



ALBURY - WODONGA
ARTISTS SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

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MARCH 2018

Dates for your Calendar!

Regular Groups		
Sat 3 rd March Sat 10 th March Sat 17 th March Friday 23 rd March	Life Drawing 1 – 4pm Acrylic/Mixed Media 10-4 Portraits Watercolour Group	Coordinator: Olga Juskiw Coordinator: Jill Scanlon Coordinator: Elsie Reitenbach and Janelle Hoban Coordinator Jen Wallace
Meetings		
Wed 21 st March	Committee Meeting: 8:30 am	Secretary: Kathy Bruce and Donna Johnstone
Workshops		
28 th , 29 th July 2018 15 th & 16 th September 2018	Acrylic tutor: Craig Penny Watercolour Tutor: Julian Bruere "From Sketchbook to Painting Masterpiece"	Coordinator: Judy Balfour Coordinator: Jen Wallace
Plant Farm Exhibition Changeover in April	"Heat" is to be replaced by "Changing Seasons" on 3rd April 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



Easter is early this year and will soon be upon us as will the school holidays. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the committee to wish you all a very safe and happy Easter as you travel to be with friends. I hope the Easter Bunny remembers you all and that you may get some painting done!

Member Input is Valuable

As a Volunteers based organisation we are seeking more members to step up and make a contribution to ensure the success and continuation of the Albury Wodonga Artists Society. There are some people who contribute regularly. A very heartfelt thank you! However, we still need more active contributors.

Annual Exhibition. - We are still looking for three or four members to organise an annual art exhibition this year as per Barb Strand's plea in this Newsletter. It can simply be an exhibition at our studio.

Social Get Together

Some members have suggested that we need to have more meetings so we can have more social get together. The committee works very hard as it is so there will be no extra meetings. If you would like to organise a social get together for AWAS members you have our blessing.

The committee will assist with advice and some funding if required. Kathy will be happy to send out an email to all members for you. It could be a morning tea, lunch or happy hour during the week or at the weekend. It is important that we all contribute to making AWAS a meaningful experience for all members and a place to paint and play with new and old friends.

Cheers Jen



Membership

AWAS membership for the 9 months 30th October 2017 to 30th June 2018 is \$75.

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 Sales

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.

Studio Groups

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

Acrylics/Mixed Media group 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. Acrylics and Pastels Thursdays. Oil painters seem to turn up on any day! These groups are not prescriptive (or exclusive!)

All members using any painting media can use the studio at these times as well.

Workshop Cancellation

Unfortunately, due to lack of numbers, the March workshop with Paul McDonald Smith had to be cancelled. Please be sure to register your interest in a workshop as soon as it is advertised, and pay deposits by the due date, so coordinators can inform tutors in reasonable time that the workshop will run.

ACRYLIC WORKSHOP – 28TH AND 29TH JULY 2018



Get ready for a great acrylics workshop with a highly respected, wonderful tutor – **CRAIG PENNY.**

Register promptly to make sure you don't miss this exciting opportunity.

Craig is a well-established professional artist whose works are collected here and overseas by both private collectors and galleries. He is in high demand as a tutor and also conducts painting tours overseas.

He showed an interest in art at an early age and went on to study to study art at Ballarat University, specialising in painting

and graphic design. He also pursued a successful career as an illustrator.

Whilst Craig has skills in a range of mediums he has never lost his love of traditional methods and now specialises in watercolour and acrylics.

Craig's painting philosophy is:

"I like to think that to paint a successful painting is not so much to have tamed the beast, rather to have been taken along for the ride and still be there at the end of the experience. For me painting is like life...giving yourself enough skill, knowledge and integrity and then letting yourself free to take what is thrown your way. You don't have to tame and control it for magic to happen, you just need to be there at the end."

Two keys to Craig's work are:

- His wonderful use of bold colours.
- His expressive mark making, with sweeping broad brushstrokes.

The theme for this workshop is WATER. Craig's paintings of water have an ephemeral feel that draws you into the mood of the painting.

See examples of his paintings below:

Here you can readily see those glowing colours and masterful brushstrokes.

