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Dates for your Calendar!

Sat – 1st Nov Life Drawing

Wed – 12th Nov Committee Meeting 1pm

Sat – 8th Nov Acrylic group Coordinator 9.45am

Wed - 19th Nov General Meeting

Sat – 15th Nov Portraits 1-4pm

Sat - **Still Life discontinued**

Every Tuesday - 10am-4pm 'Oil Painters' (and others)

Coordinator: Clive Vogel

Secretary: Kathy Bruce

Co-Ordinator Nancy Robinson

Secretary: Kathy Bruce

Coordinator: Janelle Hoban

Coordinator: Carol Smith

Coordinator: Janet Buckton

For information on how to contact coordinators or Secretary refer to list at the end on this Newsletter

A Word from our President

President's Report

I thank you for your nominations and confidence in me. It is a great honour and a privilege and trust that I will meet all expectations as President for the upcoming year.

A great thanks is extended to Nancy Robinson, the retiring President who, for reasons personal, regretfully resigned, and thanks also to those other Committee members who retired, making way for some new faces. Welcome to the new Committee for 2014/15.

We have another exciting year ahead and new challenges in our creativity with an exciting planned exhibition schedule for both the Garden Gallery Cafe and the Paint Box Studio. We will also celebrate, during July of 2015, the 125th Anniversary of the death of Vincent Van Gogh. This should be an exciting and colourful exhibition which I am confident will see all members putting their heart and soul into painting impressionistically as they did in the Fabulous Fakes exhibition of the past.

We will see also the opening of the newly renovated Albury Regional Gallery sometime during 2015 which will afford all members the opportunity to show-case their best works in an environment rich in art and culture. What a great opportunity this will be.

So, here is to another year of happy painting and happy socialising.

President

Christina Zey

A final thank you

Thank you to Jill, who in my absence last month wrote the President's piece for the newsletter. I support everything she said. However as I have now stepped down from this position (for family reasons) I can't finish without saying what a privilege and pleasure it has been to represent A.W.A.S. for the last 12 months. Thank you to the Committee, the Co-ordinators and many other members who worked tirelessly "to make it all happen". I also really valued the many contacts I made in the wider Art Community.

I congratulate Christina Zey who is our new President, and wish her, the Committee and all members a happy, creative and successful year.

Nancy Robinson.

Studio news

CHRISTMAS FUNCTION

The AWAS Christmas function this year will be at the Plant Farm. A booking has been made for Wednesday 10th December, 12.00 – 12.30pm

Rather than a set meal, the Plant Farm has agreed provide platters free of charge at the start and then we can order whatever we wish from the menu at the ordinary price.

Both the list and a current menu are pinned up on the noticeboard in the AWAS studio.

We'd love to see you there – so add your name to the list, or contact Heather Green

heather.estelle.green8@gmail.com

Heather Green

AWAS 2015 COMMITTEE

President: Christina Zey

Vice President: Lin Starke

Secretary: Kathy Bruce

Minute Secretary: Heather Green

Treasurer: Margaret Robins

Assistant Treasurer: John Geraghty

3 OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- Pauline Farries

- Carol Smith

- Barbara Strand

NON-COMMITTEE POSITIONS:

Public Officers: VIC: Midori Treeve
N.S.W. Kathy Blakemore

WORKSHOP CO-ORDINATORS:

Life Drawing: Clive Vogel Assistant: Elsie Reitenbach

Portrait: Janelle Hoban Assistant: Elsie Reitenbach

Water Colour: Jenny Wallace

Acrylics: Nancy Robinson Assistant: Pauline Farries

Still Life: -No longer covered

Oils : -To be organised by the Tuesday oil painting group. –

Pastels/Away workshops: Lin Starke

-Tutored workshops to be organised within each group as required.-

EXHIBITION CO-ORDINATORS:

Plant Farm Café Gallery: Heather Sparks, Carol Smith, Barbara Strand

AWAS Studio/workshop Christina Zey, Kathy Bruce.

-The hanging team to operate as previous year.-

OTHER POSITIONS:

Newsletter: Carol Smith Assistant: Doina Eitler

Website: Barbara Strand

Publicity: Alyssa Constable

Rosters: Heather Green

Library: Marilyn Forrest

Many thanks to the smiling Hanging team who did such an excellent job with the 9x5 Exhibition:
Tanya Healey, Christina Zey & Heather Green



Acrylic Group (November)

On Saturday Nov 8th we will be painting abstract flowers in mixed medium. This should be a fun session of experimenting and being creative. Just bring along a canvas and your usual art supplies. Any extras will be supplied.

We would also appreciate your input for a December activity and venue for a Christmas lunch. Mark Saturday December 13th in your diary for this. New members always welcome.

Thank you to Christina for supporting me throughout the last year and to all who were so willing to share their ideas and talents. Thanks to Pauline Farriers who has offered to be my support person for the coming year. We look forward to lots of interesting activities.

Nancy Robinson (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 4 days of cool art at our annual life drawing work shop (untutored) in early January? See all the details below:

Workshops

Four Day Life Drawing Workshop (untutored)

Held on: 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th of January 2015

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 December 31st 2014**. Models will be provided for the four 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 11th of December 2014) or cliveandjenny@bigpond.com

Workshop Report:

WATERCOLOUR WORKSHOP WITH ROSS PATERSON

Twelve aspiring water-colourists attended a two day workshop at AWAS on the 18th and 19th October. The springtime ambience was truly reflected in the enthusiasm of all as we diligently attended to the full schedule that Ross had carefully prepared. Ross is an excellent teacher, patient and helpful. We all feel that we have taken with us many valuable tips and improved techniques as a result of his tuition. The shared morning teas were provided by us and thoroughly enjoyed. A very big thank-you to Ross, also to Jenny Wallace, who as usual, did a great job organising the weekend.

Jenny and Mary

Workshop Report:

The Regina Hona Pastel Workshop, Sept 2014.

This was Regina's 5th pastel workshop at Albury Wodonga Artists Society. We quickly became friends, and I was impressed with her workmanship as a teacher. There was quite a lot of discussion in the room about the variety of the images even though we were almost all working the same topic. She was comfortable that we were different people, that the images we produced reflected our own personality, and showed the different techniques each of us brought to the room.

Regina moved around the room spending time with each person, and redirected where necessary, and through the process of having all of us with easels against the wall was able to see around us to the image we were creating.

Instruction was given first for each section then we did our version before she moved onto the next section, -sky, distant landscape, central landscape, feature and foreground. The feature was a tree in one picture, and a stream in the other.

The atmosphere in the room was friendly and businesslike in a good mix. We all got opportunities to move around to see each other's work.

Regina stayed with me and we got a chance to do a photo-shoot of the river, and to see the orchid show. Dinner was at Baan Sahib Jai Thai restaurant on Saturday night and 6 of us shared a meal with Regina. It worked well too, to have Regina open our exhibition on the Friday evening.

Lin Starke



Plant Farm News

November/December: Café Culture

Art Quote

"Where the spirit does not work with the hand, there is not art."
Leonardo da Vi

Studio Session Co-ordinators

Life Drawing Contact: Clive Vogel 0427774214
Acrylics Contact: Nancy Robinson 0260243127
Portraiture Contact: Janelle Hoban 0401 919813

Workshop Co Ordinators

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Oils Contact: To be decided

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