



Sierre Leone Queens playing cards. *sepia. 9"X5". copperplate*

This image has three African traditional figures; the idea of doing this picture came after taking a photo of three Sierre Leone students playing cards at a picnic day at MIEC (Marrickville Intensive English Centre). The students, from so many countries, were encouraged to wear their national dress and many of the African students - including Mariutu, Ramatulai and Ishia – proudly wore the beautiful, colourful garments of their homeland; having taught these Sierre Leone students I was always amazed by their ‘feisty life spirit’ especially when I had to consider the troubles and suffering they had to put up with; thus this work recognizes how these students continue with life and to live it to the full. A true joy.