



ALBURY-WODONGA  
ARTISTS SOCIETY

# NEWSLETTER

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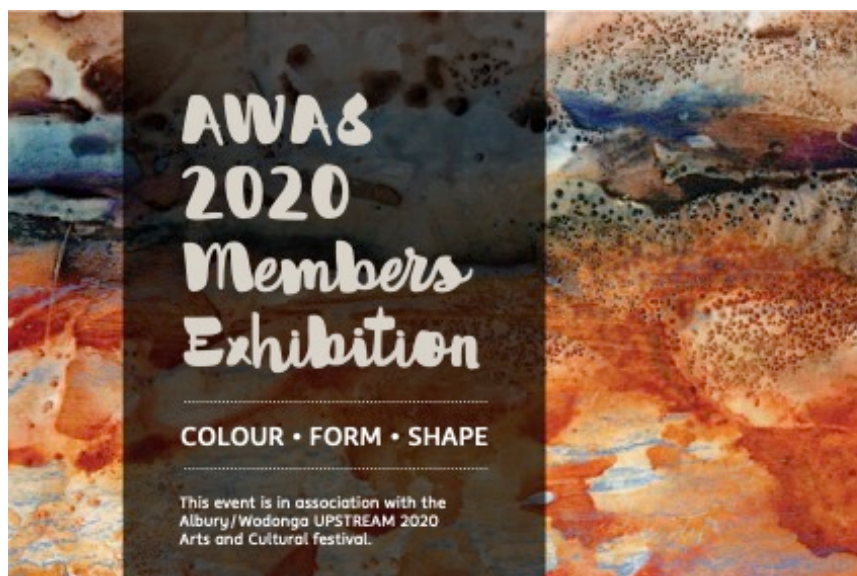
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Albury Wodonga Artists  
Society Member's Exhibition

AWAS Studio Gallery  
Gateway Village  
Lincoln Causeway, Wodonga

Exhibition 5 - 16<sup>th</sup> March  
Open 10am to 4pm daily

Opening celebration  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020  
6pm to 8pm.

**Hanging:** Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup>

**Opening:** Friday evening March 6<sup>th</sup> 6 pm to 8pm. Bring your friends. Bring a plate.

**Duration:** 5<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> March.

*AWAS members exhibiting, please take a turn at looking after the exhibition.*

*The roster is in the studio, so check for times we need filling when you bring in your artwork this week. For security, there is an exhibition register to sign your artwork in and then out at the end of the exhibition. This week please also collect any artworks or materials you have left in the studio. This will clear the space for hanging on Wednesday, and the crowds we will have at our opening on Friday evening and the general public on the weekend.*

**Part of the Albury Wodonga Arts and Cultural Festival "Upstream 2020".**

The **main** open-to-the-public time is the Monday, a holiday in Victoria.

It would be good to have members painting and drawing in the studio and outside on the Monday of this special long weekend festival. *Bring along your drawing or painting materials, pull out an easel and show people what AWAS is about.* In our publicity we have offered the opportunity to the public to do some artwork with us on the day if they wish. We have some donated art materials for this.

## Dates for your Calendar!

Regular sessions		
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Life Drawing session <b>CANCELLED</b> <i>(Due to our exhibition advertised as open to the public this long weekend)</i>	Coordinator: Olga Juskiw
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Acrylic/Mixed Media group 10 - 4pm	Coordinator: Jill Scanlon
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Portraits session 1 – 4pm	Coordinator: J Hoban
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Plein-Air Session. Outdoor painting.	Register with Barb Strand: <a href="mailto:martinstrand@westnet.com.au">martinstrand@westnet.com.au</a> or phone 0412 688 507
Meetings		
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Committee Meeting 5.30pm	Secretary: Kathy Bruce
Social Events		
<b>AWAS MEMBERS' EXHIBITION</b>	<i>AWAS member's Exhibition</i>  <i>COLOUR, SHAPE, FORM</i>  <i>Opening at our Paintbox Studio</i>  <i>FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> March 6pm to 8pm</i>	All members are welcome to exhibit and to come to our opening.
<b>WODONGA PLANT FARM CAFÉ EXHIBITION</b>	<b>"Land and Sea"</b> continues.	Coordinator: Tanya Healy

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

*"UPSTREAM 2020" Festival Gateway Open Day Monday March 9<sup>th</sup>*

## **"COLOUR, FORM AND SHAPE". AWAS MEMBERS EXHIBITION 2020 5-16<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

### Exhibition Opening Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 6-8pm.

Invite your friends! Please bring a contribution to our nibbles to help celebrate our first major exhibition at the studio for 2 years!

#### **Notes to those looking after the exhibition:**

Opening and Closing the studio, and Sales instructions will be in the meeting room.

You can choose to do Morning and/or afternoon shift.

Bring your lunch. Bring your artwork or a good novel. We have a good art library.

At the end of the exhibition artworks on the screens down the centre of the exhibition will have to be collected as soon as possible after exhibition closes 4pm Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March. However, those on the walls can be left until Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April when Jill Scanlon will assist in the studio hanging works possibly transferred from the Plant Farm exhibition.

