

Dates for your Calendar!

Regular Groups				
Sat 3 nd February and	Life Drawing 1 – 4pm	Coordinator: Olga Juskiw		
March				
Sat 10 th February	Acrylic/Mixed Media 10-4	Coordinator: Jill Scanlon		
Sat 17 th February	Portraits	Coordinator: Elsie Reitenbach		
		and Janelle Hoban		
Meetings				
Wed 21 st February	General Meeting 12.30 pm Secretary: Kathy Bruce			
Wed 21 st March	Committee Meeting: 8:30 am			
Workshops				
24 th and 25 th March	Oils tutor: Paul McDonald Smith Still Life/The built landscape (To be confirmed)	Coordinator: Kathy Bruce (To be confirmed depending on numbers)		
28 th , 29 th July	Acrylic tutor: Craig Penny	Coordinator: Doina Eitler		
Plant Farm Exhibition	Tuesday 6 th February "Heat"			
Changeover	2.30pm	Heather Sparks		

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

A Word from our President

Welcome to 2018. I trust you all had a good Christmas with family and friends and are excited about what 2018 has to offer you on a personal level and a creative level. The Albury Wodonga Art Society has a lot of activities and events for you, our members. Please take full advantage of them to enjoy being creative, continue learning and having fun with fellow members. There is a full list of work group, workshop and Studio and Plant Farm activities organise for you to participate in this and every AWAS Newsletter and on the AWAS website.

A big thanks you to Barb Strand for organising the Christmas Party. It was good to see so many members there. It was a most enjoyable night.

Thanks to Tony, Donna and Janelle for streamlining our Banking procedures. AWAS now has electronic banking facilities for your ease and convenience. This will be our preferred method of incoming and outgoing payments. We will still provide cheque and other banking methods for those who do not have internet access.

We need all members to consider making a contribution to the ongoing continuation of AWAS. Please consider what you can do to organise workshops or contribute as a Committee Member in the future. I will be stepping down as President in a few months and someone else will need to step up to the plate. Please consider taking on this role or that of other committee members if they are not continuing. Now is the time to start thinking about what you can do to help ensure the continuity of AWAS.

Have a good year of creative endeavours and have enjoy!!!!

Cheers Jen

Membership

AWAS membership for the 9 months 30th October 2017 to 30th June 2018 is \$75. ALL 2018 MEMBERSHIPS WERE Due by the 30th October 2017 and payable by the 15th of January 2018. Anyone who has not paid by the 15th January is deemed to no longer a member of AWAS.

MEMBER CONTACT INFORMATION - Please notify the treasurer if you have any change of contact details.

From our Treasurer

For all payments to AWAS please use this new Hume account number:

BSB: 640-000 Account No.: 111256122

Or send cheque to: The Treasurer, Albury Wodonga Artists Society, PO Box 1170, Wodonga. Victoria 3689.

Reimbursements will be paid directly into members' accounts.

Please use the claim form available from the Treasurer's folder in the studio.

Studio Gallery

Painting Sales (not cards): Write a receipt and inform the artist or the treasurer.

For *Card Sales*, note who the artist is (back of card). The money goes to the artist. Receipt book, envelopes for cash and sales list etc are in the plastic sales box, in the meeting room.

Life Drawing Studio Exhibition

The four day Life Drawing workshop was held on Friday 5th to Monday 8th January. The outcome of this intensive drawing session will be a life drawing exhibition in the Paintbox studio, 30th March to 3rd May 2018. Details of the opening event opening event (wine and nibbles) will be in the next newsletter.

Coordinator: Olga Juskiw Email olga.juskiw@icloud.com

Members who have paintings **currently hanging in the studio**, could you please make way for the hanging of this exhibition by **taking your work home Monday 19**th **March to Wednesday 21**st **March**. As there is a weekend workshop March 24th and 25th, access to the studio will be limited for gallery preparation. Please remember to sign off your paintings in the register book.

