



ALBURY-WODONGA
ARTISTS SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

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| Regular sessions | | |
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| Sat 2 nd April | Life Drawing 1 – 4pm | Coordinator: Olga Juskiw |
| Sat 9 th April | Acrylic/Mixed Media group 10 - 4pm | Coordinator: Jill Scanlon |
| Sat 16 th April | Portraits session 1 – 4pm | Coordinator: J Hoban |
| Wednesdays. Tues, Thurs, Fri, Most Sat am. Sunday. | “Social group”. Paint / Chat. All members are welcome. Daily access for members. | Informal. |
| Meetings | | |
| Wed 20 th April | General Meeting 1 pm | Secretary: K Bruce |
| Special Events | | |
| 15 th April | Balance due for the Acrylic workshop (28/29 May) with Craig Penny | Coordinator: Judy Balfour. |
| WODONGA PLANT FARM CAFÉ EXHIBITION Tues 12 th April. | Change exhibition to “Autumn Tones” | Coordinator: Tanya Healy |



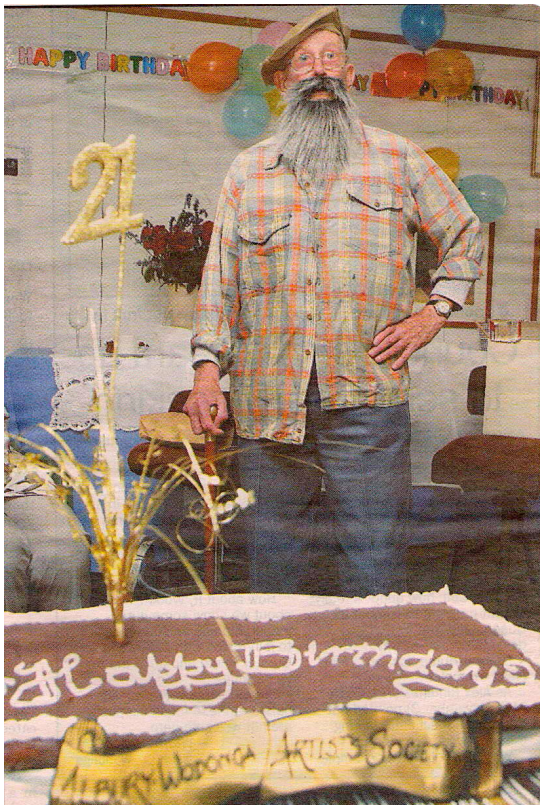
FAREWELL JOHN MASON

On 22nd March John Mason, one of the early members of AWAS and long-time President, passed away.

John was a highly respected member, contributing much to AWAS, being a key member of the committee and mentor to many of our members. He was an accomplished artist- we will miss his beautifully executed landscapes in our exhibitions but more importantly, his leadership, wisdom and genteel good humour, putting us all at ease in the studio, meetings and social events.

JOHN MASON: LOOKING BACK WITH AWAS

In 1987 a small group of recent graduates from an Arts course met to draw out by the Murray River. Eventually they decided get together and form an arts society. John joined them as they painted and ran workshops outdoors at first, then, courtesy of the Wodonga Turf Club, used a room under the grandstand in inclement weather. In the years John was President the Arts Society continued to grow, holding exhibitions and running the art section at the Albury and Wodonga annual shows.



Here is John, dressed up as Claude Monet, at the **AWAS 25th Birthday party in 2008!** John said that “despite it’s humble beginnings, AWAS had put a lot of colour in his life”



John last exhibited with us in **November 2018**, taking part in the fabulous “**Archives**” Exhibition held in our studios, featuring his work, along with the work of other long-time Art Society members, Jeanette Pockley, Sheila Maguire, Valerie Boulton, Marilyn Forrest (Byrne) and Yvonne Ellwood.



The opening of the "Archives" exhibition.



Our most recent photo of John with Marilyn Forrest and Sheila Maguire.



STUDIO EXHIBITIONS: *from Jill Scanlon*

Thank you to members who brought in paintings in March so we could display saleable works in the studio. **We intend to continue exhibiting members' works throughout the year at roughly two monthly intervals.** However, we do have some workshops happening at various times in May and July, so we are hoping to **share the studio** with works from these workshops, thus allowing both members and workshop participants to show their paintings.

The current exhibition remains until May 28th when the Acrylic Workshop is on. Members are to bring in some different but saleable artworks— date will be announced in the next Newsletter. The Acrylic workshop paintings will have half the studio space to display their work for one month. They can then bring in saleable paintings to replace them until the next workshop at the end of July, when again we will run half in half members' saleable paintings with an exhibition of workshop pieces.

The Art Society will run an official Annual Exhibition from mid to late September to the end of November. Throughout **December - Portraits.** (Details in later Newsletters)

Please get busy painting something for the Annual Exhibition as this is for paintings that have not been exhibited before.

All paintings to exhibit will need to have a title, the medium used, price and your contact details so we can write labels! There will also be a sheet for you to fill in on the table in the middle room, which allows us to keep track of the paintings for you so we know if you have left a painting or sold one! A roster sheet will also be there for you to fill in. Exhibition details will go into the monthly Newsletters.

