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Community Talk



Perth from Mt Eliza by Blanche Mary Habgood née Brown after John Absolon

Paintings from the Society's collection Dorothy Erickson

Dr Dorothy Erickson, Fellow of the RWAHS, and Melissa Harpley, Manager of Curatorial Affairs at the Art Gallery of WA, discuss six paintings – treasures of the collection of State or National significance that have puzzled in the past. The paintings selected and in some cases identified by Dr Erickson when she undertook an audit of the art collection (part of an audit of the entire Museum collection that has been ongoing for some years) are by John de Mansfield Absolon, Herbert William Gibbs, Cecilia May Gibbs, Blanche Mary Habgood and Commander Charles Robert Tylden Russell RN. Blanche Habgood née Brown and Absolon are related as are May and Herbert Gibbs. Herbert and May gave their paintings to the collection. Blanche was Edith Cowan's sister and the Society also holds her wedding dress. Harbour Master Commander Russell is an ancestor of the Oldham family so all also have close connections to the Society and yet there were/are puzzles to be sorted, not the least being - Are they of State or National Significance?

Friday 22 October 2021 10.00 for 10.30am

Venue: Stirling House 49 Broadway Nedlands

Tickets \$10 Bookings essential

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