

## **BLOOMING BEAUTIFUL JO REITZE VAS FVAS**

Jo Reitze (Mrs de Carteret) creates small works alongside her major paintings. 'Blooming Beautiful' presents a glorious array of these smaller gouache flower and garden studies plus a few in pen. These joyous works, inspired by nature, are freely executed with lyrical mark-making to capture the essence of her subjects. Most have been painted on location, 'en plein air' or from direct observation. However, since COVID some have also been inspired by her iPad photographs. Like Monet, Jo often returns to the same subjects. Works are often presented in pairs or groups. Jo finds that black frames enhance the vibrancy of her oeuvre, enabling the viewer to focus on each work as if looking through a window. She also enjoys the sustainable practice of upcycling frames.

Jo is delighted to present these beautiful blooms in a salon hang in the light, bright, intimate elegance of the Eileen Mackley Member's Room at The Victorian Artists' Society. She invites you and your friends to enjoy this celebration of nature's beauty.

Jo Reitze Blooming Beautiful  
Eileen Mackley Members' Room

2 October 2pm  
Opening Event  
MSWPS 113th Annual Exhibition and Sunflowers for Ukraine  
View 'Blooming Beautiful' on its first day as well

2 October - 24 October  
Weekdays 10 – 4  
Weekends 1- 4

Special Viewing 15 October with Mark Bagally's Opening in Cato Gallery

VAS Galleries  
430 Albert Street East Melbourne  
Opposite St Patrick's Cathedral. Easy access by tram and train.  
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