



ALBURY - WODONGA
ARTISTS SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

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CHRISTMAS! ALREADY!!

Plant Farm Exhibition: Christmas Specials: Maximum price is \$150.

Come celebrate with coffee and cake (yes, we can have a wine too!) at **the Wodonga Plant Farm Café on Tuesday December 1st**. At 2.30 pm the current exhibition will be taken down and our "Summer Sale" (Christmas Specials!) will be hung. Priced to sell, maximum \$150. At last we can relax together outside in the pleasant surrounds of the nursery, indulge in some tasty treats and wish each other Merry Christmas.

A "Thank You" card for the staff at The Wodonga Plant Farm and Café will be available for members to sign. Why not do a little Christmas shopping while you are there?

You can bring two paintings. We will hang at least one. We are hoping for a better response from members this time as we barely had enough paintings in October. August was missed and we combined the exhibitions with themes 'Dwelling Place' and 'Figures and Faces'.

Remember: Art work must have correct Hangings: ie. D rings and wire or cord.

This is a great chance to sell previous works you have stored. *Tanya Healy, coordinator.*

STUDIO NEWS.

WELCOME BACK TO THE STUDIO!

While no classes or group art sessions can be conducted at the studio yet, members are welcome back to our studio providing they are willing to be considerate of other members who use the space by adhering to Victorian Covid safe hygiene, tracing and social distancing rules.

- **All members need to sign in/out times. A book for this purpose is at the entrance.**
- The studio is closed to the public.
- Follow all hygiene and social distancing signage. Clean all surfaces.
- Only 1 person in the kitchen at a time.
- Bring all your own food, drink and utensils. No shared food.

The AWAS studio is a place where locals can get together informally, whatever their level of art experience, and practise painting using styles, techniques and art mediums of their own choice. At our recent AGM the use of the studio was a focus of discussion and it is apparent that members value access to the shared workshop space.

Members can bring in their Drawing-a-day artwork to the studio from Monday 7th December. On Wednesday 9th December Jill, Heather, Janelle and Tony will be the hanging the studio exhibition. Unfortunately, the studio is not open to the public yet.

REPORT ON THE AWAS 2020 AGM
held on **SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22ND**

Thank you to those who attended our 2020 AGM and to those who indicated their willingness to help keep AWAS running smoothly in various ways.

The 2020-21 AWAS Committee :

President – Terri Friesen

Vice President – Donna Johnstone

Secretary Newsletter – Kathy Bruce

Treasurer – Tony Smit

Committee members – Judy Balfour, Noni McClland, Kylie Waldon and John Stevenson.

There is a real need for members to offer support to coordinators of some of our group activities: in particular right now Barb Strand has asked for support with keeping our website up-to-date and Janelle Hoban with coordinating the regular monthly Portrait sessions (usually held on the 3rd Saturday afternoon each month).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 22nd November, 2020

2019 began, dare I say, as “normal”. All AWAS activities were rolling along merrily with portrait, life drawing, mixed media and plein air sessions well supported. Thanks go to Olga Juskiw, Janelle Holban, Barb Strand as coordinators. A big thank you also to Jenny Wallace for all her hard work as watercolour coordinator, Jenny is retiring from this role.

The watercolour workshop presented by Julien Briere and the pastel workshop presented by Steve McCall were very well received. A thank you also to our member Graham Wade for giving watercolour demonstrations. Members also got busy painting their “Famous Fakes” for auction and we are awaiting news of a new exhibition date. Plant Farm exhibition and sales were going along well until of course the café was temporarily closed.

We also began our year with Les Langmead as president. I would like to thank Les for all his previous work before he saw the need to resign. I then stepped in as acting president in September 2019.

Members enjoyed our Christmas get-together at La Maison. Our other major event where members could meet was our “Upstream” exhibition, “Colour, Shape, Form”. Members enjoyed a wonderful opening night in March. Thank you, Tanya Healy and Jill Scanlon for organising this exhibition.

Several maintenance projects were also completed. A great thank you to John Stevenson and team for clearing, dismantling and rebuilding the new, functional storeroom. New work tables were sourced and purchased, thanks to Judy Balfour. The floors were cleaned by Judy Balfour and Tanya Healy and repainted by Glenys Baxter and her daughter. Many thanks for this big effort.

Other thanks must go out to Heather Green for her ongoing work in cleaning the kitchen and studio floors. To Jill Scanlon and Tony Smit our studio hanging team. To Tanya Healy, Heather Green and Tony Smit, our Plant Farm coordinators and hangers. To Bronwyn Pietch for creating flyers for our Upstream Exhibition.

Thank you to two retiring committee members. Di Pritchard for all her investigations to redevelop the AWAS information pamphlet and Judy Balfour as workshop coordinator as well as all meeting commitments.

Sadly, we acknowledge the passing of valued members Bernie Brand, Gordon Osmond and Meg Brown.

