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Judi Elliott

Fortresses, Walls and other Defensive Architecture

Wagga Wagga Art Gallery is proud to present *Fortresses, Walls and other Defensive Architecture,* an exhibition of beautiful, brightly-coloured glass sculptures at the National Art Glass Gallery.

Judi Elliott's work is kiln formed and sculptural. Her inspiration is "the house" and all things architectural. She depicts houses and large walls in glass, employing simplified geometric forms and bold primary colours combined with expressive textures.

Elliott is one of Australia's most well respected glass artists. She studied in Australia and overseas and has exhibited widely across the globe. She was a member of the Potters Society of Australia and exhibited ceramic sculpture before being enticed by glass. While working with ceramics Elliott discovered glass and commenced her studies at the Glass Department at the Australian National University School of Art. She travelled to USA after graduating with an Associate Diploma in glass in 1985, to study at Pilchuck International Glass School outside Seattle.

Elliott is represented in many private collections and Art Museums nationally and Internationally. Amongst them are: the National Art Glass Collection, Wagga Wagga Art Gallery, Australian National Gallery Canberra; Kunstmuseum; Dusseldorf, Germany and the Corning Glass Museum, New York.

Fortresses, Walls and other Defensive Architecture will be launched at Wagga Wagga Art Gallery by John Doyle on Thursday, July 29, 6.00-8.00pm.

<u>Official Opening</u> When: Thursday, July 29, 6.00-8.00pm Where: Main Gallery, Wagga Wagga Art Gallery Cost: Free

Exhibition Dates: Friday, 11 June - Sunday, 8 August, 2010

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