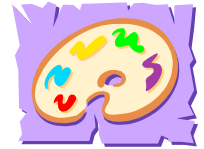




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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well now, Christmas has come and gone, school is back in and it's time to resume (if you ever stopped) painting.

The Life Drawing workshop was once again a great success and I can't thank Mary Ross enough for being at the centre of organising, running and participating in it.

Several members were well represented at the Corowa Art Show and I congratulate everyone on their presentations and their successes.

I look forward to meeting up with you all sometime soon. In the meantime I hope you all get off to a good start to 2005 with many masterpieces to come.

*Cheers,
J L M*

VICE PRESIDENT VIEWS

As part of this Newsletter you will find a list of "local" Art Shows, approximate dates and contact numbers, etc.

It is only a general guide as to what's on when – perhaps it may help to plan your activities for the year. If you have details of other regional shows and don't mind sharing, then please email me at smcall@corryongcec.net.au.

Note there's only one C in McCall on the address! We will be pinning a copy in the Studio as well as giving copies to our Art Supply shops.

I have a more detailed sheet with exact dates, delivery details and other information which I add to as the year progresses. If you would like a copy, please let me know.

Meantime, happy painting everyone!

Steve McCall

LIFE DRAWING WORKSHOP REVIEW

We had a fabulous three days of Life Drawing last month with great models (it was the first time two of them had ever modelled) and an encouraging attendance from both members and non-members. In fact we now have four new members as a result. We hope you enjoyed the days painting and look forward to your company at our regular life drawing sessions and any of the other activities we have.

Mary would like to thank Lily Cunningham and Catherine Pittard for their help and assistance and also Ian Davis (it was lovely to see you again!) for replacing the power board in the kitchen. Apparently there were a few technical problems but they have been fixed.

We would like to thank Mary Ross once again for organising the workshop. She obviously does a fabulous job because it's one of the most successful events we run each year. You're a champion Mary!

FEES! FEES! FEES! FEES! FEES! FEES!

Just a quick reminder that if you haven't paid your fees yet you should probably get a wriggle on! The elephant stamp on your newsletter means that we don't have you on our 2005 list of members and we really would like to have it there amongst us. We've included a form at the end of this newsletter just for you. So fill it in and send it back to the **Treasurer** ASAP. Can't wait to hear from you!

SENIORS EXPO DAY

On Thursday 17th March there will be an Expo held in Wodonga. There will be many demonstrations and presentations of different things including painting. The organisers have asked if we would have any artists who would like to take part. All this would involve is painting so if you would like to be part of it, ring John Mason on 6024 5751 for the details.

JIM VAN GEET ART CLASSES

Jim van Geet is considering providing art tuition at "The Paintbox" next year. He intends to have one-day class and one evening class (dependent on numbers) and these will coincide with school terms. Lessons will be of two hours duration and cost \$15.per session. Tuition will be largely in oil painting but other mediums will also be covered. A comprehensive outline will be provided later.

If you are interested (or know someone who may be), please contact Jim or Sheryl Phillips. His contact numbers are:- (03) 57 52 1213 or 0427 929 974 or email vgdesign@netc.net.au. Should you wish to see examples of his work visit www.artsaffair.com. As this website has not been updated for 18 months the images are older ones and you may like to phone him for a list of galleries representing his art.

DAVID CHEN – OIL PAINTING WORKSHOP

After a bit of a hiccup with our original thoughts on an oil painting tutor we are very fortunate to have David Chen agreeing to do a workshop for us. This will take place on **12th & 13th March** so it doesn't give you much time to decide if you'll be going or not.

The cost of the workshop for members will be **\$50 per day or \$80 for the whole weekend**. For non-members the cost is **\$55 per day or \$85 for the whole weekend**. If you think you would like to go for just one day it is worth considering that the first day of the workshop is probably the better of the two as this is when the most information will be given. If you didn't want to paint but were still keen to have a look, the cost is \$10.00.

Participants need to arrive at the Paintbox at **9.30 am for a prompt 10.00am start**. Each day will finish at **4.00pm**. There will be a **break for morning/afternoon tea and lunch**. You will need to bring your lunch and all your own gear. Bring **whatever paints and brushes** you have as well as **8 small canvases (6 X 8 or 8 X 12)** for colour exercises and **2 large canvases (16 X 20 or 18 X 20)**. David will be doing a still life demonstration, which will take approximately half an hour. There will be a **Happy Hour on Saturday** after the day's hard work and by the sound of things you'll need it. Drinks will be provided.

If you intend to go to this workshop, whether participating or watching, or for information regarding it, please ring **Sheila Maguire on 6024 2817**. To secure your spot you will need to fill in the appropriate form at the end of this newsletter and forward this with your workshop fees to Sheila. **The deadline for this is the 1st March.**

BERYLE'S BIG WIN!

After what must have been the longest wait of all time, Beryle finally had her pastel *piece de resistance* delivered. It now hangs in pride of place on her wall and she's charging twenty bucks a head for a squiz! Actually that's not quite true - well the charging bit anyway! Actually she was sitting on a bit of goss that has now become common knowledge - Grace Paleg was the winner of the Pastel Society of Victoria Art Exhibition. This info probably isn't all that surprising to most but well done Beryle for keeping a secret!

DIARY DATES

Life Drawing

The next Life Drawing session will be on 6th March, 1.00 - 4.00. The cost for this is \$10 members, \$15 non members. At the last Life Drawing session there was a bit of confusion about the cost. If you were at the last life drawing session (6th February) and you wish to receive a credit for this life drawing session please arrange this with Mary Ross the organiser. For details ring Mary on 6027 1358.

Portrait Session

Portraits will next be held 1.00 - 4.00pm, 19th February at the Paintbox. Cost: \$8 members, \$12 non-members. Contact Jeanette Pockley for details on 6027 1064.

Incidentally, FYI we pay the life drawing models \$20 per hour and the portrait models \$50 per session. This should give you an idea of how many people we need each time to cover our costs. Some times we don't!

MONTHLY MEETING

Our next meeting will be at 12.30, Wed 2nd March at the Paintbox. So bring your lunch and your ideas, and if you have a full day to yourself bring

your paints and join the ever-growing bunch of painters that congregate at the Paintbox each Wednesday.

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DAVID CHEN OIL PAINTING WORKSHOP

Count me in!

Name:

Address:

Phone:

I plan on going...

(Please tick ONE)

Saturday 12th March only - \$50.00

Sunday 13th March only - \$50.00

Both Days - \$80.00

To watch only - \$10.00

Which day? Sat Sun Both

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