



ALBURY - WODONGA
ARTISTS SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

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What's on this month:

Studio sessions		
Saturday 3 rd February	Life Drawing 1 – 4pm	Contact: Olga 0447 770 735
Saturday 10 th February	Acrylic/Mixed Media 10 - 4pm	Contact: Jill: 0412 477 804
Tuesday to Friday, Sunday, all Saturday mornings, all day on the last 2 Saturdays of the month.	“Social group”. Paint / Chat. All members are welcome. Daily access for members.	Informal.
Studio Events		
Tuesday 6 th February <i>(Life Drawing Studio Exhibition finishes: Bring in some artwork to hang in its place)</i>	NEW YEAR SOCIAL DAY AT THE STUDIO Members 2024 studio hanging! Lunch 12 midday followed by group artwork (mural painting) along with some wine and nibbles.	Bring lunch Prepare to do some group artwork!
Meetings		
Friday 16th February	Committee Meeting 10.00am	
Wednesday 21st February	General meeting 1.00pm	
Exhibitions		
Tuesday 6 th February Tuesday 13 th February	Studio Exhibition changeover <i>12 midday</i> Plant Farm Exhibition changeover <i>Exhibition changeover 2.30pm</i> <i>Wodonga Plant Farm</i>	Contact: Jill: 0412 477 804 Contact: Tanya 0407 238 923

General Meetings in 2024 will be held monthly, on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, at the studio, starting at 1pm.

Committee meetings will also be held monthly, on the Friday before the General meeting, at the studio, starting at 10am.

For all payments to AWAS:

Hume Bank BSB: 640-000 Account No: 111256122

Cheques to: The Treasurer, Albury Wodonga Artists Society, PO Box 1170,
Wodonga. Vic. 3689. *AWAS Treasurer: Tony Ph: 0438 402 499*

WELCOME TO THE FIRST NEWSLETTER FOR AWAS IN 2024

**Tuesday February 6th: a WELCOME TO THE NEW YEAR Social Day at the studio.
Bring lunch to share and new paintings to hang 12 Midday to 2pm.**

Get involved in *our Group mural activity*. The aim is to encourage member interaction, to become more involved. Large corflute sheets (obtained from Bunnings) will be laid flat on the studio tables and painted mostly with rollers. The theme?? A surprise. Come and find out. Results will be better with the optional glass of wine and nibbles.

We really started the year with our annual Life Drawing marathon in early January which went for four days, and various members escaped the heat and enjoyed the air conditioned comfort of the studio to get involved in new artworks. Our regular group sessions are starting again in February: Life Drawing is on the first Saturday of the month and the other groups also are coming back together after the holiday break. Unfortunately, we still do not have a coordinator to organise our models for the regular Saturday portrait session, which used to be held on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Nevertheless, read on. Some interesting suggestions follow.

Last year we called for members make suggestions as to how we can get members together, to share their skills and get more involved in AWAS activities. Here is a suggestion to get Portraits happening again:

SEE YOURSELF DIFFERENTLY- Portrait Drawing with a difference

Let's face it, portraiture can be daunting. But it can also be a wonderful expression of self, or how you perceive others.

Through this series of sessions, AWAS new member and experienced artist, Alex Gray, will guide you through an alternative approach to capturing your own reflection, using various creative processes and clear steps that will help you to "see" yourself differently, while using a range of media to express your renewed vision. Future directions can be developed by ideas from the members.

Whether you are a seasoned artist or just venturing into portraiture, these sessions will challenge and inspire you creatively.

All that you need is a handheld mirror, drawing material and a pencil!

We are inviting expressions of interest from both members and non-members (there will be a cost payable by non-members), with further details about the sessions to follow. At this point a time on a Friday has been suggested.

Please email Kathy with your expressions of interest: kathleenbruce@bigpond.com

REPORT: CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

The AWAS Christmas celebration was held in the Laneway Bar at the Bended Elbow in Dean Street, Albury on Saturday 16th December. at 12.30. We had 13 attend. The venue and service was excellent.

REPORT: JANUARY LIFE DRAWING 4-DAY MARATHON

Life Drawing in air-conditioned comfort.

