

Welcome Swallow Gallery



~ Showcase ~

1st October – 1st November 2026



Sandra Turner-Barlow, M67

Flower Power

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'You can trust a universe that creates flowers' – *Peter Max, 1937-2026*

~ Flower Power ~

During the early 1960s, **Andy Warhol** produced montages of prison felons, for which he received less than critical acclaim. In response he created a series of iconic silk screen floral images (see below), first seen in November 1964 at the *Leo Castelli Gallery* in New York. It was Warhol's first solo exhibition. A few months later, the phrase *Flower Power*, loosely attributed to beat poet **Allen Ginsberg** came to define the anti-Vietnam war protests of the period.



Since the 60s, in the face of violence and war, floral art has signified peace and harmony. More recently, **Banksy's** 'flower thrower' whose actual title is, *Love is in the Air* (see back page) represents an illustration of this narrative. In this showcase, **Sandra Turner-Barlow's** powerful composition, *M67* provides further contemporary commentary, as does **Elena Brambilla's** overt political composition, *Botanical Beehive* that offers botanical (floral) mitigation to institutional power.

Interestingly, the term 'flower power' has been around for more than a century, typically used to capture botanical cadence and aesthetic appreciation. **Carmel Van Der Hoeven's** compositions, *Cascade* and *In Flow*, very much fall into the latter category, as does **Bernadette Ballantyne's** perfect pastels, while **Juliet Roper's** vibrant expressionist work brings echoes of **Georgia O'Keeffe's** early modernist floral works such as *Red Canna*, 1924 (at right).



ENJOY THE SHOWCASE!

~ Peace & Love ~



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Carmel Van Der Hoeven

Cascade // In Flow
Acrylic on Canvas
1000x1000mm x2
Price: \$8950 each



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Juliet Roper

Barely Contained
Acrylic on Board
600x600mm
Price: \$3950



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Sandra Turner-Barlow
M67

Acrylic on Board
520x330mm
Price: \$5500



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Bernadette Ballantyne

Outside the Kitchen Window
Pastel on Board
400x400mm
Price: \$1780



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Juliet Roper

Beyond Containment
Acrylic on Cradled Board
780x860mm
Price: \$4250



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Bernadette Ballantyne

Waiting for Summer
Pastel on Board
360x280mm
Price: \$1780

Photographs not to scale



Elena Brambilla
Botanical Beehive
Ink and Watercolour
400x330mm
Price: \$1750



*Banksy, Love is in the Air,
West Bank, 2003*

~ In quotes, the Gallery Showcase Artists ~

Bernadette Ballantyne

“This work skilfully navigates medium and formal elements, such as composition and colour. It offers an unfiltered, brutally honest portrayal of the mundane that is both captivating and relatable”. – Judge from the *Tasman National Awards* for **Supreme Award** winner, *Resting Mum Face*, 2024

Elena Brambilla

“Elena has a deep reverence for craftsmanship, storytelling, and the natural world, all of which continue to shape her work today”. - *Tikitibu*

Juliet Roper

“I first saw Juliet Roper’s striking art in a private house near Portofino, Italy. I subsequently purchased, from the *Welcome Swallow Gallery*, two of her stunning large canvases for my home in Cagliari, Sardegna”. *Simona Berri, General Counsel and Head of Corporate Affairs, Saras SpA*

Sandra Turner-Barlow

“...the rising star of the Waikato’s art world”. – *The Waikato Times*, 25th August 2023

Carmel Van Der Hoeven

“Waikato artist Carmel Van Der Hoeven approaches life and art with a holistic appreciation that beautifies whatever she puts her hand to”. – *Stuff*, 17th November 2017

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