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Calling for creative arts presentations in Parkes

Arts OutWest are bringing their popular Winter Arts Networking Night to Parkes for the first time in August and are on the hunt for great local arts stories for the fun fast format called 20x20 (twenty-twenty).

Local artists will share an eclectic mix of stories and ideas at the networking night on Wednesday August 5, from 5pm (through to 6.30pm) at Bent Food & Wine on Court St, Parkes. The Parkes event is one of twelve nights happening throughout the Central West this winter.

In the 20x20 format, presenters have just 20 slides, shown for 20 seconds each to tell their story. That works out to a grand total of 6 minutes and 40 seconds each.

Nights have already been held in Forbes, Bathurst, Condobolin, Orange and Wellington. Local presenters to share stories have included visual artists sharing their techniques and inspiration, personal stories from musicians, writers and sculptors. There have been gallery owners and local arts organisations, theatre makers and arts & health specialists sharing their work. There's been inspiring tales of Indigenous art centres in central Australia and even a trip to the Venice Biennale.

"We're looking for creative people from the Parkes area to share their ideas, experiences or even a rundown of their current projects. It's a great way to promote what you do and enthuse others about it," Ms Callinan said.

"People think 'oh I know all the artists here', or 'I've heard all the stories' and but at the nights we've held so far people have been surprised to find such a depth of local ideas and talent. The 20x20 format is a great way to share a variety of perspectives all in one night," Ms Callinan said.

"This will also be a social event for the whole arts and creative community, for anyone interested in arts and culture. A chance to meet, mingle, introduce yourself, make contacts and maybe even kick start future collaborations," Arts OutWest executive officer Tracey Callinan said.

Everyone is welcome, entry will be by donation, finger food will be provided.

To propose a presentation, or to RSVP (for catering numbers) call Arts OutWest on 6338 4657 or email artsoutwest@csu.edu.au