Garden Gallery Café, Wodonga Plant Farm Exhibitions

Changeover will be on the first Tuesday of every second month as shown below. Time required at Plant Farm 2.30pm, no earlier please. Please remember the \$2 entry fee to be placed in an envelope attached to the back of your work and proper hanging equipment.

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Our current exhibition will be replaced on Tuesday 6th February with the theme "Heat".

Date From	Date to	Title
6 Feb 2018	2 Apr 2018	"Heat"
3 Apr 2018	4 June 2018	"Changing Seasons"
5 June 2018	6 August 2018	"Blue"
7 August 2018	1 Oct 2018	"Reflections"
2 Oct 2018	3 Dec 2018	"Spring"
4 Dec 2018	Feb 2019	"Christmas Specials – Under \$150"

Studio Groups

Co-ordinator contact details are provided in the contacts list of the newsletter.

Acrylics/Mixed Media group and it will be held on the 2nd Saturday of the month. Life Drawing, the first Saturday of the month and Portraits, 3rd Saturday of the month (there is a charge to cover model fees). Some groups meet weekdays: Watercolour artists meet on Fridays. All members using any painting media can use the studio at these times as well.

Our Christmas Lunch at St Ives!

Friday 15th December at St Ives Hotel: Lots of food, lots of chatter, a good end to our creative year. It was great to see so many members there celebrating the festive season.





Exhibition News

AWAS 2018 Annual Exhibition We are still looking for two people who would be happy to coordinate 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. If we don't get any volunteers, there will be NO EXHIBITION in 2018.

Barb Strand, Vice President.

Newsletter

Please send any information you would like included in the newsletter to Kathy Bruce Email: kathleenbruce@bigpond.com or ring 02 60255913.

Paul McDonald-Smith Oil Painting Workshop

Information about this workshop was circulated by email during mid-January- with not enough responses to be sure we have the numbers to run! Please contact the coordinator or Treasurer NOW if you are interested in attending.

This Melbourne based professional artist and tutor will share his techniques to help participants develop good composition and capture the effects of light and atmosphere in landscapes and studio paintings. The tutor always demonstrates in oils, *but participants using acrylics and pastels are also welcome*.

Saturday: Still Life; **Sunday: Outdoor Scene**- Gateway landscapes: **Cost** \$160. Some materials supplied. Contact AWAS Secretary Kathleen Bruce: 0260255913 or kathleenbruce@bigpond.com

Examples of Paul McDonald Smith's work.





"I trained in both traditional and modern principles and philosophies, and have always been drawn to the tradition of representational painting with a particular emphasis on the tonal factor and the depiction of light, natural effects and appearances."

Paul McDonald Smith OAM is a Melbourne based professional artist, tutor and art judge. He has been President of the Victorian Artists society, President of the Twenty Melbourne Painters Society Inc., and Chairman of the A.M.E. Bale Travelling Scholarship Judging and Advisory Panel. His work has received in excess of 100 awards and is widely represented in public, regional, institutional, corporate and private collections throughout Australia and overseas.

The Registration form is at the end of this newsletter. Full payment 23rd February please.

MEETING DATES 2018

Committee Meetings General Meetings

Wednesday, 21st March Wednesday, 21st February

> 16th May 18th April

> 19th July 20th June

19th September 15th August

> 17th October (AGM) Sunday

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Oil Painting Workshop Enrolment Form

Artist: Paul McDonald Smith

Date: Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th March 2018

Cost: \$160 - members & students. \$180 - non-members. Deposit: \$60 by 9th February. Balance \$100 by 23rd February. Payment details are given below.

YOUR DETAILS:			
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Please advise Works	hop Co-ordinate	or ASAP and the	e Treasurer when you have made payment
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Account name: Albu	ry Wodonga Arti	ist Society	
BSB: 640 000 Account Number: 11	1256122		
Account Number: 11	1730177		

IMPORTANT information required when completing Internet banking transactions so that the

Treasurer knows who has paid and what for.

In the REMITTER part - put your **NAME** in as a reference on your payment In the DESCRIPTION part – "PMSWS"