



ALBURY - WODONGA
ARTISTS SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

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What's on this month:

Studio sessions		
Saturday 2 nd March	Acrylic/Mixed Media 10 - 4pm <i>Swopped with Life drawing, March only</i>	Contact: Jill: 0412 477 804
Saturday 9 th March	Life Drawing 1 – 4pm <i>Swopped with Acrylic group, March only</i>	Contact: Olga: 0447 770 735
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		
<i>New Studio Exhibition: Bring in some new artwork Any subject/media</i>	Studio Exhibition changeover	Contact: Jill: 0412 477 804
Meetings		
Friday March 15 th	Committee Meeting 10.00am	Secretary: Kathy 0497 108 076
Wednesday March 20 th	General meeting 1.00pm	
Exhibitions		
Tuesday 12 th March	Studio Exhibition changeover	Contact: Jill 0412 477 804
	Plant Farm Exhibition continues.	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, usually starting at 10am.

For all payments to AWAS:

Hume Bank BSB: 640-000 Account No: 111256122

(Always reference with your name and what the payment is for.)

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

REPORT: MEMBER'S GET-TOGETHER TUESDAY FEBRUARY 6TH



“Mural” painting session: We began our mural on our social day February 6th. As it coincided with the changeover of the studio exhibition, it was thought it was a good time to have a social members get-together.

It was well attended and members seemed to enjoy participating in the group mural painting.

You will have to wait for a photo: another session will be advertised so we can finish the mural. We will temporarily put up the corflute panels in the windows of the middle room at the studio. (It will be painted over in future sessions).

LIFE DRAWING and ACRYLIC PAINTING SATURDAY SWOP

Just for March:

Instead of the 2nd March, **Life Drawing** will be the following Saturday on the **9th March. 1pm to 4pm as usual.** Cost \$20 members and \$25 non-members. Booking essential. If you are interested in attending for the first time, please contact Olga 0447 770 735.

The **Acrylic group**, instead of 9th March, they will meet on the **2nd March 10am- 2pm.** Contact: Jill 0412 477 804 (Note this is informal and you really can use any art media.)

HOW DO YOU GET STARTED DOING A PORTRAIT?

Last year we called for members to make suggestions as to how we can get members together to share their skills and get more involved in AWAS activities.

In the February newsletter expressions of interest were sought for sessions where the subject of **Portraiture** could be the focus. While we had a few expressions of interest, we would like to hear from more members.

These sessions are intended to be a useful sharing of skills and approaches, but we want to keep them informal, with no pressure on members to have to “run a class”, especially as there is no payment for tutoring!

We could have 2 or 3 artists, each using a different art media, on the same day sharing how they start a portrait. At this point a time on a Friday has been suggested.

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 of your choice and a pencil!

If the idea of a mirror is too confronting- bring a photo!

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

AWAS TUTORED WORKSHOPS

Terry Jarvis, a nationally recognised watercolourist, will 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.

Judy Balfour, Workshop Coordinator.

CHANGEOVER THIS MONTH AT THE STUDIO

Bring in your artworks, labelled and ready to hang on Tuesday March 12th: any theme, any art media. Make sure you sign the work in and sign out the work you take home. As well as a security measure, this avoids any confusion as to who has collected your artworks.

AWAS MEMBERS NEWS

Welcome to new member Maryanne Dean and two former members who have reapplied: Carol Smith and Deborah Hoare.

At our recent Committee meeting:

- We signed the renewal of our lease for the studio.
- We agreed to accept the offer to purchase excess art materials from the Thurgoona Art Group Buds, so we can offer these to our members. These will be of particular interest to pastel artists, and includes colourfix pastel paper and glassine paper. Contact committee member Marion Sharman for more information 0411 315 949.
- AWAS is now on Google maps and listed on Albury Businesses web page.

AWAS WODONGA PLANT FARM EXHIBITION

From the Coordinator, Tanya Healy:

It was disappointing that so few members participated in our exhibition this time: "The Land". Exhibiting at the Wodonga Plant Farm Café is a great opportunity to display your work, at no cost to you, through the kindness and generosity of the Pollard family.

Please consider bringing a painting next time (**April 9**) on the "**Animal Life**" theme, and maybe have a coffee with us at 2.30pm.

- We do not judge any work so standards can vary from beginner to advanced.
- Unframed canvasses need not be framed but other works must have frames and be ready for hanging with D-rings and wire.
- Frames can be found in op-shops, photo-frames in big stores or in professional framers.
- If you require help or advice, call or email me. Alternatively, chat to me at the studio. I am usually there on Thursdays from about 10am till 2pm.

Members paintings are also displayed at the Studio on the alternative months.

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, flowers, fungi, still life arrangements*)

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

LOOKING BACK- CHECK OUT PAST AWAS EVENTS in our ARCHIVES

From our record keeper, Heather Green:

Ever since AWAS started, we have kept records of events in albums/journals. It is our history and is very important. I very much enjoy keeping them up to date, but one person cannot attend all the functions all the time, so I would like to invite someone to help out. If this sounds interesting to you and you would like to join in, please contact me. ph. 0260246523. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Regards Heather Green.



From our Archives: Watercolour tutor Terry Jarvis at the workshop at our studio last year.

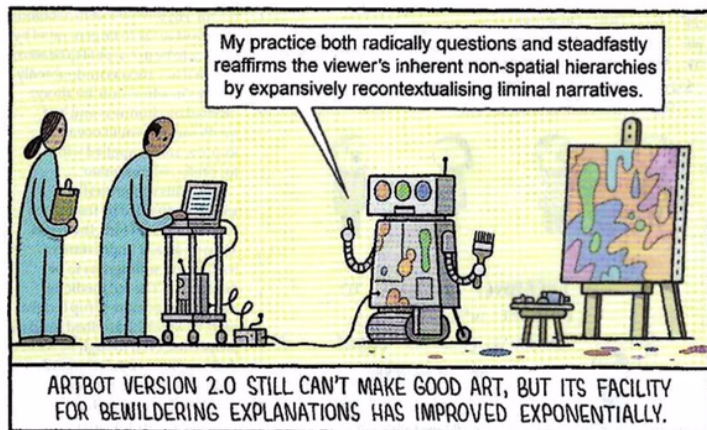
LOOKING AHEAD: PAINTING OUTDOORS IN AUTUMN

As the weather cools and the autumn colours appear in our beautiful landscape, it is time to get outdoors to paint!

AWAS have 3 wooden field easels for sale.

One is second hand, the others new, donated by Cremer's when their art supplies shop closed. If you are interested contact the secretary on: 0497 108 076.

Tom Gauld
for *New Scientist*



Eckersley's Art and Craft store:
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025971 1777 wagga@eckersleys.com.au

For AWAS discounts on art materials, show your current AWAS membership card.
Haven't received your membership card?
Check in the meeting room at the studio or contact Treasurer Tony 0438 402 499