

# FLORA & FOLIA

# **Paintings Inside and Out**

# Debbie Mackinnon

Poppies in a vase. Wild flowers and grasses in a windswept field. Light and shadow through leaves. All can soothe, uplift, and gently connect us to nature's rhythms. This new series of paintings explores the calming presence of plants - whether gathered and arranged indoors, or growing freely outside, beyond the studio walls.

Working between still life and landscape, my paintings shift between abstraction and realism, echoing fleeting qualities of light, weather, and time. There are multiple moments in all these works.

Some flowers are simply arranged in a vase. Others are tangled, wild, and open to the elements. Each painting began with a series of fast and loose drawings, working from life in the studio, or out on location.

These paintings reflect a simple, yet profound truth - nature, wherever we find it, offers healing and wonder. Whether in a quiet room or outside beneath a vast sky, flowers and plants remind us to pause, breathe, relax and pay attention.





# CRESCENDO OF BLOOM

Acrylic and mixed media on stretched polycotton, framed in Tasmanian oak 63 x 63 cm \$2950



# BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

Acrylic and mixed media on stretched polycotton, framed in Tasmanian oak 63 x 63 cm \$2950



CATCHING MY HEART OFF GUARD
Acrylic and mixed media on birch panel,
framed in Tasmanian oak
43 X 43 cm
\$1700



# GO YOUR OWN WAY

Acrylic and mixed media on stretched polycotton, framed in Tasmanian oak 103 x 105 cm \$5450



SOFTLY, SOFTLY, GONE
Acrylic and mixed media on birch panel, framed in Tasmanian oak
33 x 33 cm
\$1300

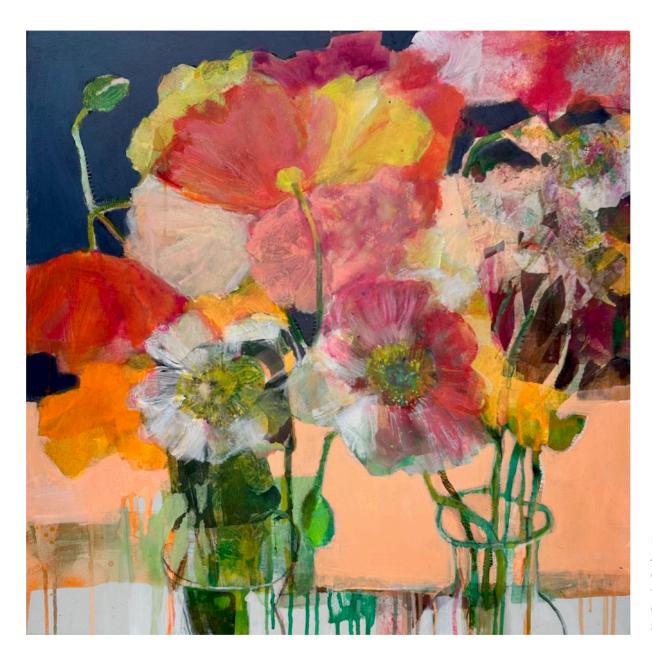


LOUD & PROUD

Acrylic and mixed media on birch panel, framed in Tasmanian oak

33 x 33 cm

\$1300



REMEMBER THIS

Acrylic and mixed media on stretched polycotton, framed in Tasmanian oak 63 x 63 cm \$2950



DON'T HOLD BACK

Acrylic and mixed media on birch panel, framed in Tasmanian oak 38 x 53 cm \$1555



# A TREMBLE OF JOY

Acrylic and mixed media on birch panel, framed in custom white tray frame 52 x 53 cm \$1750



FLEETING RADIANCE

Acrylic and mixed media on stretched polycotton, framed in Tasmanian oak 63 x 63 cm \$2950



# MAGENTA MAGIC

Acrylic and mixed media on birch panel, framed in custom white tray frame 41 x 41cm \$1400



# WAIT & SEE

Acrylic and mixed media on birch panel, framed in custom white tray frame 41 x 41 cm \$1400

As we step into spring here in Sydney, it's the perfect time for fresh starts, energy, and soaking in the beauty of flowers and plants around us - in the bush, in the garden and on the kitchen table.



#### YOU HAVE THIS DAY AND MAYBE ANOTHER

Acrylic and mixed media on stretched polycotton, framed in Tasmanian oak  $63 \times 63 \text{ cm} \\ \$2950$ 



JOY IS NOT MADE TO BE A CRUMB

Acrylic and mixed media on birch panel, framed in Tasmanian oak 53 X 73 cm \$2400



BRING ME SUNSHINE

Acrylic and mixed media on birch panel, framed in custom white tray frame

63 X 73 cm

\$1850



EMBRACE THE MOMENTS

Acrylic and mixed media on birch panel, framed in Tasmanian oak

38 X 53 cm

\$1750



# SHADOW GARDEN

Collaged monoprints, drawing and mixed media on Arches paper 70 X 90 cm float framed behind glass in natural Australian timber \$2300



# FRAGILE STILLNESS

Collaged monoprints, drawing and mixed media on Arches paper 70 X 90 cm float framed behind glass in natural Australian timber \$2300



# REMAINS OF THE DAY

Collaged monoprints, drawing and mixed media on Arches paper 70 X 90 cm float framed behind glass in natural Australian timber \$2300



# RIOTOUS ABUNDANCE

Acrylic and mixed media on stretched polycotton, unframed 102 x 102 cm \$4995



#### **FOLDED LIGHT**

collaged monoprints, drawing and mixed media on paper 53 x 65 cm framed behind glass in natural Australian timber \$995

# JOYFUL BLOOMING

Acrylic and mixed media on birch panel, framed in custom white tray frame 53 x 62 cm \$1888

# 'I must have flowers, always and always.'

Claude Monet



Paintings do not arrive fully formed overnight... I draw and redraw in my studio to find interesting compositions and ideas. Working from life, allows me to see the life cycle of flowers, from unopened buds to a joyful opening of fragile petals, and then a gentle droop, as the flowers fade. I can stand up, sit down, move the vases about, observing and drawing until I really get to know the way these poppies grow and bend.

