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**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

- You become an important contributor to the Gallery and the continued legacy of Gerald and Margo Lewers
- You will receive invitations to all Gallery Events
- You will receive a 10% discount on ticketed events at the Gallery
- Two free tickets to one Morning Melodies concert each year (eligible concerts advised each January)



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.

## 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 Margo Lewers, 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.



## 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

## 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: Dr / 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.