



I am Colin Merrill. Born in India of English parents in the closing days of the British Raj. I was educated in India and in England, and discovered a talent for drawing and painting.

I left England and travelled to Kenya where after many years' adventures ... I joined an advertising agency in Nairobi (Kenya) as a commercial artist.

I had my first exhibition in the New Stanley Hotel in Nairobi.

After getting married in Kenya, my wife and I left that country for England's shores. It was there that I became a designer and illustrator for an art studio in London.

Two years later we immigrated to Australia and settled in Brisbane, where I joined the Royal Queensland Art Society, the Water Colour Society, the Pastel Society of Queensland and the Half Dozen Group of Artists.

Since then I have held a number of exhibitions with these art societies, as well as conducted art classes in pastel, water colour, figure drawing and portraiture.

Though I enjoy drawing and painting and have received many commissions for portraits, I believe resolutely I receive the most satisfaction in teaching.

Now that I have come to live in Inala, I look forward to meeting the current and future students and artists of the Inala Community Art Gallery, and anticipate many enjoyable hours of teaching there.

*Colin Merrill*