

#### **FEBRUARY 2023**

### Welcome to a new year of getting involved in artmaking!

#### **Special events in February:**

- Plein Air painting on Tuesday 7th February
- Guest Speaker from Heart Foundation Wednesday 1pm 15th February

We started the year with a very successful, challenging but enjoyable, Life drawing 4-day marathon. While some of us only did a few select sessions, others got right into it and attended all sessions each day. Thanks for the organisation Olga! Our night sessions with the coloured lights created wonderful shadows and set up challenges for us all. Below are some details from the subsequent studio exhibition. Life Drawing certainly gives us opportunities to experiment with different media and techniques to render form. It is great to see the wonderful variations in line, colour and tone-everyone is so different!

If you haven't done life drawing before, come along to our Saturday sessions, first Saturday of each month. Give it a try!













## The life drawing studio exhibition.

Works remain until Saturday Feb 4<sup>th</sup>. On Wednesday Feb 8<sup>th</sup> Jill Scanlon and helpers will put up new works by members.

Members, please bring your paintings for hanging by **Tuesday February 7**<sup>th</sup>. They can be any subject, any media.

Keep aside your monochrome artwork for the Plant Farm new exhibition which changes over 2.30pm Tuesday Feb 14<sup>th</sup>.





# Your Heart Matters

# Would you know what to do?

Join us for a Heart Matters information session What you learn could save your life

**Albury Wodonga Artists Society** 

**PAINTBOX STUDIO/GALLERY** 

Gateway Village, Lincoln Causeway, Wodonga.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 1pm

## What you will learn

- Recognise the warning signs of a heart attack
- Know what to do if you or someone you know has those warning signs
- Reduce your risk of having a heart attack

Heart Matters is a joint project, saving lives through community education







## PLEASE FEEL FREE TO PRINT OUT THE PREVIOUS PAGE TO INVITE OTHERS TO THIS MEETING.

#### **AWAS Events in February**

Regular sessions		
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Life Drawing session 1 – 4pm,	Coordinator: Olga Juskiw
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> February Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> February Wednesdays. Thursdays Most Sat am. Sunday.  Special Meeting/Social	Acrylic/Mixed Media group 10 - 4pm Portraits session 1 – 4pm Members Social day: Paint / Chat. Acrylic/Water-colour/Mixed media Daily access for members.	Coordinator: Jill Scanlon Coordinator: J Hoban Informal
Event		
Wed February 15th	Special guest speaker Elizabeth Cerini -Heart Foundation 1pm	Secretary: Kathy Bruce
Special Art Event!		
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Plein-Air (Outdoor) painting/drawing on the riverbank near the studio- best time early in morning (before 10!)	Co-ordinator: Pauline Farries
WODONGA PLANT FARM CAFÉ EXHIBITION Changeover 14 <sup>th</sup> February.	Changeover time: 2.30pm. New theme: "Monochrome"	Coordinator: Tanya Healy

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

#### **AWAS Membership**

Welcome to new members Deborah Hoare, Jane Lyons and returned member Andrew Donelly.

Members have access to our studio and regular Saturday afternoon sessions with a model, opportunities to share ideas and techniques with other artists, exhibit in group exhibitions and attend special weekend workshops with guest tutors-and get a monthly newsletter!

#### ARE YOU UP-TO-DATE WITH YOUR AWAS SUBS?

**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.

If unsure, check with our Treasurer Tony Smit. Ph 0438 402 499 or email ajs48@bjgpond.com

As annual membership is due at the beginning of the financial year, for those joining after January 1st, half the annual membership can be made. Some special exceptions can be made in consultation with the committee. If you are not financial this year you will need to fill in an application for membership form for the next year, beginning in July 2023.

#### **WODONGA PLANT FARM CAFÉ EXHIBITIONS**

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Kay Pollard recently. The Pollard family run the Wodonga Plant Farm and have supported us for many years. Kay generously gave her time and skills to enable us to display and sell our artworks at the Wodonga Plant Farm Gallery Café.

#### **PLANT FARM EXHIBITION DATES 2023**

Date From	Date to	Title
14 Feb 2023	11 Apr 2023	"Monochrome works"
11 April 2023	13 June 2023	"Landscapes and Seascapes"
13 June 2023	8 August 2023	"Feet and /or footwear"
8 August 2023	10 Oct 2023	"Rejected/Dejected"
10 Oct 2023	12 Dec 2023	"Temperature"
12 Dec 2023	13 Feb 2024	"Summer Sale"

The new exhibition theme is "Monochrome".

The time required at Plant Farm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February is no earlier than 2.30pm please. Coordinator: Tanya Healy. 02 6056 2869

#### **FUTURE AWAS MEMBERS EXHIBITIONS**

After some discussion at our last General meeting was felt that we should not commit to an Annual Members' Exhibition. We have changing exhibitions at our 2 venues (Wodonga Plant Farm Café and Gateway Village studio. These give us opportunities to continually have our work on display.

We have decided to have special, publicised exhibitions only when appropriate events arise (such as Gateway Village Open Days). We will then be able to take advantage of added publicity and the opportunity for more visitors.

#### **FUTURE AWAS MEMBERS TUTORED WORKSHOPS**

We are looking for ideas for workshops and possible tutors. As you visit galleries and see works that inspire you to expand your skills, seek out contact details for possible tutored workshops we could run.

Many of us would like some one-day workshops, ideally with local artists/tutors, so accommodation and transport does not need to be factored in to the workshop cost. Contact the workshop coordinator, Judy Balfour  $(0439\ 953\ 903)$  with your ideas.

The workshop with Steve McCall will possibly run mid-year, and Judy is negotiating a 2-day watercolour workshop tutor for August.

#### **Art Exhibitions in the Region**

The most relevant emails and fliers from arts organisations are forwarded by email to members. For entry forms and more information look up their websites, or if this is not possible for you, contact me (the secretary). Recent ones include:

Gallery 294 Corowa, A4 Art (National online art competition), Alexandra Rotary Easter Art Exhibition, Donald Art and Photography Easter Art Show (Ballarat),

Mitta Valley Art & Photography Show, Eskdale, Jan Longs Online Art lessons.

**Also:** There is an exhibition of wonderful art currently at **Lavington library**, until 25 February: "**Transformations**" **The Art of the Scott sisters (**19<sup>th</sup> Century artists): Beautiful and intricate moths and Butterflies, caterpillars, native flowers and landscapes. Don't forget to check out the exhibitions in MAMA and the Library/Museum in Albury, Hyphen in Wodonga and Art Partners in David Street, Albury.

#### The AWAS WEBSITE

When was the last time you accessed the AWAS website? <a href="www.awas@awartsoc.org">www.awas@awartsoc.org</a> Here you will find information about our society, past newsletters and other information.

#### This is the Current Committee and Coordinators

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