

## *October 's Activities!*

### **Gateway Opening**

The Opening of Gateway Arts and Cultural Precinct marks the culmination of the efforts of many individuals, and groups in our area who have had the vision of bringing together all the various arts groups in our region. The official opening by Mayor Cr. Byatt was held on the evening of Friday 2nd October at Wodonga Artspace. The Promotional exhibition featured displays by the various tenant groups and was open to the public for the following two weeks. Musikids and Jazz musicians, who also have their "home" at the Gateway, entertained us at the opening. Thank you to all who submitted artwork for this event: the selection focussed on the variety of styles and techniques members use and the activities we offer for people who enjoy painting and drawing.



*AWAS members  
and their work at  
The Wodonga  
Artspace evening*

On the Saturday Celebration Open Day, we welcomed the public to join us in our workshop: in the morning a still life "Colonial Kitchen" was set up by Carol Smith and in the afternoon Janelle Hoban arranged our clothed model to pose for those who wanted to try their hand at drawing with a live model. Despite the rain (!!!) we had over 150 visitors. We had participants in the workshops with ages ranging from 4 to 92. It was a little chaotic but fun, and hopefully we will see more locals come to visit the studio/gallery and perhaps participate in our activities and workshops.

Thank you to all those who helped make the opening day such a big success! Special Thanks to the following people:

- Dianne and Marilyn for their culinary delights
- Janelle for organising and collecting funds at both painting sessions
- Carol for organising and setting up the Still Life objects
- Heather for liaising with Sarah Bradbury at Artspace

Kathy Bruce



*Members & Visitors enjoying Activities on Gateway Opening day*



### **Ron Muller Workshop**

A very success full workshop was run on the 10th and 11th October at our studio. The guest tutor was Ron Muller a well known watercolourist from Melbourne. As ron said he is a traditional watercolour painter who feels he should have been born



in the romantic era as he favours the softer gentler approach focusing on washes of colour with other colours dropped in, timing being the essence to a good watercolour as we watercolourists know only too well. He favours landscapes and does some of his work pleinair but most is done in the studio. Our exercises were of gum trees, rural scenes and a beach scene. It is always good to be shown another approach to using watercolours so that we can experiment with these other methods ourselves at our leisure.



Meg Brown

### **Still Life afternoon**

After lunch, and when the disastrously trashed 'Indigenous Still Life' was restored, and the offending fallen backdrop removed; the participants of our first 'Sunday Afternoon Still Life' turned out some nice work in watercolour and oil pastel.

Carol Smith

### **Congratulations**

Our congratulations to David McDonald for his article in the latest Australian Artist.

## **Annual General Meeting**

26 members attended the AGM on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2009, and apologies were received from 8 members.

The Executive Committee presented their reports on the year past, then President Kathy Bruce invited the Workshop Co-ordinators to report on the various Workshops that were held throughout the year.

The overall sentiment was that all the workshops were well attended; the Tutors had been very skilful and informative, resulting in very successful Workshops where the participants' had benefited artistically from the experience. Although there seem to be a surfeit of female models available for Life Drawing, there are few male models. So, if you aware of any gentlemen who are available for this task, please contact the co-ordinator for this Elsie Reitenback.

The Executive Committee for the year 2010:

President	-	Heather Sparks
Vice President	-	Meg Brown
Secretary	-	Janelle Hoban
Treasurer	-	Carol Gilbert
Ordinary members	-	Kathy Bruce
	-	Kathy Blakemore
	-	Diane Seaborn
	-	Jenny Toole

Committee appointments:

Publicity Officer	-	Carol Smith
Newsletter Editor	-	Jo Whitehead
Public Officer NSW	-	Val Boulton
Public Officer VIC	-	Jenny Toole
Liason Smartair	-	Kathy Bruce
Catering	-	Diane Seaborn & Marilyn Byrnes

Workshop Co-ordinators:

Oil	-	Kylie Maguire
Water colour	-	Meg Brown
Mixed Media/Acrylic	-	Doina Eitler
Pastels	-	Heather Sparks
Life Drawing	-	Elsie Reitenback
Portraits	-	Janelle Hoban

New President Heather Sparks thanked Kathy Bruce and the outgoing Committee who did an outstanding job for the year which included the huge logistical challenge in moving to our fantastic new Studio / Gallery. This was echoed by all present.

It was unanimously agreed that fees were to be kept to \$70 per annum.

Workshop fees for the year will be set to \$150 (2 days) for members and \$180 for non members. Exceptions may need to be made from time to time for more expensive Tutors. Due to the time given, and also cost which the organisers of Workshops incur, it was decided that Workshop Organisers not be charged the Workshop fee. This will be reviewed annually. Note: This does not apply for the monthly Portrait, Life drawing & Still Life sessions.

It was also unanimously agreed that we advise Wodonga Council by the 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2009 that we wish to take up the option on a three year lease of the current premises.

The afternoon was again made very special with the fantastic lunch and afternoon tea provided by our resident gourmets Dianne and Marilyn.....thanks to you both. Thanks as well to Pieter for providing the BBQ for the occasion.

## Upcoming Events!

### **Melbourne Cup - Paint & Punt**

Participate in the race that stops the Nation. Cost \$8.00 per head, proceeds to the AWAS. At Studio/Gallery 10 – 4 pm  
Aperitifs and Champagne provided. Hats mandatory for the ladies.

