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NEWSLETTER

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Dates for your Calendar!

Regular Groups		
Sat 2 nd December Sat 9 th December Sat 13 th January	Life Drawing 1 – 4pm Acrylic/Mixed Media 10-4 Portraits	Coordinator: Olga Juskiw Coordinator: Jill Scanlon Coordinator: Elsie Reitenbach and Janelle Hoban
Meetings		
Friday 15 th Dec Wed 21 st March	General Meeting: 5.30-7pm (Christmas Party, St Ives) Committee Meeting: 8:30 am	Secretary: Kathy Bruce
Workshops		
5 th , 6 th , 7 th , 8th January 24 th and 25 th March 28 th , 29 th July	Life Drawing: Untutored Oils tutor: Paul McDonald Smith Still Life/The built landscape (To be confirmed) Acrylic tutor: Craig Penny	Coordinator: Olga Juskiw Coordinator: Kathy Bruce (To be confirmed depending on numbers) Coordinator: Doina Eitler
Plant Farm Exhibition Changeover Christmas Get Together Fri: 15th December Gateway Open Day Saturday 16th December	Tuesday 5 th December 2.30pm St Ives, Lincoln Causeway 5.30 – 7.30 pm 8am-1pm	Heather Sparks Contact Barb Strand if attending. AWAS coordinator: Donna Johnstone

For information contact details of the committee or co-ordinators, refer to the list at the end of this newsletter.

Merry Christmas



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A Word from our President

The December Newsletter heralds the changing of the guard for our newsletter editor. Many thanks to Judy Balfour for her dedication in ensuring that we had a professional and interesting newsletter each month. Thanks to Kathy Bruce for taking over Newsletter.

To try and minimise the workload associated with the Newsletter information about the local arts and external exhibitions will be placed on the AWAS web site. Please take the time to visit our website www.awartsoc.org for regular information updates.

I hope many members can attend the AWAS Christmas Party on the 15th December. I look forward to seeing you there.

To all of our members thank you for your continued support.

I wish you and your loved ones a safe and Happy Christmas and New Year.

Happy creating!!! Cheers Jen

Membership

AWAS membership for the 9 months 30th October 2017 to 30th June 2018 is \$75.

Preferably pay electronically into the AWAS account. Hume Bank **BSB: 640-000** **Account No.: 111256122**

Reference: Membership+ your name. OR Send cheque to:

The Treasurer, Albury Wodonga Artists Society, PO Box 1170, Wodonga. Victoria 3689.

Please notify the treasurer if you have any change of contact details.

From the Treasurer – Tony Smit

In the process of improving our performance we have now a new cheque account. For all payments to AWAS please use this:

BSB: 640-000 **Account No.: 111256122**

To save operating time we will also pay our accounts and reimbursements directly into accounts. All claims for costs will need to be made using the claim form available from the studio office.

Also remember subs are due and payable to our new account if you have not already paid.

Newsletter

Please send any information you would like included in the newsletter to Kathy Bruce

Email: kathleenbruce@bigpond.com or ring 02 60255913.

Catherine Hamilton Portrait Workshop Report

We held a second workshop for this year with Catherine Hamilton, on the 11th and 12th November. Catherine is a renowned artist from Mornington Peninsula.

Following on from our acrylics and pastel workshops, we worked on Portraiture using charcoal drawing, paint rollers and acrylic paint. Her approach led us to introduce more freedom into traditional portraiture techniques, while at the same time making us consider carefully the marks we make in our artmaking, the colours, tones and intensity modified to control what becomes the focus of the composition.

We had 14 participants in the class and everyone enjoyed themselves and learnt a lot.

“I find Catherine a knowledgeable and generous teacher who is very patient and delivers a thoroughly enjoyable workshop.” Elizabeth Brett

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January Four Day Life Drawing Workshop

This will be held on Friday 5th Jan, Saturday 6th, Sunday 7th Jan, Monday 8th
 Time: 10am to 4pm each day, Cost: \$30 per day for members \$40 per day for non-members. Booking sheets are in AWAS Studio on the notice board. Please write your name and phone number on the day/days you want to attend or you can phone/text me on 0447770735. Money is to be paid on the day of attendance. Please book in as soon as possible, so I can finalise models. BYO lunch. Tea and coffee provided.
 Olga Juskiw Email olga.juskiw@icloud.com

Paul McDonald-Smith Oil Painting Workshop

This workshop is still being negotiated, but dates have been set for the 24th and 25th March 2018. Visit his website to view his beautiful still life and landscape paintings.

Please contact Kathy Bruce, Email: kathleenbruce@bigpond.com with an expression of interest so we can confirm with the tutor that the workshop will go ahead. Email or phone 0260255913.

Details and registration forms will be sent out as a bulletin to members in January.

Studio Gallery

When you leave any paintings at the studio to hang on the walls, please remember to label the work and also fill in the register book with your details of date, title of work and price. Sign the work off when you remove it, or if it is sold. If you make a painting sale (not cards) while working in the studio, write a receipt and inform the artist or the treasurer.

Studio Closure during Christmas and New Year

The studio will be closed to the Public from Friday the 22nd December to Monday the 8th January 2018

Studio News

Lost and Found: Found in the cutlery tray and serviettes etc. in the kitchen.
 Now in the Lost Property Box: one comb and makeup bag.

Plant Farm News

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Our current exhibition, "Interiors" will be replaced on Tuesday, 5th December with "Our Art Bargain Sale". All exhibits \$150.00 or less.

The Plant Farm Management asked that we not cause disruption of Cafe lunch service. Hence paintings in current show CANNOT be removed until **2.30pm**. Then we can begin hanging new works, preferably working from outdoor area. Use proper hanging equipment and attach your \$2 entry fee in a labelled envelope. Tanya and Heather.

Gateway Open Days

The next Gateway Open Day will be Saturday, 16th December from 8.00am to 1.00pm.

All members are encouraged to participate.

*Promote the Gateway precinct as an arts venue, and AWAS with a view to increasing our membership.

*Just come along to paint. The public enjoy seeing art in action.

*Last opportunity to sell small christmas gift paintings and cards on the "village green" (\$5 per stall).

Contact GIGS to book a stall.

Saturday Studio Groups

Contact the co-ordinator of the groups for further information – names and contact details are provided in the contacts list of the newsletter. Jill has offered to co-ordinate the revived Acrylics/Mixed Media group and it will be held on the 2nd Saturday of the month beginning on 9th December (10-4) pm. Ideas for the format of this group are welcome.

Christmas Lunch

Friday 15th December at St Ives, Lincoln Causeway, 5.30-7pm. Members please RSVP Barb Strand. Cost is \$25 for finger food. Hope to see you there!

Exhibition News

AWAS 2018 Annual Exhibition

We are seeking two people who would be happy to co-ordinate the Annual Exhibition. You will be assisted by the committee and can recruit other AWAS members to assist you. If you are interested in doing this, contact me on 0412 688 507 or email martinstrand@westnet.com.au. Please remember that if we don't get any volunteers, there will be NO EXHIBITION in 2018. Surely we don't want this.

Thanks, Barb Strand. Vice President.

MEETING DATES 2018

Committee Meetings

Wednesday, 21st March
 16th May
 19th July
 19th September

General Meetings

Wednesday, 21st February
 18th April
 20th June
 15th August
 Sunday 17th October (AGM)

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