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## A Word from the Committee

Last Friday night was the opening night of the exhibition 'Keep it Local'. This was a great success with very good attendance and several works sold on the night. Thank you to Cr. Michael Fraser (Wodonga) and Cr. Kevin Mack (Albury) who opened this exhibition. Our thanks also go to Meg Brown, Heather Sparks and Barb Strand for all their hard work in organising this event.

After events such as this I realise how much planning and hard work goes into any function that AWAS puts on. I am continually reminded of the wealth of talents, both artistic and otherwise, that we have within our group and the generosity in sharing in whatever needs to be done for the good of AWAS.

A recent example of this has been the establishment of "The Hanging Group" – a diverse group of people learning the skills of presenting an exhibition under the guidance of Heather Sparks, Kathy Bruce and Christina Zey. - a group of friends working together, learning something different and enjoying it.

If you have a skill/time that you would like to share, be sure that it would be appreciated.

Heather Green.

### New Albury Regional Art Gallery Briefing – Jenny Wallace

Ten members of AWAS attended a briefing on the new Regional Art Gallery on the 26<sup>th</sup> June. Jacqui Hemsley, Group Leader Cultural Services, Albury City, and Bianca Acimovic, Visual Arts Coordinator - Albury Art Gallery, gave us an interesting insight into the vision and scope for the new Regional Art Gallery. The key highlights of the discussion were:

- The gallery will have a broad arts focus covering both contemporary and traditional art forms
- There will be 7 flexible gallery spaces 2 of which will be dedicated to the gallery's permanent collection
- Opening hours and access to the galleries facilities will be more flexible
- Facilities will include gallery rooms, educational/studio work space, restaurant and sculpture garden
- Major Objective is to create the gallery as a destination for the local community and visitors
- Educate the community on the value of art
- Closer relationships with other arts groups such as the Art Society
- Fostering awareness of local artists through exhibitions, workshops and other partnership programs
- The Library Museum will house exhibitions while the new Gallery is being built. For example, the Archibald prize exhibition in March 2014
- The need to keep organisations like AWAS on the communication and development loop

Jacqui, congratulated the Albury Wodonga Art Society on its strong membership base and art program in an environment where many Art Societies are folding because of their inability to adapt to change. Jacqui also expressed the view that our members received excellent value with a working studio/gallery, the resources available to members and the programs we run for members.

Those members who attended enjoyed the discussion and the chance to express their views on a range of things.

### **Studio Lock & Keys**

Dear AWAS members,

There has been a change in the lock-up of the studio. The deadlock is the only lockable lock on the main studio door. Please make sure that this lock is activated when finishing work at the studio for the day.

Members who don't have keys can pick up the key to unlock the studio from the woodcrafters cottage at 10 am and return it at 2.45 pm.

As the Information Centre has reduced its opening hours, the new location for a key, with the woodcrafters, will be more convenient. All members can have their own key to the studio. Just let our Treasurer, Janelle Hoban know and arrangements can be made for you.

email: [janelle@tadaust.org.au](mailto:janelle@tadaust.org.au)

Happy painting (don't forget our annual exhibition in September)

Kathy Bruce  
Secretary, AWAS

### **Studio Roster – Fantastic August!**

We need our members' help! We still have concerns as to how to keep the studio open and meet our obligations to council – Tuesday to Sunday 10.00 am to 3.00 pm. Rosters are a lot of work to organise!!

We thank those who have volunteered their time to help so far. Sunday is working well thanks to Heather Green's hard work.

Let's turn volunteering into a positive. August is known to be cold and wet, but don't stay at home. Join us in the warmth of the studio and paint and share ideas and have a hot coffee, tea or chocolate with friends Monday to Tuesday. Bring a group of your artist friends and spend the day together. Even if you can only come once or twice, this will add to the dynamics of our "working studio".

We look forward to seeing you.

Nancy Robinson – Committee

## *Studio news*

### **AWAS Annual Exhibition for 2013**

This is the initial notice for the Society's Annual Exhibition to be held at the Studio from the beginning of September, and through October 2013. Final details on Opening dates will be advised in the August Newsletter.

Members are invited to submit a maximum of two (2) works for hanging, entries for display will be selected by a competent arbiter and due to the limited display space the selection will be competitive. There is NO theme for the exhibition, the choice of medium and subject matter is yours.

Members are advised that entries must be received at the AWAS Studio no later than 3.00 pm on August 30<sup>th</sup>. All display items must be for sale. The usual commissions on sales will apply: 10% on cash sales and 14% on credit card sales.

This is another great opportunity to display and sell your work. Happy and productive painting.

The Exhibition sub committee

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## Exhibitions

### Fantastic Exhibitions to enjoy.

NATIONAL GALLERY OF VICTORIA

**Monet's Garden** Closes 8<sup>th</sup> September

**Australian Impressionists in France** Closes 6<sup>th</sup> October At the Ian Potter Centre.

Also Top Arts 2013 and the Joseph Brown Collection

Note: Seniors Card Concession only available on Wed.

