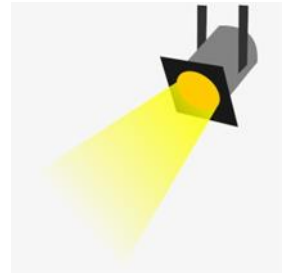


HAGAS: Artist in the spotlight

Artist: Johanna Tanner



Where were you born?

Hamburg, Germany ... came to Australia in 1950.

What jobs have you done other than being an artist

I was an “au pair” in Manchester England in the 60’s.

Late 60’s to mid 80’s, I worked in a clothing factory and a fabric warehouse as a clothing and fabric designer. During these years, I went to Hong Kong each year to work with fabric designers, colour consultants and cotton weaving manufactures.

What’s your medium and why do you do what you do?

I enjoy working with clay. I take great delight in creating hand-built sculptures.

What’s your strongest memory of your childhood

Whilst at Marananga Primary school I played the fife in the school band, which encouraged me in later years to take up playing the flute and to enjoy music.

What food, drink and song inspires you?

Brandy and coke and listening to music of the 60’s and 70’s whilst relaxing after taking my dog Polly for a walk.

Favourite or most inspirational place?

My Garden, my home and workshop.

What's the best piece of advice you've been given?

"Do the best you can do and don't compare yourself to other people's talent."

