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A word from the Committee

We are delighted to see the addition of new members in the last month and ask "old" members to spread the word to anyone they think would be interested in becoming part of AWAS. Our small works, prints and card displays are attracting an increasing number of visitors to the gallery and it is great to see sales being made. If you have not thought of turning your work into small prints or greeting cards please have a think about it! We have lists of card supplies etc. on our noticeboard to help you.

Again we urgently need help to fill the rosters during the week, particularly Fridays, so that we can maintain our obligation to keep the studio open for the Winter Opening Times of 10am to 3pm.

The new Acrylic Group, chaired by Nancy Robinson met for the first time on Saturday 13th April. This has all the makings of a very enthusiastic group and already they have booked a Studio Exhibition for the end of the year! If you are interested in sharing "acrylic" ideas come and join the group!

Please keep your Local Icons paintings rolling in. We have already seen some great ideas on canvas and look forward to seeing what promises to be a really diverse exhibition!

Cheers

Jill Scanlon VP.

Workshops 2013

Pastels Workshop 3rd & 4th August: Tutor: Catherine Hamilton: Contact Janelle Hoban for more information

Other Goings On!

The current Studio exhibition: "The Autumn Exhibition" was hung Monday 15th April. Please do not remove or shift any paintings in the exhibition until the changeover date. Consult The Hanging Team (led by Christina Zey and Kathy Bruce) if needed. Members interested in participating in the Hanging sessions can join the team on the assigned hanging day.

Acrylic Painters Group

Thank you to those who came to our first day. We plan to meet on the second Saturday of each month 10am-3pm. Acrylics are an exciting medium which can be used to achieve great results. We are buying some very interesting books & DVD's to support our ideas. If you can join us on Saturday may 11th, please bring a canvas board, base coated; different shaped leaves/seeds/bark, for an Autumn Scene. A small fee covers the cost on the day. For further details contact Nancy Robinson 0260243127

O.H.&S.

It is most unfortunate that the Causeway has seen a number of fires in the last few weeks. It does highlight our need to ensure maximum safety in our studio. We ask again that our members are mindful that we do have OH&S obligations to fulfil. Please familiarise yourselves with the simple precautions we have asked members to take for the collective safety of all.

Plein Air: The next trip is to Jindera Museum on the 14th May. Seven members went to Horse Shoe Lagoon this month. It was a beautiful morning, and very pleasant painting there. June will probably be our last trip out for the season and we are looking to go back to Chiltern. Everyone enjoyed the day there so much, that a return visit was requested.

Meg. Horse Shoe Lagoon



Membership: Members are asked to be active in the publicity of AWAS events and encouraging membership, especially artist friends who are not members.

Encourage visitors to gallery to sign the visitors' book & include postcode; locals may be contacted for invitations to exhibitions/workshops.

Plant Farm news

New Co-Ordinator: Heather Sparks is now the co-ordinator of the Plant Farm Exhibitions. 60595306

May: Next Exhibition: 'Keep It Local' Local Scene or Icon any Medium. Please bring your works to the Plant Farm 2.30pm on the first Tuesday in May (7th). Studio Hanging Group.

June: Keep It Local This Exhibition will be transferred to the Paintbox Studio, rehung there by Heather Sparks and Meg Brown, and displayed for the month of June. Heather and Meg will organise the studio 'Local Icons' exhibition and opening event. The theme 'Local Icons' can be widely interpreted: scenes, monuments, buildings, objects, people, and events. If you don't have anything ready for Tuesday, May 7th, new' Icon' works can be included in the Studio Exhibition — space permitting.

It will be well publicised in the media with a so get plein airing or snapping icons with your camera as this theme should create a good deal of public interest!

New Members!

Welcome to Chris Jones & Alison Percy our new members for this month.

Dates for your Diary!

3rd	May	Fri	-Committee Meeting 9.30am	Kathy Bruce, Secretary	
4th	May	Sat	-Life Drawing Session	Clive vogel, Co-ordinator	
11 th	May	Sat	-Acrylic Painters Group 10am-3pm	Nancy Robinson	
22nd	May	Wed	-General Meeting 12:30 pm	Kathy Bruce, Secretary	
18 th	May	Sat	-Portrait Session 1:00 – 4:00 pm	Janelle Hoban, Co-ordinator	
25^{th}	May	Sat	-Still Life 12.30pm-4pm	Carol Smith	

Studio Session Co-ordinators

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