

# DENISE SMITH

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Located in Healesville, Victoria Australia



As a realist artist, Denise is passionate about wildlife and painting, so it's only natural that she combines the two. Denise is interested in Australian wildlife and exotic species from around the world.



Inspiration comes in many forms, the light catching the feathers on a bird, the look in an animal's expression, the tilt of a bird's head - Denise finds inspiration all around her and especially in her garden on the semi-rural acre she shares with her husband in the beautiful Yarra Valley. There are about 40 species of birds that come and go every day. Much inspiration has been gleaned from volunteering at the world renowned Healesville Sanctuary for over 12 years and learning so much more about the animals and being able to spend up close and personal time.

Denise uses acrylic and pastel these days but used oil for many years before discovering other mediums, but plans to continue using oils in the near future. Mixed media has been an interesting journey with many pieces recently created, being so much fun and very unpredictable and surprising as one travels to the final outcome. The aim of Denise's artwork is first and foremost to give pleasure to the viewer and secondly to hopefully convey a message that "all our animals

are so important that we as human beings work hard for conservation", after all we are here on this planet together!

**OPEN STUDIO** Wrendale Wildlife Studio, Healesville by appointment  
open most days but please telephone before coming ph 0408351700

### **SERVICES OFFERED**

Commissions in the media of pastel and acrylic, specializing in pet studies  
Art Classes - individual or small groups, enquiries welcome

### **AWARDS**

2006 Best Oil/Acrylic (Mt. Evelyn & Yarra Valley Arts Society Inc.)  
2006 Highly Commended (Mt. Evelyn & Yarra Valley Arts Society Inc.)  
2010 Best in Show (Mt. Evelyn & Yarra Valley Arts Society Inc.)

### **MEMBERSHIPS**

Wildlife Art Society of Australasia  
Mt. Evelyn & Yarra Valley Arts Society Inc.  
Yarra Valley Arts  
Upper Yarra Artisans  
Zoos Victoria

