



Jeannie Baker - Circle Exhibition Education Programs - March to May 2017

“Everything in nature is interdependent and connected and the changes we make in one place can cause a chain reaction in other places, even at the opposite end of the world. The challenge we face now is how to live our lives without destroying the places that are crucial to the shorebirds’ ancient, wondrous Circle of Life.” Jeannie Baker

Award winning children’s author and artist Jeannie Baker has published her long anticipated new book, *Circle*. This beautifully illustrated story follows the migration of the Bar-tailed Godwit (*Limosa lapponica baueri*) from Australia through Southeast Asia to its Alaskan breeding grounds and then back to Australia.

The Bar-tailed Godwit’s 11,000 kilometre journey from their breeding grounds in Alaska across the Pacific Ocean to Australia or New Zealand is the longest unbroken migration of any animal. The birds follow invisible pathways in the sky, which they have followed for thousands of years.

Exhibition Dates: 16 March - 14 May 2017
Opening hours: Wednesday-Sunday, 10am-3pm (Closed public holidays)
Where: Domain House, Dallas Brooks Drive, Melbourne



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Circle Programs & Events

Presentation by Jeannie Baker

Join Jeannie in a presentation for teachers, librarians and schools, and anyone else interested. As part of her research for this amazing book, Jeannie made her own journey across the globe to observe the Godwits. As with each of Jeannie's picture books, *Circle* is illustrated with the tactile, exquisitely detailed and textured collages she is famous for. Hear the story of Jeannie's journey, inspiration and story-making process for *Circle* and other environmental picture books.

When: Wed 15 Mar, 4.30-6pm
Where: Domain House
Cost: \$25
Bookings: [Eventbrite](#)

Circle of Life School Program

Melbourne Gardens is an extraordinary location to observe birdlife and discuss the precious nature of wetland habitat. Students consider the literary and artistic technique used by Jeannie Baker, consider how to create or support bird habitat, learn observation skills and engage with the *Circle* exhibition and landscape through imaginary and artistic responses.

When: Mon-Fri, 10.15am-12pm
& 12.30-2.15pm
Meet at: Observatory House
Cost: \$11.90 (Group min 18)
Bookings: 03 9252 2358

Circle of Life – Vacation Care Program (Groups only)

Immerse in the pure magic of Jeannie Baker's *Circle* before joining an exploration of bird life and rich bird habitat at Melbourne Gardens. Jeannie Baker's artwork and the beautiful landscapes of Melbourne Gardens will provide inspiration for children's own imaginative and artistic responses.

When: 3-7 Apr & 10 -13 Apr
10.15am-12pm
& 12.30-2.15pm
Cost: \$13.80 (Group min 18)
Bookings: 03 9252 2358

Teacher Professional Development

with RBGV, Melbourne Water and BirdLife Australia

Wetland environments can stimulate children's imagination, learning and enjoyment of the natural world. Discover through hands on practical sessions the importance of wetlands in an urban water cycle, shorebird habitats and explore the inspirational way literature can play a key part in an imaginative approach to exploring nature through Jeannie Baker's *Circle*.

When: Wed 19 Apr, 9.30am-3pm
Where: Edithvale Wetlands
Cost: FREE
Bookings: 131 722

Discount: Book into both a *Circle of Life* education program and a program at Melbourne Water's Edithvale-Seafood Wetland Education Centre to receive \$1 off both programs per student. For bookings please call each site separately.

ZartArt Professional Development

Explore the creativity and inspiration of Jeannie Baker's new book *Circle* using art materials, natural materials and found objects. Discover how to utilise outdoor spaces to create rich learning experiences for young students. BYO lunch, morning tea provided.

When: Tues 28 Mar, 9.30am-3pm
Where: Domain House
Cost: \$175
Bookings: [ZartArt](#) or email colleen@zartart.com