On a financial note, the Wodonga Council waived our rent and deferred our rates for 2 quarters. The Committee decided to reduce member subscriptions to assist members during this time. We also voted to deregister our society in NSW. Despite the current restrictions and challenges we have actually had a very busy time.

Remember, you all still have another 7 months to use our space!

Many members started the May drawing-a-day challenge, which has now included many more months, 206 days. We will be filling the studio walls with your works in December through to February. We will hang our next Upstream exhibition, "New Horizons" in early March. Our Plant Farm Christmas exhibition will be hung on December 1st so things are starting to move again. Our member's Christmas get-together is in the planning process.

Terri Friesen – Acting President AWAS 22 November 2020

Reports by coordinators of workshops are attached as a separate document. The minutes of the AGM and financial report are available in our studio.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS AND REGULAR WORKSHOP COSTS

At the AGM fees were discussed and set for the year beginning July 1st 2021.

Membership subscription rates were reduced to \$75 during Covid – if all goes back to normal, the fee will go back to \$100 next July.

Regular monthly Saturday workshop sessions will remain the same:

Life Drawing will remain the same: \$15 for members and \$20 for non- members.

Portraits will remain the same as well, at \$12.00 for members and \$15 for non-members.

Janelle has asked if anyone would like to take over the role of Portrait session coordinator. Elsie Reitenbach relieved Janelle last year, another volunteer is needed now to help continue this Saturday afternoon session (once a month).

Thank you to coordinators Janelle Hoban and Olga Juskiw for your roles as co-ordinators for these untutored Saturday sessions.

MEETINGS

General meetings will continue to be held every two months (5 per year) and the committee will meet only as required. At the AGM it was acknowledged that much of the administration work now is done by email and we can reduce the number of formal face-to-face meetings to the minimum requirement in the Constitution.

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

BSB: 640-000 Account Number: 111256122

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

AWAS EXHIBITIONS/EVENTS

- **Studio Exhibition of “Drawings go Viral” (Drawing-a-day artwork)** drawings will be hung in the studio on Wednesday 9th December. Artwork can be dropped off at the beginning of week on Monday 7 December – Jill, Heather, Janelle and Tony will be the hanging team.
- **2021 Members Studio Exhibition. “New Horizons”** March Victorian Long weekend. Held as part of the Annual Upstream Festival. Jill Scanlon and Tanya Healy will coordinate this major exhibition with the support of others on the hanging team. Start planning. Start painting!
- **WODONGA PLANT FARM GARDEN GALLERY CAFÉ. THE CHRISTMAS EXHIBITION WILL BE HUNG ON TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER, 2.30pm** Onwards. This display will continue until February.
(Remember it is our “thank you to the Plant Farm/Christmas get together afternoon!”)
- **2021 PLANT FARM THEMES.**

February	OLD	April	NEW
June	COLOUR MY WORLD	August	AROUND THE WATER
October	COUNTRY LIFE	December	SUMMER SALE
- **AWAS Workshops.** Olga Juskiw is hoping to run the Annual 4 day Drawing marathon in January, this time over the 2nd weekend in January. If you are interested please contact Olga (see the AWAS coordinators contact list) as bookings will be essential if this workshop can go ahead.
- **Tutored Workshops.** 2020 did not allow us to run the planned workshops and the pastel and acrylic workshops previously organised will hopefully be going ahead early next year. Unfortunately, Jen Wallace is not continuing coordinating Watercolour workshops next year. Thank you, Jen, for all your work in the past. Thanks also to Barb Strand, who has been website coordinator. Volunteers to help with these tasks from now onwards would really be appreciated.

MERRY 2020 CHRISTMAS!



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MAYDAY HILLS ART SOCIETY

OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER 2020 10AM-4PM

GOLD COIN DONATION
THIS FUNDRAISING EVENT IS TO HELP THE ART SOCIETY PERMANENTLY SECURE ITS FABULOUS BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE.

- TOURS • OPEN STUDIOS WITH ITEMS FOR SALE • OUTSIDE MARKET STALLS
- MAD AS CAFE WITH COFFEE MAYDAY AND HA HA VEGAN • ART DEMONSTRATIONS
- RAFFLE: FIRST PRIZE 2 NIGHTS AT ARTSCAPE COTTAGE BEECHWORTH
- ENVIRONMENTAL FILMS FROM FILMMAKER STEPHEN CURTAIN IN THE UPSTAIRS PLAYHOUSE
- SECOND HAND ART AUCTION • 'AN ART A DAY IN MAY' EXHIBITION IN GALLERY
- 'COLLECTIONS FROM THE ASYLUM' VISITING EXHIBITION FROM ALBURY LIBRARY MUSEUM
- MDHAS MUSOS FEATURING LAZY HARRY, SANDRA WILLIAMS, JANET TWEEDIE AND WENDY TAYLOR.

PRIZES FOR THE MOST EXOTIC MASKS!
ALL GUESTS ARE ASKED TO BE **COVID** COMPLIANT

KURRAJONG WAY,
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