## THANK YOU AWAS TEAM!

Thank you to Glenys Baxter and her daughter Kellie Cunningham for painting the studio floor, skirting boards, door jambs and door.

Thank you, Glenys and Kellie plus Tanya Healy and Judy Balfour, for preparing the floor for painting i.e. moving furniture and cleaning.

Thank you to members for keeping the studio as clean as possible – we suggest pastellists and those who use charcoal etc to have a trough (folded paper?) on their easel to catch pastel dust. Art methods vary, but to keep everyone happy in a shared studio, please try not to spatter the walls and the freshly painted floor with paint and ink!

Thank you to Bronwyn Pietsch for designing the flyer and poster for our exhibition, to Judy Balfour for organizing the printing and distribution of posters, to Christina Zey for placing the flyer in social media, to Tanya Healy and Jill Scanlon for the hanging and other aspects of the exhibition organization, and to our treasurer Tony Smit, who is hopefully going to be busy with artwork sales in the coming weeks!

## OTHER AWAS EVENTS

- While our regular Life Drawing afternoon this month is cancelled due to our exhibition, the regular Portrait session will go ahead as scheduled on the third Saturday of the month, 21<sup>st</sup> March, 1-4pm. Please consider coming and take advantage of having a live, dressed model as your subject. Having the same pose for the full afternoon is an opportunity to concentrate your focus on the subject and perhaps complete a fully resolved painting in one session.
- Come rain, hail or shine, AWAS members will be out and about at a plein- air session on the 28th March. Contact Barb Strand to register - [martinstrand@westnet.com.au](mailto:martinstrand@westnet.com.au) 0412 688 507. The weather can be beautiful this time of the year, so organise your field equipment-seat, table, water, art materials, insect spray and head outdoors with Barb and other AWAS members for a day out communing with nature.
- The Plant Farm Exhibition “Land and Sea” continues until our new café exhibition, “Anything Abstract” is hung 7<sup>th</sup> April, continuing to 2<sup>nd</sup> June.
- Workshops. Unfortunately the tutored workshop (mixed media drawing) we hoped to run at the end of March with Catherine Hamilton had to be cancelled, due to lack of registrations. It seems the beginning of the year is a difficult time for people to make such a commitment, as well as the fact so much else is on in March. Single day workshops run by members seemed to work this year- perhaps we will begin next year with local tutors for one day workshops. Ideas from members are welcome to help us organise this.

## OTHER ARTY EVENTS



### GIGS EXHIBITION: NATURE & US 8th February until 15th March 10.00 - 4.00 Tuesday to Saturday.

Three of the six artists are AWAS members - Pat Welch, Christina Zey and Judy Balfour. This is an impressive exhibition, with varied works showing the artists' distinctive styles. The good news is these exhibition dates may be extended.

On Saturday 7th March, the Saturday of the *Upstream Festival 2020*, there will be 3 speakers giving talks about the environment and threatened species.

- At Creators Gallery there is an exhibition “The Art of Dogs”, and on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March, to coincide with the *Upstream Festival 2020*, they will be having some great fun with dogs and their owners at their opening and presentation.
- Other Gateway events: Hothouse theatre will stage a night event Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March for *Upstream Festival 2020* indoors and outdoors, featuring acrobats “*Outsider Science*” and laser lights. Monday will be a Gateway Open day with food stalls and buskers.  
Across the border all the long weekend at various venues and times there will be art events. Too many to list here, look up [wodonga.vic.gov.au](http://wodonga.vic.gov.au) for a detailed program.
- At MAMA in Albury is an exhibition by Glenda Mackay (from Rutherglen): *Detrius*. It is an exploration of grief, loss and memory through collage, sculpture and installation. Open until Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.
- **The Famous Fakes Exhibition / auction** will be held on Friday 24th April, 5.30pm at Adamshurst.  
The Murray Valley Sanctuary Refugee Group has provided us with information which has been emailed to members and is on the studio noticeboard.

Deliver your works to AWAS studio after the long weekend. Organisers of the event will collect works from the studio on Friday 27th March.

Please attach labels with your name, the title of the work, the original artist and date/size information as per labels supplied with the auction information. Contact Kathy Bruce if you need another copy of the information supplied.

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## AWAS MEETINGS 2020

General Meetings: 15<sup>th</sup> April; 17<sup>th</sup> June; 19<sup>th</sup> August; 21<sup>st</sup> October; 16<sup>th</sup> December

Committee Meetings: 18<sup>th</sup> March; 20<sup>th</sup> May; 15<sup>th</sup> July; 16<sup>th</sup> Sept; 18<sup>th</sup> November

## 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.

For all payments to AWAS please use this 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.

## Garden Gallery Café, Wodonga Plant Farm Exhibitions 2020

Date From	Date to	Title
11 Feb 2020	7 Apr 2020	Land and Sea
7 Apr 2020	2 June 2020	Anything Abstract
2 June 2020	4 August 2020	Still Life
4 August 2020	6 Oct 2020	Dwelling Place
6 Oct 2020	1 Dec 2020	Figures and Faces
1 Dec 2020	9 Feb 2021	Christmas Specials – Under \$150

Changeover usually is the **FIRST TUESDAY** of every **SECOND MONTH**.

