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I finally finished my costume and wore it to my 40th Masquerade birthday party. I am very happy with the finished result and had a great night (sitting was interesting). My girlfriend Katie also made her costume "Breath" from the movie Ever After. We have both been approached by a costume shop about buying or costumes after seeing them on Facebook! See the full making of on my blog spopecreations.blogspot.com.au

Got free cosmetic surgery when I was head butted by a sheep helping out in the shearing shed. The ewe was knocked out and I got a lovely fat lip.

SALA was a blast. The opening of "Essence" at Pepper Street on August 3rd was but one of many fun filled experiences of that pre birthday weekend away with my girlfriend Kelly. After breakfast at a delicious cafe' called Rosie's on Unley rd with a TV fish tank and glass jar lights we headed to the spa for wraps and facials. Then off to lunch and the opening. Stayed at a hotel and had dinner out. Went to the pancake kitchen for breakfast then the Waterhouse exhibition. Shopping! and up to Mt Lofty in the bitter cold. Popped into Hahndorf for coffee and home...exhausted.

Also saw a variety of exhibitions around Murray Bridge with the "10 x ten" by Tarts a highlight.

Looking forward to the opening of "Dare to Differ" on September 27th. The response for entries has been good and it sounds like it will be a visual feast as always. When the exhibition opens you can go to my blog to see the making of my entry.

I was invited to join a new gallery opening up in Murray Bridge this month. Studio Gallery is located at 8 Railway Tce in a seemingly endless building. It will house a large variety of work by over 12 artists from mostly Murray Bridge. There is a large workshop space available and I will look into doing some workshops in the future. It will open on September 7th with the official opening on the 20th from 6pm. It will be open Wed-Sun, times to be advised.

Now I must knuckle down and work towards my next group exhibition "Home Away from Home" by the Murraylands Arts and Crafts Collective. I plan to finish the childhood self portrait I started in Cat Leonard's workshop and find an inspirational way to use my grandmothers crochet rug in some kind of clothing. Still want to make to mosaic toilet bench with cooler and pot plant!

SAMANTHA POPE

Events

September 7th 9.30am Studio Gallery Opens for business. A group of Murraylands Artists (including me) lead by Elisabeth and John DeKoke are opening a new Gallery in Murray Bridge. Over 12 artist working in paint, wood, textiles, ceramics and photography will exhibit works for sale. 8 Railway Tce Murray Bridge

September 20th Official opening Studio Gallery Murray Bridge 6pm

Workshops

September 21st & 28th "Sunflower Tote Bag" This two part workshop will be on Saturday 21st September 10:00 - 12:00 and then Saturday the 28th September 10:00- 2:00. Cost \$95 and includes a partial kit to make a finished square of 32cm (front of bag). You will need a needle felting machine and be prepared to do homework. www.thestitchingcircle.com.au

October 28th "Paper Collage Stitch" at the Embroiderers Guild in Mile End. Use artist canvas as a base for painting a background, add paper and printed napkin then stitch the layered surface. Sunday 10am - 3pm bookings at www.embguildsa.org.au

November 8th Friday "Portraiture Painting with Cat Leonard" 10am - 3pm \$70 (\$55 concession) If you would like to attend the same workshop where I painted my childhood self portrait then this is it! At the Murray Bridge Gallery. BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL 08 8539 1420 (students art pictured below)

Exhibitions

27 September – 20 October "Dare to Differ" Contemporary Art quilts presented by the Quilters' Guild of South Australia gallery M Marion Cultural Centre, 287 Diagonal Road, Oaklands Park, South Australia 5046e: info@gallerym.net.au p: 08 8377 2904. Open Monday to Friday 10am - 4pm; Saturday 10am - 4pm; Sunday 1 - 4pm Closed Public Holidays. Opening night Sept 27th.



25th October - December 1st

"Home Away From Home" by Murraylands Arts and Crafts Collective in the Murray Bridge Regional Gallery. Open TUES to SAT 10am to 4pm SUN 11am to 4pm Closed Mondays & public holidays.

November Samantha will be "Flavour of the Month" at the Murray Bridge Regional Gallery in the shop.

right The Evil Queen Regina and the (pregnant) virgin Princess Danielle Du Barbarac, birthday girls.

