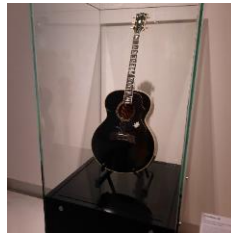


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The Elvis Exhibition in Bendigo was marvellous. Curator Lauren Ellis set out the exhibition in an excellent manner and her talk in early April prepared us well.

Details of the next Art Gallery Coffee Morning are as follows:

Daryl Lindsay: his life and sketches

Wednesday 4 May 2022

10:30am to 11:30am

Guest speaker: Peter Freund, Marketing and Public Programs Officer, Art Gallery of Ballarat

Venue: Maryborough Resource Centre Atrium (next to Library), Corner Alma and Nolan Streets, Maryborough.

ALL WELCOME! Refreshments provided. Gold coin donation.

Peter Freund will talk about the Lindsay family from Creswick, Central Victoria.

Bookings are essential and can be done online at <http://linktr.ee/CGArtGallery> or by calling 546156600.

As this is a joint venture by the gallery and our U3A group, I really encourage as many people as possible to come along. It is also open to the general public.

Talks and visits related to the Arts has kept us busy this year. A group travelled to Melbourne last month to see the Sistine Chapel Exhibition. On May 18th we're off to Melbourne again by train to see **The Lume** Exhibition of the Works of Vincent Van Gogh. The cost is \$36 per person. Please get this to me by Thursday May 5th so I can book the ticket



Cheers, Maria

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President's Report May 2022

At the Central Goldfields Art Gallery *monthly coffee morning on 6th April the Guest Speaker was Lauren Ellis, Curatorial Manager of the Bendigo Art Gallery. She spoke of her visit to Graceland, Elvis Presley's home.

I have never particularly been a fan of E.P. but to hear of his early life and rise to stardom was very interesting. Last Wednesday several of our U3A members travelled to Bendigo to view the exhibition. We were having a coffee/tea in the Gallery restaurant before the viewing when a handsome elderly gentleman walking past our table ask us if we were part of the screaming, hysterical, female fans way back then. I retorted, 'Definitely not, I am not even a fan,' and he said, 'You will be after you've seen what's on show.'

The exhibition WAS marvellous. It included artefacts, clothing and documents of Vernon Presley, E. P's father - and Graceland. We had lunch back at the Gallery Restaurant. Bendigo Art Gallery is the only city in Australia to host this exhibition.

*The monthly Coffee Mornings at our local Art Gallery are presented in partnership with our U3A club.

Val.

Secretary's Report May 2022



Geology classes. The western half of the Great Dividing Range in Victoria. Thursdays 10 - 11.30am at The Hub.

Members intending to enrol in this course are requested to let me know by May 2 so sets of notes can be printed. [0488 151 845 or email alson@iinet.net.au]

May 5th. A general geological history of Victoria.

May 12th. The geological history of the Great Dividing Range to the west of Avoca, including Gariwerd/ The Grampians.

May 19th. The geological history of the Great Dividing Range in

the Ballarat-Castlemaine-Bendigo Zone.

May 26th. The geological history of the Great Dividing Range in the Melbourne Zone, including Mount Macedon. No prior geological knowledge is required.

Music Appreciation classes. Thursdays 1.30 - 3pm at The Hub.

May 5th. "Lights, Camera, Action!" Famous film music performed by the Berlin Philharmonic, conducted by Sir Simon Rattle at a Waldbuhne [forest-stage] concert. [DVD]

May 12th. "Whole Notes" - a musical selection by Ed Ayres from ABC weekend Breakfast. The music covers qualities such as Bravery, Love, Resilience, Kindness, Wisdom.[CD]

May 19th. "Rhythm" Orchestral Music from the 20th Century, performed by the Birmingham Symphony on a conducted tour by Sir Simon Rattle.[DVD]

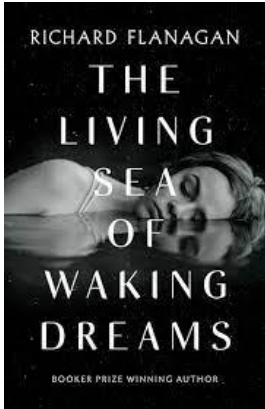


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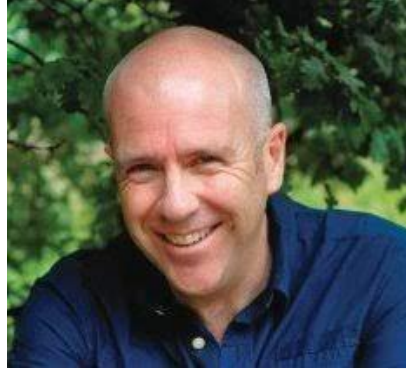


Happy Birthday Kaye Kelly

BOOK CLUB



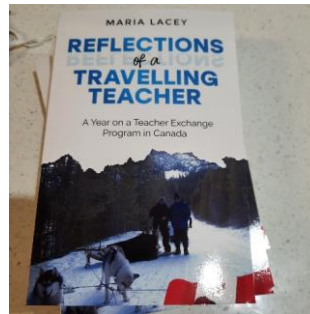
My second reading of this book, even more enjoyable than the first. Richard Flanagan's prose is poetic, lyrical. The story of the aged Francie trying to die, but not allowed because of the wealth and 'rights' of two of her children, is cruel to follow. Just as cruel, though, is the other half of the story: the planet heading towards extinction. The wealthy mine owners and others in power refuse to see what's happening in front of their eyes. This a brilliant insight into family relationships and climate change.