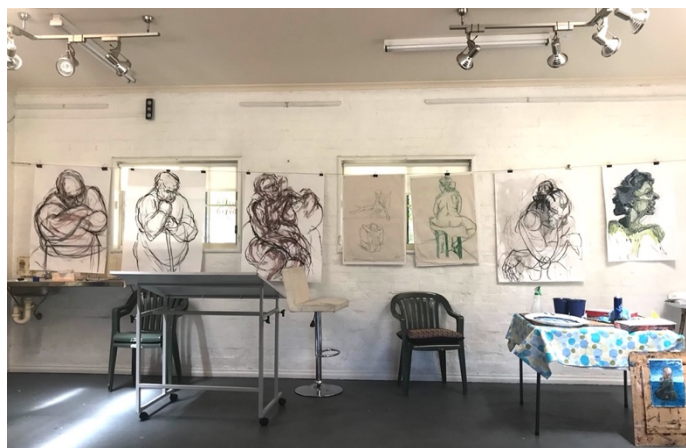
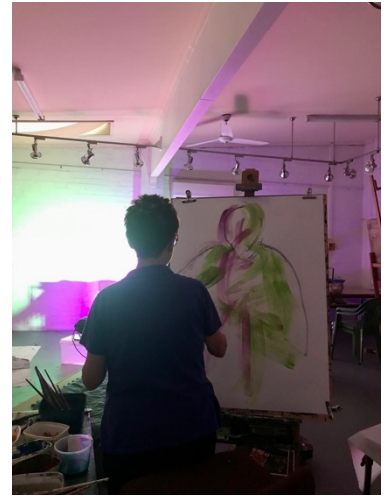


The annual Marathon was held Friday to Monday 5,6,7,8 January.

This 4- day event was very successful. There was a morning and afternoon session each day, with 2 additional night sessions. Participants could book in for single sessions (approx.\$25) or all sessions.

All participants enjoyed the challenges of life drawing, especially in the night sessions with coloured lighting.

Thank you to Olga Juskiw for her organization of models, the studio and lighting setup, as well as participant bookings and payments.



AWAS TUTORED WORKSHOPS

Our workshop coordinator, Judy Balfour has organized with Terry Jarvis, a nationally recognised watercolourist, to return to conduct a watercolour workshop again with AWAS. It will be held **Friday 9th and Saturday 10th August.**

We need suggestions from members for other media workshops, perhaps one day workshops by local tutors.

AWAS MEMBERS NEWS

Welcome to new members Rebekah Hsia and Patricia Denisenko. We look forward to you joining us at the studio at some of our drawing and painting sessions.

As you would know from our AGM reports in our August newsletter last year, we need to build up membership and make some profit on workshops and sales to continue to rent this ideal studio space. Members, please consider how you can help us continue to thrive. It would be great to have more members contribute paintings for sale at our Wodonga Plant Farm Café Exhibitions, more members using our studio space, more involvement in workshops and other activities!

After the **January Life Drawing Marathon** exhibition we will be once again hanging general works in the studio.

FEBRUARY: AWAS STUDIO EXHIBITION CHANGEOVER AT THE GATEWAY

Tuesday February 6th: a NEW YEAR Social Day at the studio. 12.30 to 2pm Bring lunch to share and new paintings to hang. **Group mural painting.**

FEBRUARY: AWAS WODONGA PLANT FARM EXHIBITION

The December exhibition, "Summer Sale" remained over the Christmas/New Year holiday period. The new exhibition to hang at the Plant Farm on **Tuesday February 13th** will have as the theme: "The Land". It can be landscapes but also consider wild life, still life (produce of the land, flowers etc), even people, places or structures on/in the land.

Themes for this Year's Wodonga Plant Farm Café Exhibitions:

February 13 "The Land" (*on, from, of the land as well as landscapes*)

April 9th "Animal Life" (*Pets, the farm, wild, birds, insects, people*)

June 11th "From my Archive"

August 13th "Water" (*fresh or salt, free or contained*)

October 8th "Plants"- (*Alive or otherwise: trees, shrubs, flowers, fungi, still life arrangements*)

December 10th "Summer Sale". All artwork capped at the same maximum price

LOOKING AHEAD: you can help make AWAS what you want it to be!

The committee want to encourage more member interaction by returning to **Monthly General meetings.**

The committee meetings will be held on the Friday before at 10am in the studio.

All dates are marked on the studio calendar.

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100: A Celebration of local super seniors The Centenarian Portrait Project by Teenagers

Community Gallery | February 17 to July 14

Every picture tells a story.

See what 100 years of life looks like at this exhibition highlighting the experiences, memories and life history of our most senior citizens.

The Centenarian Portrait Project by Teenagers is an uplifting initiative matching local teenage artists with centenarians. From storytelling, reminiscing, joy and laughter come unique portraits, a gift and friendships to treasure between the generations.

You are invited to meet our centenarians and discover how each artist captures a moment of a 100-year life.

Image credit: Work-in-progress of Eva Jean McManus by Alannah Barnes



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Haven't received your membership card?
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