

# Susan Purdy

Susan Purdy received her MA in Fine Art from Monash University in 1996. Since then she has held several solo and group exhibitions around Australia. She has been awarded four development grants for her work including a three month residency at the Australia Council Studio in Taiwan in 2001 and a grant by Arts Victoria in 2002 which resulted in an unique collaboration between Purdy and Terry Smyth, the curator of plants in the Southern Chinese Collection at the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne. Her most recent solo exhibition "New Branches on an Old Tree" was formulated through this collaboration. Purdy's work has been collected by private and public institutions and is among recent acquisitions of the National Gallery of Victoria and the National Gallery of Australia. Susan Purdy currently lectures at Monash University.

## Education

1996 Master of Fine Art by research Monash University

## Academic Employment

Current: Lecturer in Visual Arts, Gippsland Centre for Art and Design Monash

## Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2006 Nine Dreams and a Song Amelia Johnson Contemporary, Hong Kong
- 2004-2005 New Branches on an Old Tree Centre for Contemporary Photography (CCP) Melbourne, LaTrobe Regional Gallery, Gosford Regional Gallery, Albury Regional Gallery.
- 2003-2005 The Secret of Emptiness Monash Gallery of Art, LaTrobe Regional Gallery, Cowwar Art Space Victoria
- 2000 Nine Dreams and a Song Helen Gory Galerie Melbourne
- 1999 Love Letters Helen Gory Galerie Melbourne

## Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2005 Canberra Contemporary Art Space Art Award, Distant Noises Print Council of Australia, The Found Project LaTrobe Regional Gallery
- 2004 Recent Australian Acquisitions National Gallery of Australia
- 2003 First Impressions National Gallery of Victoria Federation Sq.
- 2001 Hermans Art Award Sherman Galleries Sydney
- 1999 Water Medicine John Curtin University Gallery & Australian tour

## Awards

- 2003 Arts Victoria – Professional Development Grant
- 2002 Arts Victoria – Professional Development Grant
- 2001 Australia Council Development Grant - Taiwan Studio Residency
- 1996 Australia Council Project Grant – New Work

## Corporate & Public Collections

National Gallery of Australia  
National Gallery of Victoria  
Monash Gallery of Art  
Albury Regional Gallery  
LaTrobe Regional Gallery  
Monash University Collection

## Bibliography

- 2005 Photogenic: Essays/Photography/CCP 2000-2004 ed Daniel Palmer
- 2004 Developing the collection – Acquisitions 2001-2004 National Gallery of Australia Sesame Magazine Issue 1/ 2004
- 2003 First Impressions – Contemporary Australian Photograms catalogue Isobel Crombie NGV

