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Art is not something apart from our lives. Art is about love, adventure, meditation, visual therapy, humour and most of all - a celebration of life. For as long as there has been documentation of human records, artists have conveyed their ideas and emotions through symbols and drawings. The act of creation is a way for people to share their observations and express their feelings.

Painting is an endless search that never follows a straight path; it is an on going journey that can become a way of life.

Very few artists can rely solely on God-given talent what it really takes is self discipline and hard work. **Val Boulton** - taken from a Canadian Art Book

Quote: "Every child is an artist, the problem is how to remain an artist once one grows up" Pablo Picasso

Monet & Turner in Canberra

WE ARE GOING ON A DAY TRIP!!!

A must see exhibition! This is apparently a unique opportunity to see Monets and Turners landscapes together, and especially since they have brought the paintings for us to view in Australia. You will certainly be swept away by their ability to warm you with their fire, give you cold shivers, or allow you to take a breath of fresh air. It will be just fabulous.

Exhibition Dates are: 26th March - 7th June 2008.

If you would like to participate in our day trip to Canberra, the proposed dates are:

Tuesday 8th, 15th, 22nd or 29th April. Will decide as a group and advise.

Expressions of interest phone Kathy: (02) 6025 5913 or write your name down on the sheet at the Paintbox on the front table.

We plan to hire a 22 seater bus, leave 7.30 am and return approx. 7pm. To keep costs down, we can take picnic lunch to have on arrival in the sculpture garden.

Prices will vary according to numbers: \$55 per person
(will be cheaper if above 20 people)

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ART SOCIETY NOTES

DAVID TAYLOR WORKSHOP the balance of money for the workshop **must** be in by 20th April. As we have such a long waiting list for this one if the money is not in by then the next person on the list will take the space. As Meg is away, please contact Kathy Bruce: (02) 6025 5913.

CHARLES SLUGA has no classes for April the next class is 1st May 08.

PORTRAIT COMMISSION Simone Hogg Arts Development Officer for Wodonga Council referred the Artists Society to Brendan Lauritz Corporate Services Officer with Kirinari Community Services; www.kirinari.com.au

He is looking for an artist who works in oils or acrylic to complete a formal portrait of a retiring director by the end of May. He is hoping to get to look at the work of 4-5 local artists and will choose one to go ahead with the commission please pass on this information to other members you think would be suitable lets help him out! his email address is brendan.lauritz@kirinari.com.au

Greta Thomas, of Soul Renaissance shop on the Causeway had a lady ask for an artist to do a commissioned portrait of her 4 yr old daughter from a photograph. Anyone interested can contact her.

MODELS

We are always in need for models for portraits and life drawing. If you would like to sit for Portrait please contact Pieter or Janelle. If you are interested in sitting for Life drawing please contact Kathy Bruce.

Thank you to Janelle Hoban for volunteering to be the new co-ordinator for booking models for portraits! Those attending will assist in organising the catering, arranging the furniture for the model, timing etc to make each session run smoothly. In any workshop or drawing session, please remember to return items to where you borrowed them from within the Paintbox, as they might belong to someone else!

APRIL LIFE DRAWING EXHIBITION

Thank you to Pieter Mol and Heather Sparkes for organising and preparing our figurative exhibition at Creators during the last week of April. See details further into the newsletter. If you would like to help distribute our posters, please contact Pieter Mol.

EMAIL ADDRESS If you have an email address, please advise Pieter Mol. We are trying to cut costs of postage and sending you the newsletter by email will save the Society a lot of money in the long run.

OIL WORKSHOP WITH DIANNE... Congratulations and thank you Marilyn and Dianne Swann for a wonderful Oil workshop last weekend!! It was very successful, participants had learnt a great deal and had a lot of fun.



ORGANISING EXHIBITIONS

Thank you to Meg Brown and Heather Sparkes for formalising procedures for running workshops and exhibitions. This will make it so much easier for coordinators and members to know what needs to be done and how. Draft policies will be worked through the committee and brought to a general meeting in the near future.

THANK YOU....to Elizabeth Farrelly for her donation of tea-towels. Could members please consider donating items to the Society ie; old rags, sheets, tea-towels, & tissues.

THE MOVE TO 'THE COTTAGE' No date is set to move just yet. You will be notified, in the meantime, we can continue to enjoy our space at the Paintbox. Please start collecting your personal art items from the Paintbox to make the move easier.

