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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Glorious autumn is with us and the days are getting noticeably shorter already, but I hope this does not mean you are all preparing to go into hibernation. There is a lot of stuff out there begging to be painted.

CONGRATULATIONS to Pieter Mol who's lovely little Portrait won the right to be exhibited at Cremers for the next few months. And a big thank you to Cremers for their continuing support, it is much appreciated. I do think the "Meet and Greet Evening" deserves better support, as the works on display are very good and the evening most enjoyable.

Incidentally if you would like it to include a critique of your work let us know, we are all very good at sorting out other peoples work, and pointers are always welcome.

The David Chen weekend was a GEM, David was a pleasure to work with, and all we have to do now is to consistently incorporate some of his ideas into our work.

Looking ahead, our Annual Exhibition is in July, at the Museum so now is the time to be thinking about your exhibit, we would like someone from the Society to be 'on hand' each day painting if you like to represent us to the visitors and hopefully join up new members. After that it's Spring again.

Worthy Quote: "I never try to make an ordinary record of a place or scene but, rather, aim for an interesting interpretation" – Foster Caddell.

If that is the case for plein air paintings, how much more so from a photograph!

Good painting

*Cheers,
J L M*

DAVID CHEN WORKSHOP REVIEW

Just to add to John's comments on the weekend with David Chen. It was a fantastic workshop. David was very encouraging and very helpful with painter-friendly advice.

I'm sure there will be many painters now painting away with little bits of paper floating around to wipe brushes with. We could also hazard a guess that many paintboxes now contain a tube of Lilac!

We really enjoyed David's company and watching him paint. We really are lucky to be able to see such magnificent artists working. It's worth going to a workshop just to see that.

Many thanks to Sheila who always comes up with a successfully organised workshop weekend. We are very grateful!



David Chen



Listening very carefully

MIXED MEDIA WORKSHOP!

Our next workshop for the year will be with Janene Castillo on **18th & 19th June**. Each day will **start at 10.00am and finish at 4.00pm with a break for morning/afternoon tea and lunch**. So that the workshop starts on time it would be a good idea if people **arrived at 9.30am**.

This workshop is an exciting weekend of discovery, freeing your creativity and having fun. You'll be using mixed media (acrylic paint, ink, collage, pastel, charcoal etc), explore texture, colour and composition with a contemporary approach. There is a list of materials required which will be distributed to those participating.

The cost of the workshop will be as follows...

- \$20 each day (members)**
- \$25 each day (non-members)**
- \$10 spectators**

We need at least **12** people for each day for this workshop to go ahead so you should probably get your form (at the end of this newsletter) and money in quick smart to avoid disappointment. These need to be in by **Friday 13th May**. Please send them to **Val Boulton, 14/10 Somerset Drive, West Albury NSW 2640**.

If you know of anyone who's not a member and might be interested in this workshop please let them know. If you have any questions you can ring Val on 6021 8707.

WANTED: NEW TREASURER

Our Treasurer, Robyn White, has finally conceded that as her time is at a premium in running her business and looking after her family she really cannot fit Treasurer's duties in as well. She is looking for some kind soul to volunteer their services as treasurer to relieve her of the added pressure.

If you can help her out please ring her either at the shop on 6024 5621 or at home on 6024 1535. She would be delighted to hear from you.

MEMORABLE HANGUPS OPENING HOURS

There has been a change to the opening hours at Memorable Hangups. They are as follows...

Tuesday – Friday: 10.00am – 3.00pm
Saturday: 10.00am – 1.00pm

Or you can phone for an appointment on 6024 5621.

ROSS PATERSON PASTEL WORKSHOP

We will be running this workshop on the 8th & 9th October. There will be more details available later as we get closer to the date.

The cost of the workshop will be around \$50 per day so now is the time to start saving. There is a list of requirements available now.

If you would like a copy or you have any questions please ring Sheryl Phillips on 6025 7080.

OUR WEBSITE

By now many of you will have had a look at our website awartsoc.org as have there been many members who have put their paintings on it. There are still some who have not and your contributions would be most welcome.

If you don't have access to a digital camera the best way to have your paintings put on the website is to take ordinary photos of them in to Fletcher Photographics or any of the other photographic places and they will put them on disc for you. Then you take this disc to Pieter Mol and he will put it on our website for all the world to see. Simple!

Speaking of websites, there are many worthwhile looking at. One of them is www.wetcanvas.com, which has information about anything involving art you could want to know. You need to log on to access a lot of the information and this costs you nothing. So next time you're having a bit of a surf have a look.

ANNUAL EXHIBITION

Our Annual Exhibition for 2005 will once again be held at the **Albury Regional Museum**, opening on **22nd July** running till **7th August**.

Organisation for this has started so we will be well and truly sorted out by July, which is really only just around the corner. Yvonne Ellwood who is the Publicist for the exhibition has asked for a little help with the advertising.

If you think you'd be able to give her a hand she'd love to hear from you. You can ring her on 6025 2203.

Of course there will be more information in coming newsletters as plans unfold but for the moment we should probably concentrate on the content of our exhibition. So get painting the contents!

BUS TRIP 2005

Many of you will notice that we didn't run a bus to the Camberwell this year. This is because we thought we might go to another exhibition instead and also it became too late to organise the trip!

This year we will be taking a bus down to see the Twenty Melbourne Painters Exhibition in Glen Eira. These are all award winning artists. Some familiar names might be Joseph Zbukvic, Max Wilks, Amanda Hyatt, Ross Paterson and the list goes on.

The exhibition starts on 26th July and runs for a week and a half. The curator, Jenny Pihan of Jenny Pihan Fine Arts in Frankston has offered to organise one or two artists to come and talk to us if we would like.

There will be more details in the next newsletter including the form to fill in if you intend to go. For more information please ring Sheryl Phillips on 6025 7080.

DIARY DATES

Life Drawing

The next Life Drawing session will be on 1st May 1.00 - 4.00. The cost for this is \$10 members, \$15 non-members. For details ring Mary on 6027 1358.

Portrait Session

Portraits will next be held 1.00 - 4.00pm, 21st May at the Paintbox. Cost:

\$8 members, \$12 non-members.
Contact Jeanette Pockley for details on
6027 1064.

MONTHLY MEETING

Our next meeting will be at 12.30,
Wed 2nd May 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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