Check out Craig's inspiring works on his website www.craigpennyart.com.au

Also watch him in action on You Tube, including the "Colour in Your Life" episode

<https://www.colourinyourlife.com.au/tv-show-ep/craig-penny> This runs for 24 minutes.



DON'T MISS OUT!!!

I have already had interest from several AWAS members, so contact me ASAP to register your expression of interest.

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THE ENROLMENT FORM IS AT THE END OF THIS NEWSLETTER

Exhibition News

AWAS 2018 Annual Exhibition We are still looking for two people who would be happy to co-ordinate 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.

Studio Exhibition: Life Drawing 30th March to 3rd May

The Life Drawing exhibition will be held in April from the 30th March to the 3rd May 2018.

This is mainly for drawings done during the 4 day drawing workshop in January. Up to 3 drawings can be submitted. Works can be framed or unframed and hung on the conventional hanging system or the wire type clothesline we had before. Both systems will be available. Participants will be responsible for hanging and labelling their works and taking down the drawings after the completion of the exhibition. Please note the following important dates:

Mon. 19th March to Wed. 21st March – AWAS members are to collect any existing artworks from the studio walls to make room for the installation of the hanging wire device for our exhibition which Rod Farr will need to put up on Thursday or Friday that week.

Mon. 26th March to Thurs 29th March. Life drawing participants to hang up their drawings and attach labels.

Sat. 31st March (Easter Saturday) Exhibition begins.

Thurs 3rd May. Exhibition finishes. Works to be collected by the end of the week (Sunday 6th May).

Opening date may be an afternoon or evening. I will approach the Border Mail to do a feature in the Saturday's paper. Hopefully they can come to the studio the week we are hanging so the article can go in the Easter Saturday's paper. A volunteer is needed to do a poster. A previous life drawing exhibition had a heading titled "Life's Like That" which we may use.

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 preferably by Wednesday 21st March**. Please remember to sign off your paintings in the register book.

Garden Gallery Café, Wodonga Plant Farm Exhibitions

The changeover will be on the first Tuesday of every second month as shown below. The time required at Plant Farm is 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.

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"

Newsletter contributions: Email: kathleenbruce@bigpond.com or ring 02 60255913.

Other Events

Our Noticeboard in the studio features information on exhibitions, tours, workshops, newsletters, and other arts related events, in addition to the Minutes of AWAS meetings. Please visit the studio and keep up-to-date.

Do you know anything about ENCAUSTIC PAINTING?

A Canberra artist, Marijke Gilchrist works with beeswax, resin and pigment. She is giving a talk and demonstration on **Saturday March 31st at 10.30 am** at the Yak Station Arts Hub in Yackandandah. Her exhibition (March 23rd to April 5th) show works that are stunning outback and coastal landscapes, and semi-abstract studies of flora and fauna using Encaustic techniques. www.fromthehive.com.au

Members are invited to her opening at Yak station **March 22nd from 6- 8pm.**

Acrylics Workshop Enrolment Form

Artist: Craig Penny**Date: Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th July 2018**

Cost: \$160 - members & students. \$180– non-members. Deposit: \$80 by 1st April.
Balance \$80 by 30th May (or pay the full amount by 1st April). Payment details are given below.

YOUR DETAILS:

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ PC _____

Payment: ☐ Deposit \$ _____ ☐ Full payment \$ _____Payment Method: ☐ Cash ☐ Cheque ☐ Direct Deposit - Bank/Internet

Signed _____ Date: _____

Please advise Workshop Co-ordinator ASAP and the Treasurer when you have made payment. NB:
No cash payments – either send a cheque or pay electronically.

Co-ordinator: Judy Balfour

Email: jybalfour@outlook.com Phone: 0439 953 903 (call or message)Treasurer – Tony Smit ajs@48@bigpond.com*Mailing -Please include enrolment form and cheque*

Postal Address: The Treasurer, P.O. Box 1170, Wodonga Vic. 3689

Electronic banking:

Account name: Albury Wodonga Artist Society

BSB: 640 000

Account Number: 111256122

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 – “CPJB”

MEETING DATES 2018

Committee Meetings

Wednesday, 21st March

16th May

19th July

19th September

General Meetings

Wednesday, 21st February

18th April

20th June

15th August

Sunday 17th October (AGM)

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