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NICK WILLIAMS AND RUTH PARRY HAVE SUCH GOOD TASTE THEY WERE ABLE TO TURN THEIR OWN HOME INTO AN INTIMATE GALLERY. WELCOME TO...

# 319 LENNOX

**A** SHORT WALK along Lennox Street from Swan Street Richmond, Ruth Parry and Nick Williams have turned their home into an intimate gallery, displaying the many beautiful pieces of hand-selected art, sculpture, contemporary jewellery and intricate craft they have collected from Australia and around the world.

Adorning the walls are works on paper from many of Australia's leading artists: Martin King, Dale Hickey, Christine Simons, and the much-lauded botanical cyanotype photographs of Andrew Seward. International artists, such as the French surrealist Max Ernst, Andre Masson, New Zealander Maria Olsen and New Guinean contemporary artist Mathias Kauage, share the space with lesser-known artists, including pieces from Arts Projects – the works of intellectually disabled Victorian artists.

However, unlike many galleries 319 Lennox displays art that is

accessible and affordable, ranging from several hundred dollars to no more than several thousand.

Ruth, who comes from a family of artists, moved from New Zealand to Australia over 15 years ago and worked for six years as prints and gallery technician at the National Gallery of Victoria.

She also exhibits and sells her own botanical necklaces – meticulous leaf stencils hand-sawn from flat sterling silver and mother of pearl.

Nick, an Australian who spent more than four years in London working as a curator in the department of prints and drawing at the British Museum, and as a curator at the NGV, shares Ruth's love of beautiful objects, researching the history of each piece that they sell.

Appreciators of beautiful, affordable and eclectic objects should keep an eye on the ever-changing works on display at 319 Lennox, and join the mailing list to find out about shows and exhibitions. ●



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