



THE GIFT

Remembering Bob Sredersas

CELEBRATING
40 YEARS

19 May - 9 September

'It was always my dream to see paintings in a gallery here...'

In 1976, Lithuanian migrant, Bronius (Bob) Sredersas transformed the cultural landscape of our city by donating his collection of over 100 paintings.

For the first time in the Gallery's history, Bob's own thoughts on art, his belongings, personal papers, and paintings from the Sredersas collection, are brought

together in this immersive installation; shedding light on the life and character of a unique individual and his vision for Wollongong's future.

THE GIFT has been curated by The Society of Historic Happenings for the Gallery's 40th anniversary and coincides with the 100-year anniversary of Lithuanian independence.

Thanks Bob!

An afternoon of celebration with live music, dancing, food and conversation

Special Opening Event: Sunday 27 May

12- 4pm

Lithuanian music, dancing, food and refreshments.

1pm

Opening remarks by Lord Mayor Cr Gordon Bradbery AM

1.30pm

Floor Talk: 'I Am Bob. Just Bob.'

Learn more about Bob's life in Lithuania before and during the Second World War as well as his role in the establishment of the Wollongong Art Gallery.

Guest speakers: Michael Bach, Anthony Bond OAM, Harold Hanson, and Dr. Ramutis Zakarevicius.

2.30pm

Floor Talk: Meet the Artists

An opportunity to meet the creators of the THE GIFT and gain insight into the creative process behind the installation.

Speakers: Curator and Producer, Anne-Louise Rentell, Scenographer Katja Handt, Media Artist, Michela Ledwidge Sound Artist, Daryl Wallis and Voice Artist, Phillip Hinton.

Free, All Welcome

Events Program

'What's Your Story' Mixed Media Workshop with Ann Clarke

Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 May, 12noon – 4pm

Telling your story through art. Bring along images and objects to work from and draw inspiration from the story of Gallery benefactor, Bob Sredersas.

Suitable for beginners to experienced artists.

Cost: \$120/\$110 Friends. Materials supplied. Book online at www.eventbrite.com.au (search Wollongong Art Gallery)

Bob had a vision for Wollongong – what's yours?

Wednesday 13 June, 11am – 12noon

Council is developing a new Cultural Plan (2019-2024). Come along to this public session and help shape an artistic and culturally vibrant future for our city. RSVP to Kiosha on 4227 8239.

Cringila & Working Class High Art with Dr Joseph Davis

Wednesday 5 September, 11am – 12noon

Without the generosity of Cringila steelworker Bob Sredersas, there may not have been a Wollongong Art Gallery. Come and hear about Bob and other organic intellectuals of the working class who helped make Cringila the birthplace of high art in the Illawarra. Free, all welcome.

Student Enrichment Program

Bob's Past – Your Future

9:30am – 3pm: Year 3, 28 August/ Year 4, 29 August/ Year 5, 30 August/ Year 6, 31 August

Cost: \$40 per student.

Bookings: (02) 4227 8506 or jdanilov@wollongong.nsw.gov.au

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