



PAID OPPORTUNITY:

Visual artists invited to join the team for special project

Southern Edge Arts is inviting artists across the Great Southern to join the team that will deliver the large community project “Carrying the Fire” - a lantern walk for thousands of people that promises to be a highlight of the Albany 2026 program.

The project, conceived by **FORM: Building a State of Creativity**, will create a river of light flowing through the landscape, illuminating the night and asking the question ‘What will you carry into our shared future?’

The project involves the delivery of workshops to community groups, schools and businesses across the Great Southern between April - October 2026, before the final event in Kinjarling Albany on Saturday 14 November.

Artists are needed to facilitate a beautiful and reflective experience for groups of 10 - 30 people to create a range of lanterns that are inspired by our natural world. The workshops also open up conversations about our hopes for the future.

Lantern prototypes have been designed by artists Janine McCrum, Zoe Street and Mae Elliott and celebrate the resilient banksia, the regenerative sea star, the warmth of a Kornt (home) and the spiritual Moodja (Christmas) flower. There are simple designs suitable for children and more intricate designs for those that want to learn new skills. Workshops will be adapted for all ages and abilities and everyone is invited to create a lantern and be part of the event.

Artists will also be asked to support and encourage participants to make lanterns unique to them and act as group leaders at the final event.

Artistic Director, Annette Carmichael said “We need thousands of people to join us on Saturday 14 November to create a string of lights that stretches from Emu Point, through Binalup (Middleton Beach) and along the coastal path from Ellen Cove. We will be asking people to complete very simple tasks that include lifting their lantern at a designated time and moving towards predetermined gathering points. All of this will be filmed from the air. Walking distances will range from a few metres to 3km and there will be wheel chair accessible sections. Everyone, of every age and ability will be included in this event.”

To express your interest, email your resume to Carrying the Fire Associate Producer, Jenna Costello at ctf@southernedge.org.au or call 0493 717 689.

More information about the workshop program is available at www.southernedge.org.au/carryingthefire

Carrying the Fire is initiated, produced and presented by FORM Building a State of Creativity in collaboration with Creative Producer Southern Edge Arts and Artistic Director Annette Carmichael. It is presented as part of the City of Albany’s Albany 2026 program.