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Australia's only eco arts village officially opens with free creative day

Australia's only eco arts village, Wild Valley Art Park in the Blue Mountains, will be officially launched 28 October with a free public interactive celebration.

Located at the former Planet Ark headquarters at Wentworth Falls, the open day on 17 self-sustaining acres will feature self-guided sketchbook trails, drawing classes, mosaic mural workshops, art demonstrations and open studios.

Among the wetlands, wildflowers, valleys and pristine lakes visitors can also enjoy a sustainable art market with woodwork, ornate recycled birdhouses and designer clothing featuring vintage fabric, food stalls, BYO picnic and live music.

Wild Valley Art Park, run on solar power and independent water sources, also has accommodation, resident artists, regular workshops for children and adults, yoga, and special events.

Wild Valley Art Park owner and artist, Selena Seifert, said the eco arts village was a unique national centre for creative exploration.

"The Open Day is a free celebration of the Blue Mountains, inspired by artists from around the world and people who want to learn," she said.

"It is a platform for what we are offering at the eco village, including a dynamic program of workshops hosted by some of Australia's most renowned artists."

The Wild Valley Open Day Program includes:

- Official Opening by Marlene and Jeffery Plummer from the Kedumba Collection
- Participation in a flora and fauna mosaic with Selena Seifert for permanent display at the art park
- Mixed media and sketchbook drawing with COFA lecturer, Tanya Fielding
- Sketchbook trail and drawing of the day competition for a \$100 gift voucher
- Japanese ink painting demonstration with Michiyo Hikari
- Visit artist Gabrielle Jones' onsite studio artist Open Studio

For more information on Wild Valley Art Park visit www.wildvalleyartpark.com.au or contact Selena Seifert on 02 4757 4791.

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