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December 2013

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Dates for your Calendar!

Sat Dec 7th - Life Drawing 1pm-4pm
Sat Dec 14th - Acrylic Group 10am
Wed Dec 11th - Committee Meeting 2pm
Sat Dec 21st - Portraits 1pm-4pm
Wed Dec 18th - General meeting 12.30pm
Cancelled - Still Life

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The Studio will be closed to the Public from 4 p.m. Friday 20th December until 10a.m. Tuesday 7th January. However all members are still welcome to use the studio during this time

A Word from the President

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas! We have some great exhibitions at the moment to encourage Christmas Shoppers, so please spread the word. Thank you to all those members, who have contributed their works to the exhibitions over 2013 and a very special thanks to all those who have set up the exhibitions and helped with publicity. However, we are urgently in need of more members to volunteer to help us to maintain our opening times of 10am to 4pm especially during the week. There are rosters in the studio and we would be very grateful if more members could help us to maintain these times as it is part of our tenancy agreement, especially at the opening times of 10am and up to the closing time of 4pm. We remain indebted to all those who have made themselves available to open the studio at various times. It would help us enormously if members could indicate on the roster when they can come, as it helps us to see where the gaps are.

If we do not see you at the Christmas function, we once again extend our warmest wishes for a happy and safe Christmas to you and yours.

Jill Scanlon
Vice President

Thank you to Jill and our committee for all their work while I was away. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy, Healthy and Creative 2014.

Nancy Robinson
President

Sad News:

Two of our long-time members have recently passed away:

Merle Mason and Betty Barberis will be remembered as skilled painters and valued members of AWAS.

While we have not seen Merle at our new Gateway Studio, Betty used to be a regular and in recent times would occasionally call in, so will be known to our newer members. Betty's 'hats', which were a constant delight to members, were featured as a 'Still Life' subject, she also posed for 'portraits' earlier this year wearing one of her millinery collection.

'We extend Our condolences to the Mason and Barberis families.'

Studio News

Membership Fees

A Gentle reminder that membership fees (\$100 as per minutes of the AGM) are now officially overdue. Please assist the Society by paying promptly: (Remittance slip at the end of this newsletter)

Christmas Lunch:

Christmas lunch for all AWAS members has been organized for Monday, 16th December, 12.30pm at Café Borella's, (Peards Complex), Albury.

Please RSVP to Judy Balfour: email: djbalfour@bigpond.com.au OR phone 6043 3169.

JOHN ORLANDO BIRT PLEIN AIR WORKSHOP>

Fortunately the predicted rain held off for our weekend of outdoor painting. Saturday was perfect for painting beside the river while John guided us with his demonstrations.

Sunday proved to be a challenge on the platform of the Albury Railway Station. Gusts of wind upset easels and painting gear but we managed to produce a 'freshness' in our paintings that cannot be achieved from photos.

Thank you to all who attended and made the weekend another success for our dedicated watercolour artists.

Jenny Toole



Congratulations to Mary Newton-Ross for winning the 2013 Haldane Slatter Award at the Fresh and Unframed Art Exhibition, Yackandandah

Acrylic group

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Exhibition at the Plant Farm. To date two paintings have been sold.

Those who were able to make it to the Plant Farm enjoyed our 'Opening' with jam and cream scones. It was great to see a few members attend our Plein Air session at Sumsion Gardens. However due to bad weather we had to cut it short.

Our next session at the Studio on **Saturday the 14th December** will be at **10am** and will be bring your board and use materials we have collected throughout the year.

For our shared lunch sandwiches and fruit will be provided, so bring anything else you would like for a Christmas flavour.

Nancy Robinson

Acrylic Co-ordinator

Life Drawing

The summer will be so hot and the Christmas New Year period can be such a hassle. So why not escape the heat and bustle and indulge in 3 days of cool art at our annual life drawing work shop (untutored) in early January? See all the details below:

Life Drawing Workshop (untutored)

Held on: 3rd, 4th and 5th of January 2014

Time: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm each day

Fees per day: Members \$30.00 Non Members \$40.00 Students (full time 25 years or under) \$20.00

Payment: Required on first day of attendance for number of days attending (please note: no half day fees). As space is limited, bookings are essential and must be received **prior to Wednesday January 1st 2014**. Models will be provided for the three days. Tables, chairs and 15 easels are available, however, bring your own materials.

BYO lunch, tea and coffee provided.

For bookings please call Clive Vogel 0427 774214 You can also book via Email at:

clive.vogel@tafensw.edu.au (until 12th of December 2013) or cliveandjenny@bigpond.com

Congratulations to Robyn King (Ticket no 82B) on winning the Annual Exhibition Raffle, and thanks to Margaret Moran for the donation of the prize of a painting.

Goings on

The Great Heist Art Auction

A wonderful fund raising Christmas dinner and art auction was held by Friends of the Art Gallery on 15 November at the Albury Club.

There were 69 paintings paying homage to great masters from the Renaissance period through to the 20th century. These were beautifully executed and generously donated by many local artists including several from AWAS.

The evening passed with great enjoyment and enthusiasm at the hands of 2 auctioneers who managed to secure a princely sum which exceeded \$18,000.

This money will go towards the huge costs of renovations and refurbishments for our wonderful Albury Art Gallery which is expected to reopen in 2015.

Thanks to AWAS artists who donated their creative talents and thus contributed to a much valued and worthwhile evening.

Christina Zey

AWAS Donation of funds from the 'Fabulous Fakes' Auction Acknowledged:

AWAS was among the list of supporters mentioned in the 'Fight Cancer Foundation Annual Report 2012'. This is the first time the list has been published.

PROPOSED EXHIBITION PROGRAM FOR 2014 (BUT CHANGES CAN BE MADE). STUDIO GALLERY PLANT FARM CAFÉ/GALLERY

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| JAN. Art for Arts' Sake | Remember December cont. |
| FEB. ESCAPE <i>Images inspired by trips & Travel</i> | LAND ,SEA & SKY |
| MAR. ESCAPE <i>continued</i> | Solo Show... JILL GRIMMOND |
| APR. STILL LIFE..... <i>Anything Dead or not Moving</i> | THE HUMAN FORM..... <i>Portraits And figurative work.</i> |
| MAY STILL LIFE <i>continued</i> | SOLO or 2/3/4/man show?? Pauline Farries + ? |
| JUN LIFE DRAWING: ANNUAL SHOW? | LOCAL KNOWLEDGE <i>Landmarks, views & local icons</i> |

The above Program has been submitted to the Wodonga Council as part of the request for a 'Council Grant'. Any queries contact Heather Sparks (Plant Farm) Christina Zey (studio)

Annual Pfeiffer wines Art Show

Sat 28th Dec- Sun 26th Jan

* Free Entry, no commission on sales

*any medium or size

*Subjects: A winery or wine related scene.

*Ring or email your intention to participate by Dec 13th:ph 02 6033

2805, email ailsa@pfeifferwines.com.au,

Participants have a chance to win a People's choice award!

More info on our studio noticeboard

Interested in being a Creative Arts tutor? Need some training?

A "Train the Trainer" has contacted me to find out if there is enough interest to run a training workshop here.

I envisage some of our members doing this workshop then running some workshops/classes either for their own business or for AWAS.

More info on our noticeboard or www.thewriteimpression.com.au

There is lots of information on upcoming exhibitions and opportunities for AWAS members on the notice board at the studio.

Kathy Bruce
Secretary

Plant Farm News

December/January: 'Remember December' Christmas goodies from the Nursery along with items from AWAS: Consider festive colours, but images can be random. Some 'older' work may be hung.

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Electronic banking: Account details:
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