NATIONAL GALLERY OF AUSTRALIA ...CANBERRA

**Turner from the Tate** Closes 8<sup>th</sup> September

**Roy Lichtenstein** 20<sup>th</sup> July Closes 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 2014

GALLERY OF NSW...SYDNEY

**Sydney Moderns: Art for a New World** (20's & 30's) Opens 6<sup>th</sup> July...Closes 7<sup>th</sup> Oct

ARTSPACE WODONGA

Don't miss **Jade Skies Ann Collins Solo Exhibition** Closes 13<sup>th</sup> July.

ALBURY REGIONAL GALLERY: Closed for renovations.



### Opening Night of the 'Local Icons' Exhibition: (photos thanks to Nancy Robinson)

A very successful, well attended evening. The Councillors' who opened our Exhibition, Cr Michael Fraser of Wodonga City Council and Cr Kevin Mack (Deputy Mayor) of Albury City Council, added a touch of entertainment to the evening with their light hearted, cross border banter. Seven works have been sold to date, and there have been numerous visitors to the studio specifically to view the exhibition. Well done to all the hard workers who made it happen!

## Workshops 2013

### August Pastel workshop:

Tutor: Catherine Hamilton:

Workshop cancelled due to insufficient enrolments

**Portraits Workshop: Tutor Janette Sellwood:** Early October, beginners to intermediate, any medium. Further information presented in the August newsletter.

Bookings and enquires: Janelle Hoban 0401 919813

## Other goings on!

### Life Drawing

Unfortunately I was out of the country for the last life drawing session in June so I would like to thank Elsie for filling in for me while I was away.

Back in April we decided to run two experimental life drawing sessions that would play with the contrast of light and dark on the human form. These two special Monday night sessions saw us observing and drawing the model in a variety of light situations. These ranged from back lighting to front lighting. Lighting that was sometimes harsh and sometimes soft and often combined with coloured lighting. The artists to, experimented with drawing in the half light or even with headlamps!

All of this could not have been possible without the enthusiastic participation of our two models, who were able to work with the lighting in interesting and creative ways. As a group I felt that we have learnt much about contrasting light and how to deal with it which should hold us in good stead for later night sessions.

Our next Saturday life drawing session will be held on **July 6<sup>th</sup> at the normal time of 1 to 4pm.**

In August, however, because of the Pastel workshop, life drawing will be held on **Saturday August 10<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 4pm** following the morning Acrylic Group session. Any members of the Acrylic Group are most welcome to join in the life drawing/painting session.

Any queries contact **Clive Vogel 0427 774214**

## Plant Farm News

### July exhibition:

**MARY NEWTON ROSS and JUDY STEPHENS :**  
'OPENING SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY AT 2 pm'

AUDRAY BANFIELD, former Director of Albury Art Gallery will open the exhibition. Audray has been a friend of Judy and Mary for many years. She opened the first exhibition they had together, nearly 30 years ago. Mary and Judy have been friends and painting mates for a long time. Their children used to play together in the bush while they were painting.

Mary and Judy studied at Riverina College for the Diploma of Art. Mary later completed a Degree in Fine Art at Charles Sturt University.

### Plant Farm

### Studio

#### Aug

**Portraits:** Open to all AWAS members, Any Media.

#### Aug

**New members:** Those who have not yet exhibited  
\* new members will be contacted by Email or Phone

#### Sept

**Focus on People:** Works depicting or including people, (people at the beach, shops, swimming or as part of a landscape etc.)

#### Sept

**Annual Show:** Details above

#### Oct

**Spring Show:** Springtime scenes, flowers, blossoms, still life, anything heralding Springtime.

#### Oct

**Annual Show:** Continues

## New Members

We have two new members this month: A warm welcome to Raelene Weissel and Julie Brauman

## Dates for your Calendar!

July 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>-Committee Meeting 9.30</b>	Kathy Bruce, Secretary
July 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Sat</b>	-Life Drawing session 1:00 – 4pm	Clive Vogel Co-ordinator
July 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Sat</b>	-Acrylic Group	Nancy Robinson Co Ordinator
July 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Sat</b>	-Portrait Session 1:00 – 4pm	Janelle Hoban Co-Ordinator
July 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>-General Meeting 12:30 pm</b>	Kathy Bruce Secretary
July 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Sat</b>	-Still Life Session 12:30 – 4pm	Carol Smith, Co-ordinator

### Studio Session Co-ordinators

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Life Drawing	Contact:	Clive Vogel 0427774214
Still Life	Contact:	Carol Smith: 02 6024 5094
Acrylics	Contact	Nancy Robinson 0260243127
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