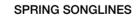




Poppies blooming on my studio wall and on my workbench...

'Spring has returned. The earth is like a child who knows poems.'

Rainer Maria Rilke



Acrylic and mixed media on stretched polycotton, framed in Tasmanian oak 63 x 63 cm \$2950





# ELEVATED LIGHT, INTIMATE DISTANCE

Acrylic and mixed media on stretched polycotton, unframed 102 x 102 cm \$4995 Every landscape painting begins with walking. I carry my sketchbook, sit low in the grasses, and draw what's in front of me. These quick marks and colours hold the memory of the place - pathways, the shifting light, the wild plants at the edges. These sketches become the starting point for larger works. Layers of paint and collage build on that first encounter, my memories holding onto the fleeting rhythm of landscape and the resilience of what grows in the margins.

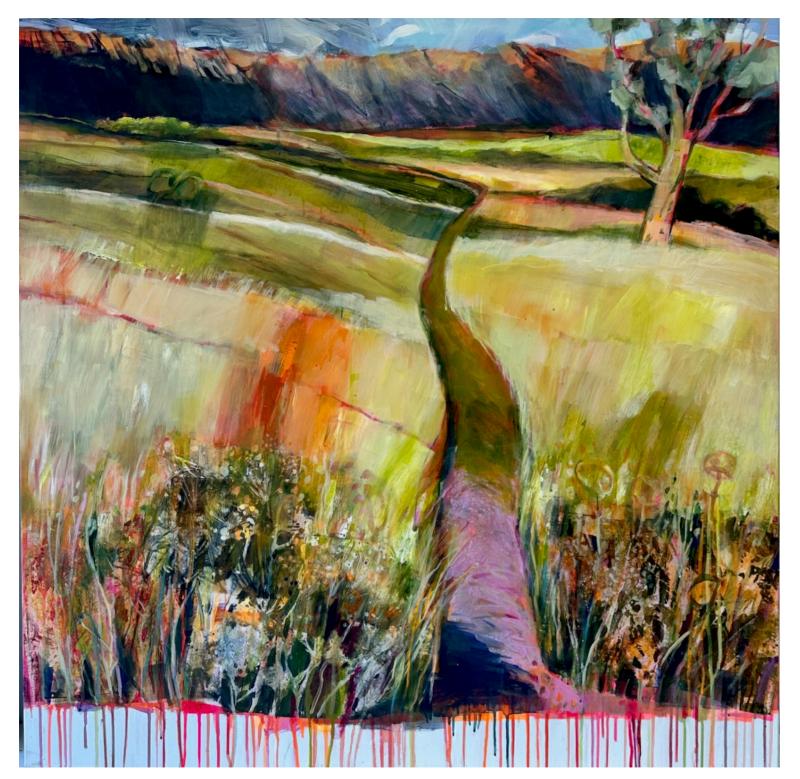


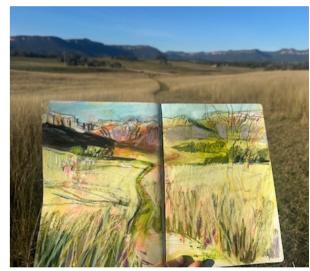
Fast and loose landscape studies on the studio wall.



Acrylic and mixed media on stretched polycotton, framed in Tasmanian oak 63 x 63 cm \$2950







THE EDGE OF ALWAYS
Acrylic and mixed media on stretched polycotton, unframed
102 x 102 cm
\$4995



# ECHO OF WHAT CAME BEFORE

Acrylic and mixed media on stretched polycotton, unframed 102 x 102 cm \$4995



# AMONG GOLDEN STEMS

Acrylic and mixed media on birch panel, framed in Tasmanian oak 43 X 63 cm \$1999



# TANGLED IN BEAUTY mixed media on paper

53 x 65 cm framed behind glass in natural Australian timber \$1100





WE'LL LIE IN GOLDEN MEADOWS Acrylic and mixed media on birch panel, framed in Tasmanian oak 33 x 33 cm \$1100

# Acrylic and mixed media on birch panel, framed in Tasmanian oak

33 x 27 cm \$1100



Early beginnings with wild flower meadow studies



BEHOLD THE MORNING

Acrylic and mixed media on birch panel - diptych, f ramed in Tasmanian oak 33 x 57 cm \$1555



# SHEER EXHILARATION

Acrylic and mixed media on stretched polycotton, unframed 102 x 102 cm \$4995

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# **Working Dog Gallery**

89 Chandos St, St Leonards, NSW 2065

15 October to 26 October 2025 Gallery open Wednesday - Sunday 11 am - 5 pm (Sunday 10 am - 2 pm)

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