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NEWSLETTER

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Dates for your Calendar!

Regular sessions/groups		
Sat 7 th December	Life Drawing session- 1 – 4pm,	Coordinator: Olga Juskiw
Sat 14 th December	Acrylic/Mixed Media group 10 - 4pm	Coordinator: Jill Scanlon
Sat 21 st December	Portraits session 1 – 4pm	Coordinator: J Hoban
Cancelled	Cancelled	
	Regular Wednesdays “social group” Paint/ Chat. All members are welcome.	
Meetings		
Wed 11 st December	General Meeting 12 midday (Note: 1 week earlier than regularly held)	Secretary: Kathy Bruce and Donna Johnstone
Social Events		
Saturday 30 th November 3.30- 5-30pm	AWAS Christmas celebration. La Maison, Gateway Village. 	Coordinator: K Bruce
WODONGA PLANT FARM CAFÉ EXHIBITION Changeover 3 rd December.	“Christmas Specials”- under \$150. Changeover time: 2.30pm.	Coordinator: Tanya Healy

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

**THIS PAGE IS A SUMMARY OF EVENTS DETAILED IN NEWSLETTER. PRINT JUST
PAGE 1 AND PUT ON YOUR FRIDGE!**

Saturday Acrylic Painting Group

Acrylic and Mixed Media-mini workshop

This month the Acrylic and Mixed Media group decided to experiment with Flow Acrylics to create some very interesting and random abstract works of art. We have been very lucky to add Hope Hayman to our Saturday group, who has added a new dimension to our art by showing us how to create these pictures. She has done a number of beautiful paintings using this technique, so after our last General Meeting we asked if we could set up the means to experiment with the technique ourselves.

Hope organised to get the necessary materials and demonstrated how to mix the Floetrol and the acrylic, getting it to the right consistency to pour. We all created some novel pictures and thoroughly enjoyed the experience and the chance, for some of us at least, to step out of our comfort zone!

It was an amazingly successful day, so much so that we are looking forward to trying our hand at improving on our first attempt and adding in some ways of creating abstracts with sieves and sponges and anything else we can think of next month.

While this was an experiment confined to the Saturday Acrylic and Mixed Media group, if others wish to try it out, we may be able to conduct a mini one day workshop next year, if Hope can help us! I want to thank Hope for her enthusiasm and willingness to run last Saturday. It wouldn't have happened without her. Jill Scanlon.



January 2020 Life Drawing Workshop

4 Day Life Drawing Marathon the first weekend in January 2020

Please note the timetable below.

Fri 3rd Jan.	Sat 4th Jan.	Sun 5th Jan	Mon 6th Jan
9am - 12pm.	9am. -12pm.	9am. - 12pm.	9am. - 12pm
1pm. - 4pm.	1pm. - 4pm.	1pm. - 4pm.	1pm. - 4pm
7pm. - 10pm.		7pm. - 10pm.	

The morning or afternoon session is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members.

The cost for the evening session will be shared by those attending to cover the cost of the model which is \$96. I am hoping to have much longer poses in the evenings or repeat same poses, depending on the model's pain threshold.

I am hoping to get coloured lighting for the evening sessions.

Please be there at least 15 minutes earlier to set up your working space (easels, tables, drawing materials etc) as we start promptly on the set times.

I am going to book a table for early dinner at La Maison for the Saturday night (4th January).

Please let me know if you are interested. I will need to now well in advance.

SOMETHING NEW. Cornelia, one of our models, is willing to pose outside. She has a large property on Castle Creek Rd on the outskirts of Wodonga. I was thinking of incorporating outdoor life drawing in our 4day Drawing Marathon but it might be a tad hot then so maybe we can do this on one of our future life drawing days in the cooler weather and have a whole day drawing/painting the figure outdoors. I will be interested in your opinion on this. Keep in mind we have to take easels, materials etc. There are some interesting background props and shady trees on the property.

REMINDER that our life drawing for December is on Saturday 7th December from 1pm to 4pm. Our model is Michael who has modelled for us before. Hope to see you there. Please arrive early to set up your work space.

Olga Juskiw

Email olga.juskiw@icloud

Plein Air Group

As always, outdoor painting and drawing has its problems. We need to organise more. It always seems to RAIN! If not, it is windy, too hot, too cold, too many flies... we have air conditioning in our studio.... etc. For the brave, put the 4th Saturday of March in your diary – 28th March 2020, then 25th April, and 23rd May.

Barb Strand is again coordinating these excursions next year.

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AWAS EXHIBITIONS

The Plant farm: On the 3rd December our Christmas exhibition, “**Summer Sale- Under \$150**” will replace “**The Plant World**”. Bring your works to be hung to the Wodonga Plant Farm Café not before 2.30pm on Tuesday 3rd December. To prevent disruption to café customers please leave the hanging decisions to the designated “Hanging team”.