WEB SITE GALLERY

If you would like to display your work on our internet website, please email or contact Pieter Mol. Pieter will give you the steps to do this and then you can manage your paintings yourself. It is very simple. pieterm@smartair.com.au

"Polly Platypus", the delightful children's book written by Cate Davis and illustrated by Ian Davis, is available to purchase in the Paintbox for \$10. Your purchase is a wonderful way to raise revenue for the society!

\$8 of each sale is donated back to the society.

Thank you, Cate!

UP COMING WORKSHOPS

Jack Pardue - Autumn in Bright

Sunday 30th March - 4th April 08.

5 day Plein Air workshop

Flyer at Paintbox

Dookie Art Attack - Winter 14th, 15th, 16th JUNE

Details from Robyn Glasson on:

info@glassonsartworld.com.au

or mobile: 0427 286495

(only a 1.5hr drive roughly)

Oils, Pastel, Watercolour, Drawing. Tutors include Ross Paterson, John Wilson, Marilyn Ward, Charles Sluga, Janet Matthews, Jeanette Sellwood, Anne Randles, Jean Cowan.

Booklet on Paintbox notice board.

Regina Hona - 13th & 14th SEPTEMBER 2008

Contact Steve McCall: 03 57501074



March Meet & Greet

EXHIBITIONS

St John's Wodonga Art Show

Fri 11th April (opening) to Sun 13th April 08.

"Reflections" Creators members Exhibition at the Gateway Village. 11th to 22nd April 08.

Albury Regional Art Gallery

Local artist Inga Hanover "Once upon a time"

14th March - 4th May 08

Exquisite detail, fascinating techniques, thought provoking ideas.

Chilton Art Exhibition 23rd, 24th & 25th May 2008

(Entries in Fri May 9th)

"It's on in Corryong 2008"

Show & Sell art/photography/craft exhibition

4 - 6th April. RSL hall 10-5pm.

Lake Cargelligo Art Exhibition

6th, 7th and 8th, 9th June 08

Details on blue booklet in paintbox

Coolamon 2008 Annual

"Up -To -Date Art Exhibition" held at the

Up-to-Date store Fri 25-27th July.

(Entries by 11th July)

"LIFE'S LIKE THAT" - Life drawing/human figure Exhibition in April 2008

This is the name of our upcoming exhibition of artworks related to the human figure.

Works based on twelve months of Life Drawing and Portrait Drawing/Painting (but not restricted to those).

- ◆ Exhibition held at the "Creators Gallery"
- ◆ **Date:** April 24th to April 30th 2008.
- ◆ Your work may be framed or unframed, on panel, paper or plastic, even canvas! Please present your drawings so that they can be hung, mounted or with a firm backing (cardboard?).
- ◆ Present as many works as you like but not all may be hung.
- ◆ AWAS will accept **20% commission on any item sold**, be it hung, tabled or from under the table.
- ◆ Each item must be marked: Title / Artist name / Medium / Price (if for sale)
- ◆ **Cost:** \$5 per submission of one or more items.
- ◆ Deliver at Paintbox at or before April 16 04:00 pm, this will give us time to produce a catalogue.



The Exhibition is made possible through grants from CASP and the Art and Cultural Contribution Program of the City of Wodonga. AWAS thanks CASP and the City of Wodonga for the grand and Simone Hogg for her advise, patience and assistance.

Any questions or enquiries?? Please ring me on **02 60217431** or e-mail me **pieterm@smartair.com.au**

Pieter Mol

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2008 from March to April

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	TIME	COST
6th April	Life Drawing Session	Paintbox	1 - 4pm	M: \$10 NM: \$15
7th April	Dianne Swann Oil Class	Paintbox	10am - 1pm	\$20
14th April	Dianne Swann Oil Class	Paintbox	10am - 1pm	\$20
16th April	General Meeting	Paintbox	12.30pm	
19th April	Portrait Session	Paintbox	1 - 4pm	M: \$10 NM: \$15
24th - 30th	'Life's Like That' Life Drawing Exhib	Creators Gallery		

MARCH MEET & GREET With low numbers the Meet and Greet was still successful and a very pleasant get together. A painting by Diane Seaborne will go in Cremers window and a landscape by Pieter Mol will hang in Smartairs reception area.



KYLIE'S FUNNY FIX corner!

As you may have noticed, I have started to add some cartoons to the newsletter. I found some past newsletters with some cartoon strips and wanted to bring them back in. When I did my Diploma in Cartoon and Illustration through the Australian College of Journalism, my tutor was Max Foley. He sent me some of his cartoons as a reference to keep.

I just love this one, and there are a few more I would like to share with you in the future. If you have some of your own, I can scan them in, just post them to me and I will return the original!

Enjoy!

Kylie Maguire



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