Book Review.

Reflections of a Travelling Teacher, Maria Lacey, 2021 [200 pages + illustrations

Maria applied for an international teacher exchange for 2008 and, after finding that no U.K. teacher applied in that year, she agreed to an exchange with a Canadian teacher. Alas, that teacher pulled out of the program. Maria and her husband Tony then decided to spend the Christmas vacation in the U.K. On their return home they were immediately informed of another exchange in Canada for 2010, which she accepted.



On New Year's Day in 2010, the Laceys left for Chestermere Lake Middle School near Calgary in Alberta, exchanging her position at Highview College and a temperature change from 42 to -15 degrees. On the basis of her comprehensive diary entries of the exchange year Maria was encouraged by family and friends to turn her experiences into this book

Maria and Tony are very sociable and made many friends, who shared their visits and outings. They also caught up with other exchange teachers; they had friends and family visiting from Australia. They also set out to visit as many local places near Calgary; in the Spring Break they headed to British Columbia; in the Summer Break they headed east to Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. They travelled by car, bus, plane, ferry and train. I'm sure they ended up seeing more of Canada than most Canadians!

The reader will be impressed with the Laceys' experiences and impressions of the innumerable sites and social interactions throughout their stay and travels Maria describes her experiences in the classrooms, where she 'masters' the teaching of Canadian history and she brings and absorbs the literacy program and skills for her Year 7 classes. It is amusing to learn what her classes 'know' about Australia. While Tony is a natural at most sports, Maria is always willing to 'have a go' even at the most challenging snow and ice-based ones. She describes all of this in a modest and self-deprecating manner.

I purchased my copy to send to a friend in Melbourne, who went to Canada accompanying his wife, who was an exchange teacher from Maryborough in 1993. He will enjoy it immensely as I did because it brought back memories of Sonya's and my visit to see them at Niagara in Ontario.

You do not have to be an exchange teacher to enjoy Maria's book; anyone interested in 'how the other half live' will be informed and amused by it. The selection of photos taken by Maria perfectly illustrate her adventures in Canada.

The book can be bought for \$20 from Maria or from the Maryborough Newsagency. It is also available at Collins Book Store and the Independent Book Store in Ballarat.

Alex Stoneman.

ART GALLERY COFFEE MORNING: Lauren Ellis, curator of the Elvis Exhibition



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From the Astronomer:

HI people –

Currently, four planets are in line: Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. This will not happen again for another one thousand years, so be looking up in the morning sky before dawn for this sight right now.

This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the end of manned flights to the Moon. It is amazing to think that as the 'sixties opened, no human had even flown in space. The 'sixties saw an enormous leap in the development of space engineering, with 1969 being the year when Neil Armstrong set foot on the Moon.

The eta-Aquarids meteor shower are part of the debris of Halley's Comet. They are visible from late April until May 28; they peak on the night of May 6th and the morning of the 7th. The eta-Aquarids are very swift and a striking yellow colour. Worth getting up for!

On May 5th, the Moon will be at apogee - furthest from Earth at 404,285km.

Gerry



WATTLE WE DO IN MAY?

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAY 2	MAY 3 DIGITAL STORYTELLING Mill House 10.00	MAY 4 ARTS COFFEE MORNING Petr Freund on Daryl Lindsay Maryborough Resource Centre 10.30	MAY 5 GEOLOGY Victoria Hub 10.00 MUSIC Lights, Camera, Action Hub 1.30	MAY 6 MAH-JONG Hub 9.00 WRITERS GROUP Mill House 10.00
MAY 9	MAY 10 DIGITAL STORYTELLING Mill House 10.00 BOOK CLUB <i>The Living Sea of</i> <i>Waking Dreams</i> Mill House 1.30	MAY 11 LUNCH SUPREME 12 Noon	MAY 12 GEOLOGY Great Dividing Range west of Avoca Hub 10.00 MUSIC Whole Notes Hub 1.30	MAY MAH-JONG Hub 9.00
MAY 16 COMMITTEE MEETING Hub 1.30	MAY 17 DIGITAL STORYTELLING Mill House 10.00	MAY 18 LUME Van Gogh Exhibition Melbourne	MAY 19 GEOLOGY Great Dividing Range Ballarat- Castlemaine- Bendigo Hub 10.00 MUSIC Rhythm Hub 1.30	MAY 20 MAH-JONG Hub 9.00
MAY 23	MAY 24 DIGITAL STORYTELLING Mill House 10.00 HISTORY/ LITERATURE Mill House 1.30	MAY 25 GAMES DAY Hub 1.30	MAY 26 GEOLOGY Great Dividing Range Melbourne zone Hub 10.00 MYTHOLOGY Creation Stories Hub 1.30	MAY 27 MAH-JONG Hub 9.00
MAY 30	MAY 31 Digital Storytelling Mill House 10.00			

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