



**The Friends of
Penrith Regional Gallery & The Lewers Bequest**
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open daily 10am - 5pm
Closed Christmas and New Years Day, Good Friday
FREE ADMISSION

Cover : Lewers front garden. Photograph by Adam Hollingworth 2008



**APPLICATION FORM
FOR MEMBERSHIP**

The Friends of Penrith Regional Gallery & The Lewers Bequest is a social volunteer group, vitally interested in the Gallery and its progress; everyone is welcome to become a member of the Friends of the Gallery.

Becoming a Friend of the Gallery means:

- Receiving invitations to all Gallery opening events
- 10% discount to ticketed events at the Gallery
- 10% Discount at the Gallery shop
- Concession price on all Q Theatre Subscriptions (cheaper than normal Aged concession)
- Concession price for all Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre Fine Music Program Subscriptions (at Q concession price, again – cheaper than the normal Aged concession)
- 2 free tickets (value \$32) to one Morning Melodies concert per year (Morning event)
- 2 free tickets (value \$40) to one Six Sundays in Winter concert per year (Sunday afternoon event)

The Gallery

Penrith Regional Gallery & The Lewers Bequest is an idyllic place for dynamic cultural activity.

Established in 1981 the Gallery offers the unique opportunity of exploring the home and exquisite gardens of celebrated artists Gerald and Margo Lewers, and to enjoy a changing program of exhibitions; education and workshop programs and special events.

Gerald and Margo Lewers

Margo Lewers (1908-78) was an artistic force to be reckoned with. Her versatility included painting, mosaic, pottery, textiles, plexiglass constructions, large public commissions and her gardens. Gerald Lewers (1905-62) was a leading figure in the development of contemporary Australian sculpture. His work ranged from small intimate objects to major sculpture commissions, large copper fountains and gardens. Both artists exhibited widely in Australia and abroad and are represented in major public and private collections.



Margo Lewers with pots from Notanda 1930s

The Lewers Bequest

The idea of preserving the Lewers' home and gardens as an art gallery and centre for the enjoyment and understanding of contemporary art was Margo Lewers'. In 1980, the Lewers' family, with vocal community support, generously gave their parents' home, gardens and art collection to Penrith City Council for the people of Penrith.

The Collection

The Gallery's unique art collection and historic archive is an outstanding and accessible resource for visitors and scholars alike. Focusing on Australian Modernist art from the 1930s to the 1980s the collection, building on the original Lewers Bequest, features painting, sculpture, ceramics, works on paper, textiles, mosaic, plastics and furniture and includes: Yvonne Audette, Ralph Balson, Judy Cassab, Frank Hinder, Robert Klippel, Eva Kubbos, Margo Lewers, Gerald Lewers, Elwyn Lynn, Desiderius Orban, John Olsen, Carl Plate, Wendy Paramor, Stanislaus Rapotec, Tony Tuckson and Peter Upward.

The Gardens

The Gallery's superb heritage gardens form a precious part of the Lewers Bequest. Designed and planted by Margo Lewers the gardens are conserved by a team of talented heritage gardeners.

A highlight of the gardens are the beautiful fountains, ponds and sculptural works created by Gerald Lewers - as well as sculptures by important Australian sculptors including Margel Hinder, Lyndon Dadswell and Bert Flugelman.

Heritage Architecture

The Gallery features important architectural works by celebrated Australian architects Sydney Ancher and Andrew Andersons. In particular, Ancher House (built 1962) is a wonderful example of Sydney Ancher's work, and is testament to his collaboration with Margo Lewers to integrate architecture, artworks, internal design and gardens.



Courtyard and Lounge room gallery. Photograph Sharrin Rees 2007

Application for Membership

Please indicate by X the type of membership required, enclose appropriate sum and post to The Membership Officer, 86 River Road, Emu Plains, NSW 2750 or email to galleryfriends@penrithcity.nsw.gov.au

Membership Subscriptions

- Joining Fee \$5
- Annual Membership \$15
- Student Membership \$10
- Pensioner Membership \$10
- New Membership Renewal
- Cash Cheque

Please make cheques payable to *The Friends of the Lewers Gallery*
Membership renewals due 1 January each year

Full Name *Mr Mrs Ms Miss* _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Signature _____

Monthly meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at the Gallery, commencing 1pm except public holidays where the meeting takes place the following Monday.