

# A Word from the President

Welcome to 2013! I am looking forward to this year as one of good health and happy painting for our members. Last year saw some of our members and their loved ones challenged health wise. I am glad to report that those challenges have been diminished or vanished. We look forward to a year that brings much creativity and happiness in pursuing our chosen artistic endeavours.

The Christmas party was enjoyed by many of our members and the studio was full of lively chatter and fun. Thank you to the committee for organising the party. I trust everyone has had an enjoyable time with family and friends.

A huge Thank You! To those members who have helped with cleaning up the studio area and store room. There are lots of positive comments being made about how good it is. We have acquired a lot of "donated material" and materials left by members. If you have left materials or work in the studio that is finished but not on display, could you please help out by taking it home as soon as possible. If you need help to do this please let me know.

There is a lot of information about Art Shows and Exhibitions on the notice board. Check them out and take the plunge and enter. You never know, you could end up selling a painting or two.

Congratulations to Marilyn, John and Sheila on their exhibition and sale at the Wodonga Plant Farm. It was very interesting to see the differences in painting styles and subject matter.

To all AWAS members, Happy Creating for 2013.

Cheers President Jen

# Workshops 2013

#### WATERCOLOUR WORKSHOP

Dates for this year's watercolour workshop have been confirmed. Artist Ev Hales from Hurstbridge Melbourne will tutor the weekend of 25th & 26th May.

She tutors all around Australia as well as overseas where she conducts a tour to Portugal. You can read more about her on her web <a href="http://www.evhales.com">http://www.evhales.com</a>

Enrolment forms will be available in the March newsletter and artists are encouraged to enrol Immediately, to be guaranteed a spot in this popular workshop.

Jenny Toole

Watercolour Workshop Co-Ordinator.

### Future Workshop dates for your calendar:

May 25<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> Watercolour: Tutor Ev Hales

August 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Pastel: Tutor Catherine Hamilton

More information on these later

### **Report on January 2013 Life Drawing Workshop**

January 2013 and the weather was so very hot!

As the temperature climbed into the low 40s all good, sensible life drawing enthusiasts bunkered down in the air conditioned comfort of the Paintbox studio to participate in the joys of capturing the human form via various mediums and media.

Attendance during the workshop was good with 9 artists attending on each of the 3 days.

Our 3 very professional models performed many beautiful poses that challenged the artists to produce some fine work, particularly when each of the models held frequent long poses throughout the sessions.

We look forward to the same next year so if you want to escape the summer heat and recover from the Christmas and New Year hustle and bustle then the life drawing workshop is for you.

Clive Vogel

Life Drawing Co-ordinator

## Other Goings On

## **Christmas Gathering 2012**

Our Christmas gathering at the Paint Box Gallery was a wonderful success, with a good attendance. Everyone seemed to enjoy the opportunity for a catch up chat and a social drink. The Society provided two very delicious platters of food, organised by Jill Scanlon and beautiful fresh salad and fruit organised by Nancy Robinson Thanks to other members for arranging food, other necessary items and drinks.

(Pictures by Lin Stark)





## Studio News

On the studio Notice Board:

Entry forms for exhibitions in the Region:

Rutherglen Art & Photographic exhibition 8th - 17th March. Due 22nd Feb.

Easter Art Show Alexandria. Due March 8th

Tumut Art Society Exhibition Due March 22nd

Mildura Magenta Art & Photography show 27th March-1st April. Due 8th March Workshops:

Wangaratta Art Gallery "6 areas of Focus" 8-17th March.

Dookie Art Attack May 25th-27th. (glassonsartworld.com.au)

#### CARNIVALE Friday 8th March 5,30-7,30pm:

Wodonga Council has invited AWAS to participate in carnivale. As a result the studio will be open to the public Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 5.30-7.30pm. This is an excellent opportunity to promote the society in the community. Members are asked to come along and do their artwork. There will be AWAS leaflets to handout to the public. A Jazz band will be playing, so it should be a pleasant couple of hours.

## Plant Farm

There has been a very good response to the 'Favourites" Exhibition. Lots of diverse entries should make a great display! There will not be an official opening, but if you're free on Sunday afternoon 10<sup>th</sup> Feb at 2pm call in to the Plant Farm for a look and a cuppa.

A reminder to all members that there are further opportunities to exhibit your work at the Plant Farm listed below:

April 2013 'Perfect Pastels': Open to all AWAS pastelists, Contact: Janelle Hoban

May 2013 'Keep it Local' Local scene or icon. Open to all AWAS Members. Any media

Contact: Carol Smith

# Dates for your Diary!

#### **Dates & times for meetings**

Feb 2nd Sat

-Life Drawing Session

Co-ordinator Clive Vogel

1st

Fri

-Committee Meeting 2:00 pm

Secretary Kathy Bruce/ Vice Heater Green

\*13th Feb

Wed

-General Meeting 12:30 pm

Secretary

\*General meeting has been scheduled I week earlier than usual

16th

Feb Sat -Portrait Session 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Co-ordinator Janelle Hoban.

23rd

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Feb

- Still Life Session 12:30 - 4:00

Co-ordinator Carol Smith.

#### **Studio Session Co-ordinators**

Sat

Janelle Hoban, Portraiture.

Clive Vogel, Life Drawing.

Carol Smith, Still Life.

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