### **Pfeiffer's Winery – Plein air painting each Thursday during November**

Enjoy the beauty and tranquility of outdoor painting at Pfeiffer's Winery in Wahgunyah. The Winery has invited artists to visit all day Thursdays during November (free of charge).

The aim is to display the works during January, culminating in a people's choice award.

Why not get a few painting pals together and coordinate transport on one or more of the days? Contact the Winery 02 60332805.

### **Still Life – with a twist**

A still-life drawing/painting afternoon for members will be set up on the last Sunday of each month (29<sup>th</sup> November & 20<sup>th</sup> December) at the Paintbox Studio 12.30 to 4pm. Bring lunch if you want. (*Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Oct. theme was 'Aboriginal Artefacts'*)

Future Themes: (not necessarily in this order), Colonial' Washing' Day, Tea for Two, Shells & Items from the Seaside, Native Flowers & Foliage. Marilyn has some interesting items from the 'Lady's Boudoir'

Sheila has agreed to set up a 'White & Glass' arrangement for members wanting to challenge their mastery of tone.

There will be a bright spotlight to provide excellent shadows and sparkles etc.

If you have any queries or would like to set up a display of interesting items contact Carol Smith 02 60245094 or

[carolann@dragnet.com.au](mailto:carolann@dragnet.com.au)

Carol Smith

### **Charles Sluga's Watercolour Group Christmas Lunch - Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> 2009**

Lunch is booked for us at the Nicholas Hotel Beechworth for 1pm. Upstairs on the verandah overlooking Ford Street.

Cost for Lunch is \$30, drinks are extra.

It is suggested for those who live in Albury-Wodonga, we meet at the Plant Farm at Wodonga to possibly car share for the drive up to Beechworth.

All to meet at La Trobe, Beechworth coffee shop for coffee and then paint in around the area until 12.45pm when we all meet for lunch at the Nicholas.

Would you please confirm that you are definitely coming a fortnight before as I have to give them numbers? My phone no 0260231651

Meg Brown

### **Bus Trip to Melbourne**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Definitely happening!!! Galleries including: Kew Gallery and Heide.

Please leave your name with Elizabeth Farrelly for any cancellations, Ph: 6021 7171

## Exhibitions & Competitions!

Shadows and Light – Watercolour Exhibiton by Meg Brown. 3 weeks beginning 6<sup>th</sup> Nov, Artists on Parade Gallery, Tumbarumba.

Wangaratta Art Show until 7<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2009. 10 – 5 pm. Members work

Fresh and Unframed. Yackandandah Court House, Nov 7<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 10 – 4 pm. Members work

2009 Aquisitive Art Award. Wodonga Artspace, Opening Friday Nov 20<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm, continues until Dec. 19th

Rupert Bunny, 21<sup>st</sup> Nov – 21<sup>st</sup> Feb, 2010, Gallery of NSW, Sydney

Dobell Drawing Prize, 21<sup>st</sup> Nov – 31<sup>st</sup> Jan, 2010

Masterpieces from Paris, 5<sup>th</sup> Dec – 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2010, N.G.A., Canberra

BMM Exhibition at Studio/Gallery, March 2010.

### **Possible future Exhibitions 2010**

Conservatorium Music, Albury, 2010

Flight Theme, Smartair

Art Space Wodonga for possible Annual or Bi annual exhibition, commencing in 2011

# Dates for your Calendar

- Mondays -Di Swann Oils Class 10-1pm. If you are attending, Ph. 02 60712301. Cost \$20
- Wednesday Evenings -Studio painting with Simon. Ph. 0437 755899
- Thursdays (Nov. only) -Painting at Pfeiffer's Winery, Wahgunyah.
- Wednesdays (Nov. only)-Plein Air painting – location suggestions: Gardens at Gateway Village, Botanic gardens, Browns Lagoon

- 3<sup>rd</sup> November Tuesday -Melbourne Cup "Paint & Punt"
- 7<sup>th</sup> November Saturday -Life Drawing 1 – 4 pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> November Tuesday -Committee meeting 4 pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> November Wednesday -General Meeting 12:30 pm  
-BBQ at Studio. Meat supplied, bring everything else
- 21<sup>st</sup> November Saturday -Final day of Watercolour with Robyn White  
-Portrait session 1 – 4 pm (Model will be Pieter Mol's 17 year old Grandson)
- 29<sup>th</sup> November Sunday -Still Life 12:30 – 4 pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> December Saturday -Life Drawing 1 – 4 pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> December Tuesday -Bus Trip to Melbourne
- 15<sup>th</sup> December Tuesday -Committee meeting 4 pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> December Wednesday -General meeting 12:30 pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> December Saturday -Portrait session 1 – 4 pm (Model will be Ann Devine – senior member)  
-Meet & Greet 4:15 pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> December Sunday -Still Life 12:30 – 4 pm

**\*\*Continue painting throughout the Christmas season, the Studio will not be closed\*\***

**January – February newsletter should bring news of activities planned for 2010**

**Don't forget your 2010 Subscription**

**Bring BMM work along for discussion on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Exhibition in March.**




## Famous Artist's quotable quotes

**Have no fear of perfection, you'll never reach it.**

**Salvador Dali**

**Newsletter changes:** It was decided at the General Meeting held 24/10/09 that the newsletter will be produced bi-monthly. Happy with the way you receive your newsletter? Any change contact the Secretary, Janelle Hoban

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