waste.

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My purpose is to make a positive difference by providing a friendly caring safe, stimulating, fun and educational environment that allows students to build their confidence and creative skills. My teaching philosophy is based on allowing the students to learn concepts from working with materials, rather than by direct instruction.

Recycled art Workshops:

- Prepared environment that offers a variety of recycled materials, equipment and tools to encourage open learning and allowing freedom to explore and create in a relaxed hands- on and friendly space.
- Introduction to creative recycling, tools and materials and ongoing demonstrations of techniques and assistance; as well as health and safety precautions.
- Visual step-by-step ideas and if required complete kits ready to go to cater for all different styles of learning opportunities and workshops.

Age- 6 -12 years – please note parental or guardian supervisor is required for all children. Fee:

Duration: 2-hour workshop

What to Bring

- Wear clothes that can get dirty
- Bring your parent guardian to join in the fun
- Be ready to have lots of fun and create some amazing, recycled art.

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