



GRAFTON REGIONAL GALLERY

**EXHIBITIONS**

11 May - 7 July 2024



Found Nov., 1947 by road  
past backpaddock. Seelands  
Remembers *Amanita mappa*  
greatly.

## THE MUSH ROOM

An interactive family maker's space exploring the weird and wonderful world of mushrooms. Inspired by Doris O'Grady's mushrooms, and American composer John Cage's enchanting *Mushroom Book* featured in *A Printer's Proof: The Fred Genis Collection*, The Mush Room will delight visitors of all ages and inspire an appreciation of all things mycological. The exhibition features specially commissioned soft sculptures by Antony Perring, design and education by Bush Fairy Art, art and craft activities, as well as animations from Clara Lagor (USA), and Emma Scarth (Canada), recently featured at the Fungi Film Festival.

### A Grafton Regional Gallery project

John Cage & Lois Long, *Mushroom Book*, 1972.

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The mushrooms and fungi featured in Grafton Regional Gallery's current exhibitions and programs are intended only for artistic appreciation and aesthetic purposes.



## **FOLLOW THE RAIN: Film Screening & Director's Talk**

**5pm, Saturday 8 June**

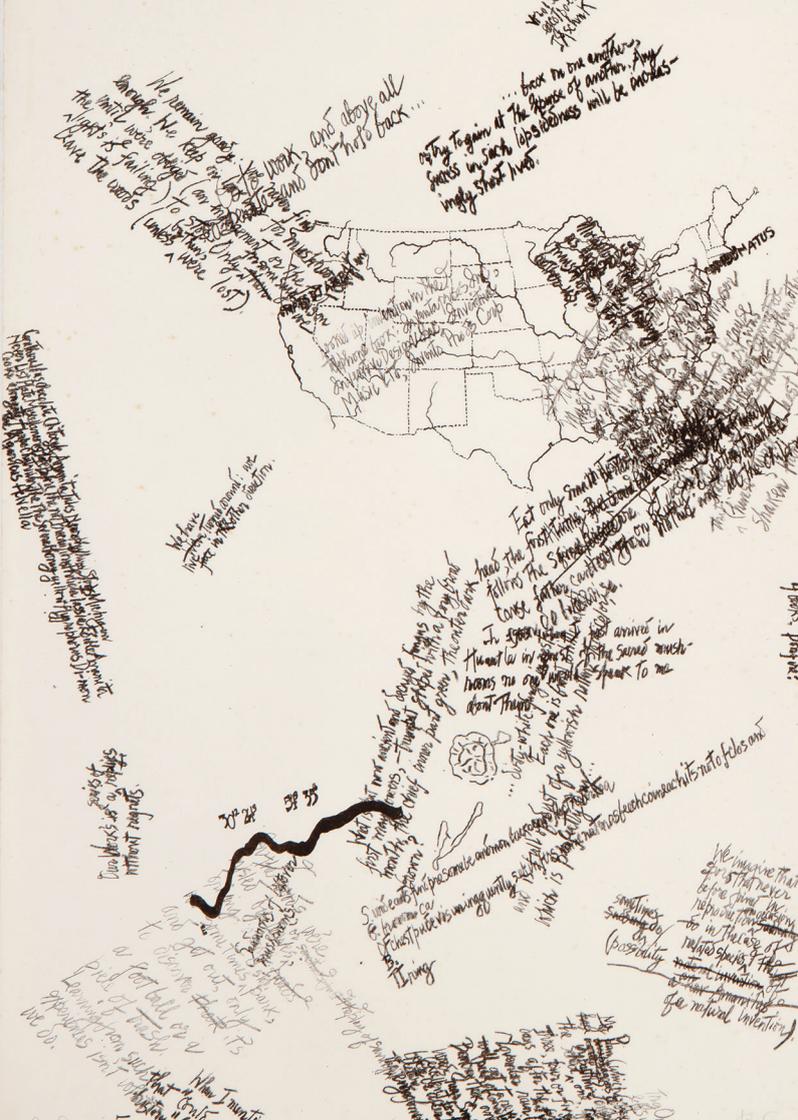
In one of the wettest years Australia has ever seen, world famous fungi hunters Stephen Axford and Catherine Marciniak, follow in the path of the rain. They search out the weird and wonderful fungi that emerge and discover why fungi are critical to life as we know it.

Tickets: \$15 + booking fee  
\$12 for Friends of the Gallery

Bookings via [GRG Humanitix](#)

Complementary drink & refreshments on arrival

Image courtesy of *Follow the Rain*, Catherine Marciniak & Stephen Axford.



## DORIS O'GRADY: Mushrooms

Doris and Gladys O'Grady - affectionately known as the O'Grady sisters - hold a special place in the Grafton Regional Gallery collection, with their botanical and ornithological drawings, paintings, and memorabilia collected and developed between the 1920s and 1970s in the Clarence Valley.

Over many years, Doris O'Grady lovingly recorded mushrooms and fungi from places she visited and walked. In this exhibition, we see Doris' mushroom paintings and sketches from the Grafton Regional Gallery Collection on display for the first time in decades.

Doris O'Grady, *Untitled*, 1947.



## **A PRINTER'S PROOF: The Fred Genis Collection**

During his forty-year career, master lithographer Fred Genis worked in the United States, Europe, and Australia, collaborating with leading artists from around the world. His working life spanned monumental eras in the 20th Century art including the American Abstract Expressionist movement of 1960s and 70s New York where he worked with artists such as Robert Rauschenberg, Willem De Kooning, Sam Francis, John Cage, and James Rosenquist. After moving to Australia in 1979, Genis set up workshops in Sydney and the Northern Rivers, working as a printer, publisher, and teacher for three decades until his retirement in 2007. During this time, Genis worked with generations of Australian artists including John Olsen, Lloyd Rees, Tim Storrier, Judy Watson, Guan Wei, Brett Whiteley and many more. *A Printer's Proof* celebrates the art of lithography, the special bond formed between artist and printer, and the remarkable life and legacy of Fred Genis.

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Tim Storrier, *Burning Horse*, 1986. Reproduced with permission of the artist, Philip Bacon Galleries, and Australian Galleries.

## Public Programs

### Floor Talk

Lois & Rina Genis in conversation  
with Curator, Pedram Khosronejad  
2pm, Saturday 11 May

### Official Exhibition Opening

3pm, Saturday 11 May

### Follow the Rain: Film Screening & Director's Talk

with Catherine Marciniak  
5pm, Saturday 8 June

### Printmaking Workshop

with Christine Porter  
10.30am - 1.30pm, Sunday 16 June

Booking information and ticket prices can be found online at [www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au](http://www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au) or follow Grafton Regional Gallery on **Humanitix**



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