WODONGA PLANT FARM EXHIBITION

The changeover at the Plant Farm exhibition occurs in the 2nd week of April, Tuesday April 12th. Bring in your "Autumn Tones" work on that day to the Wodonga Plant Farm, not before 2.30pm. Please collect your works from the previous exhibition, or arrange for someone else to collect them.

| Date From | Date to | Title |
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| 8 th Feb 2022 | 12 th Apr 2022 | "COUNTRY LIFE" |
| 12 th April | 14 th June 2022 | "AUTUMN TONES" |
| 14 th June 2022 | 9 th August 2022 | "STILL LIFE" |
| 9 th August 2022 | 11 th Oct 2022 | "FACES AND FIGURES" |
| 11 th Oct 2022 | 13 th Dec 2022 | "SPRING SEASON" |
| 13 Dec 2022 | 14 th Feb 2023 | "SUMMER SALE" |

ACRYLIC WORKSHOP WITH CRAIG PENNY: at the Studio

ACRYLIC WORKSHOP – May 28 and 29th

"Water in the Landscape".

Details were in last month's newsletter. Deposits were required on 25th March.

If you still want to attend, contact the coordinator to go on the waiting list (in case of cancellations).

Workshop coordinator jybalfour@outlook.com 0439 953 903

Here is just one example of Craig Penny's works:

You can readily see those glowing colours and masterful brushstrokes.



Cost: \$160 - members & students. \$180– non-members. Deposit: \$80 by 25th March.

Balance \$80 by 15th April (or pay the full amount by 25th March).

THANK YOU AWAS MEMBERS

" POP UP EXHIBITION AND SALES AT THE MITTA MUSTER 13TH MARCH 22

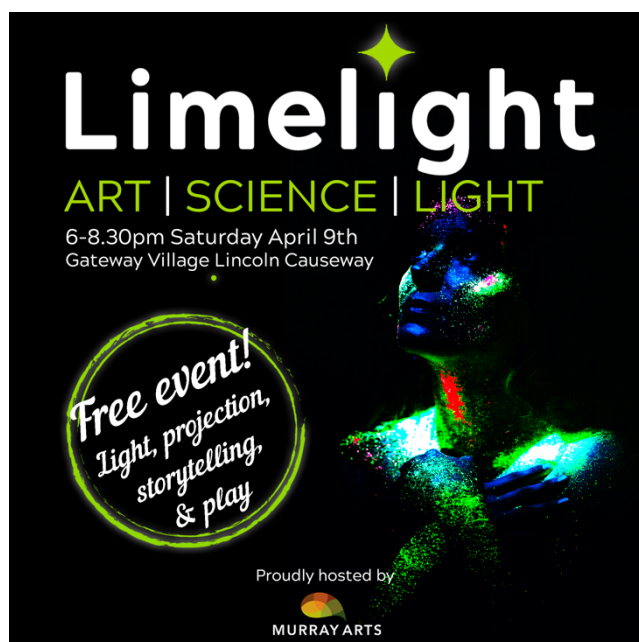
I would like to thank all those who participated recently, at such short notice and no expense involved, in the Mitta Muster Art Exhibition on 13th March at Mitta Mitta. An opportunity had arisen whereby I was allocated space within a marquee able to display at least 48 paintings. We were able to hang 54 pieces which included Local, AWAS and Thurgoona Buds artists.

A small commission was asked on sales and that was donated to the Historical Society of Eskdale for manning the marquee on the day.

Thank you once again for coming to the fore - Cynthia Stuart, Coordinator Mitta Valley Art "

Cynthia Stuart

ART EVENTS IN OUR AREA



An Evening at the Gateway:
Murray Arts are promoting a fantastic light show/performance art festival "Limelight".
Saturday April 9th.

Come along to this annual evening event held outdoors near our studio. You might like to join the group of members who will be there in the studio, keeping it open for visitors and doing some painting together.

Come to set up around 5pm, bring your dinner or purchase from the food vans that will be on site for that evening.

The Albury Wodonga Urban Sketchers. Next drawing on location event: 10 April. They will also be meeting at MAMA as their "Sketch Club" 11am to 12pm on the 1st Friday of each month. Cost for this activity at MAMA is free. More details of their activities are on Facebook.

More paintings needed! The postponed **Famous Fakes Charity auction** Saturday 22nd October 2022 at Splinter's Creek Community Centre. (Murray Valley Sanctuary Refugee Group). For details about our participation in this event, contact the AWAS secretary.

Gallery 294 in Corowa. Multi-Media, 2D or 3D AUTUMN EXHIBITION. Saturday 26/3- 30/4/22
Members and friends' exhibition – local artists.

Bright Autumn Exhibition – 2nd April to 8th May.

Beechworth Botanica and Animal Magnetism – 14th April to 20th April (includes Easter when the Golden Horseshoe Festival is also on) – Memorial Hall Beechworth.

Hyphen, Wodonga. "Biosphere" a collaborative work between local artists **Abi Thompson and Helen Newman**. Abi's framed collages "Creature Comforts" in the Hallway Gallery are wonderful! The installation in the gallery has the theme of growth, degradation and regeneration within various natural environments.



Free to "a good home": Porcelain Painting books, specialist brushes and metal paint palette, wooden oil palettes and small tubes of oil paint.

Perhaps you may know someone who would make use of these.

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This is the current committee.

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