Garden Gallery Café, Wodonga Plant Farm Exhibitions 2020

Date From	Date to	Title
11 Feb 2020	14 Apr 2020	Land and Sea
14 Apr 2020	9 June 2020	Anything Abstract
9 June 2020	11 August 2020	Still Life
11 August 2020	13 Oct 2020	Dwelling Place
13 Oct 2020	8 Dec 2020	Figures and Faces
8 Dec 2020	9 Feb 2021	Christmas Specials – Under \$150

The Studio:

Artworks for Studio. As no workshops are scheduled for the holiday period, members can bring in artworks to hang. Jill Scanlon has offered to coordinate this on Wednesday afternoons. Changeover of works is to occur the Wednesday after the Tuesday Plant Farm changeover, making it convenient to collect work from the Plant Farm and transfer straight to the Studio. Please label all work with the artist's contact details and price on the back.

Also please remember to fill in the exhibition register, recording which works are in the studio, and information for sales.

Note that access to the studio will be restricted during the January Life Drawing workshop. Fri 3rd, 4th, 5th and Mon 6th January. Some life drawing will take place also on those evenings.

Our first exhibition next year will be our main members exhibition in MARCH. Details below!

“COLOUR, FORM AND SHAPE”.

AWAS MEMBERS EXHIBITION 2020

AWAS Major Members' Exhibition- Festival Open Day March 9th “UPSTREAM 2020”.

Part of the Albury Wodonga Arts and Cultural Festival “Upstream 2020”.

Hanging: Wednesday March 4th 2020. Opening: Friday evening or sometime Saturday.
Duration: 4th - 16th March. The main open-to-the-public time is the Monday. We will have members painting and drawing in the studio and outside on the Saturday and the Monday of this special long weekend Festival.

Would you like to be part of the team organizing this AWAS member's exhibition?

Have a chat to a committee member... we need some people to help with organizing rosters, the catalogue, the catering, publicity, hanging, even cleaning and painting the studio.

SPECIAL TUTORED WORKSHOPS IN 2020

Expressions of interest are sought now for those members interested in an Acrylic/Mixed Media/ sketchbook Workshop with well-known Victorian artist/tutor Catherine Hamilton. The weekend workshop is **21st and 22nd of March.**

Here is Catherine's description she gave me in an email recently:

I can offer some new ideas and something that you feel will be a little different for everyone. It can be painting or drawing mediums and also I run a sketchbook drawing workshop that includes making your own sketchbooks. This has gone down well with many students and I also go through various sketching mediums including various inks and drawing materials. The new drawing workshop is a mixed media drawing incorporating charcoal, graphite and ink as well as using coloured pigment as well. Beautiful river scenes and trees lend themselves well as the subject.

Those who remember the 2 workshops we had with her a few years ago (acrylic, inks and pastel), it was full on information, experimental and inspiring! Catherine has a chemistry background, so is well versed in the use of various acrylic mediums and fixatives.

Comments by workshop participants referred to her professional teaching, creative ideas and energy. All were inspired to expand their use of art materials. We were also entertained by her Mr Bean impersonations!

Check out her gallery of work and information about her workshops on the links below:

Hamilton Arts: PO box 330, Red Hill South, 3937 Victoria

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Other workshops planned- Christine Cansfield-Smith (Beechworth artist) colour mixing and drawing, possibly May or in Spring; Watercolour and Pastel workshops in September, followed by possibly Paul Margocsy, a wildlife artist. www.paulmargocsy.com.au in October/ November.

OTHER EXHIBITIONS IN EARLY 2020

Famous Fakes for Murray Valley Sanctuary Refugee Group. The submission dates are in April 2020, with the event at Adamshurst April 24th 2020. Thank you to those members who have sent details of the art works they plan to submit.

The organisers have asked for images of already completed artworks to be used in their publicity for the event. If you are willing to help out, send a scanned photo of the work to me, and I can forward it to them. The work may be cropped in the final advertising material.

Please be aware that you cannot copy works of artists deceased after 1978 as this is contravening copy right laws. Sizes not to exceed 76.2 cm X 91.4cm (30" X 36") This does not include framing.

Labels: *The Title of the work*

Artist { being copied } and date

Size

Medium

Your Name

The artist can sign their own name on the front of the work OR On the back of the canvas, write that this is a deceased artist's work, name the artist then include: It was copied by ---- your name and date of copy 3D works can be included, size and weight to be discussed with organisers ph 0423488366

The Pfeiffer Wines Art Show 27th Dec to 26th January 2020. Entries close: Sunday 8th December 2019, Deliver works: Mon 16th Sun 22nd Dec 2019 only. Art Show: Fri 27th Dec 2019 to 26th January 2020. Artwork collection: from Mon 27th January.

For Sale.

Brand New Heavy Duty Table Easel (\$89 From Riot Art- never used).

A great Christmas present- selling for \$60 (The smaller easel in the pic is like we have at the studio and is not for sale- just there for comparison). Contact Kathy Bruce 02 6025 5913



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