



ALBURY-WODONGA
ARTISTS SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

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2024 AWAS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Sunday 8th September 2pm

Set aside this special Sunday afternoon for a chance to get together with other members for the formal election of the new committee and a catch up with everyone.

The studio is nice and cosy on those cold days, and very pleasant on a sunny spring day!

We welcome nominations for the positions on the committee, as a change of Committee members is long overdue. All of the current committee are keen to have others help out in decision making and some administration tasks. A nomination form has been emailed to members and another is attached at the end of this newsletter for you to submit to the Secretary before the meeting.

Summary: What's on during SEPTEMBER

(Note dates of upcoming workshops: participants only have studio access at those times)

STUDIO sessions		
Saturday 7 th September <i>Every day except when Tutored workshops and Life drawing is on.</i>	Life Drawing 1 – 4pm \$20, \$25 non-members. (Cash preferred) Studio access for members.	Contact: Olga: 0447 770 735 Booking essential
Meetings		
Sunday 8th September 2pm	AWAS 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	Secretary: Kathy 0497 108 076
AWAS Events, Workshops & Exhibitions		
FRIDAY 27th September All day	ONE DAY TUTORED WORKSHOP Pen and wash workshop with Steve McCall (fully booked!) Studio display of artwork follows workshop. Wodonga Plant Farm Café Exhibition Theme: WATER continues	Contact: Judy 0439 953 903 For workshop details (Contact: Jill 0412 477 804 for studio display information) Contact: Tanya 0407 238 923 For Wodonga Plant Farm café exhibition details.

Please contact the listed coordinators for any enquiries about these sessions.

AWAS MEMBERSHIP:

Welcome to new AWAS members Alexandra Delich, Roy Stonebridge and Jan McClellan.
We all welcome you to join us in our studio activities, tutored workshops and exhibitions.

Future AWAS members' Exhibitions:

There are many opportunities for us to exhibit in our regular AWAS exhibitions at the Wodonga Plant Farm and the Paintbox studio/Gallery at the Gateway, plus members are often invited to participate in exhibitions at other galleries in the region. Currently opportunities advertised are to participate in open exhibitions at Gateway Gallery (formerly GIGS) and Myrtleford Art Show.

Members who have attended the studio recently decided against working towards a special 2024 Members' Exhibition, and were not interested in the proposed special aviation- themed exhibition (suggested to be held in conjunction with the Uiver anniversary in October.) Perhaps next year we can revisit the idea of special exhibitions.

EXHIBITION at THE PAINTBOX STUDIO/GALLERY AT GATEWAY VILLAGE:

Samples from our August workshops!

WODONGA PLANT FARM CAFÉ EXHIBITION:

The current exhibition with the theme "Water" continues. Thank you to those who brought their paintings in on August 13th. Changeover to the next exhibition, "**Plants**" (Alive or otherwise: trees, flowers, fungi, still life arrangements....) happens on Tuesday October 8th. At 2.30pm.

*A request from the hanging teams at the studio and Wodonga Plant Farm Cafe Exhibitions:
PLEASE LEAVE PAINTING LABELS AT THE STUDIO SO THEY CAN BE REUSED.
It takes time to create replacements and it costs AWAS for the laminating of new labels.*

Members are encouraged to think about ways in which we can offer more for members-what works for other art groups elsewhere? Perhaps you can suggest some new local workshop tutors?

Specifically, AWAS needs help in keeping some of our traditional activities going:

Here are some of our needs:

- a special Portrait session for members- suggested date is the third Saturday of October this year. The coordinator needs to find a model (Session 1pm to 4pm with 20 minute sittings).
- A coordinator for Tutored Workshops (Judy would love to have some help!)
- 2 or 3 members to arrange a special Members Exhibition 2025.

Thank you for those who have renewed their membership!

For all payments to AWAS: Hume Bank BSB: 640-000 Account No: 111256122

(Always reference with your name and what the payment is for.)

- For AWAS financial enquiries: contact our treasurer Tony (phone: 0438 402 499)
- If you have changed your email address or phone number, please remember to let us know.

To do:

Come to the AGM (Sunday Sept 8th 2pm)

Come to the studio and paint!

Prepare artworks for exhibition at the Plant Farm

Attend the Steve McCall Pen & wash tutored workshop Friday September 27th. (It's fully booked!)

Encourage your artist friends to join AWAS.

Nominate to be on the AWAS committee

Volunteer to coordinate a portrait session/organize an exhibition/ a tutored workshop/??

Get a free 20x20 canvas and enter the Myrtleford Art Show- details page 4.

Check out the other galleries at the Gateway: eg Gateway Galleries Exhibition **All 4 Paws -an exhibition for Wodonga Dog Rescue. Info: contact@gatewaygallery.au Open until 7th **September**.**

Also see Creator's **Swim exhibition in Hothouse Theatre foyer- See info page 4.**

AUGUST AWAS TUTORED WORKSHOPS *in our studio:*



WATERCOLOUR WORKSHOP REPORT.

Terry Jarvis was invited to conduct a watercolour workshop for AWAS again this year. This was held on Friday 9th and Saturday 10th of August.

The watercolour skills explored in this 2- day workshop are displayed on the walls of our studio (along with some other works by members).

Participants so enjoyed their workshop experience, Terry Jarvis plans to be back next year for a follow up watercolour experience for our members.

Some of us missed out this time, so get ready for next year! Thank you to Judy Balfour for coordinating this workshop.



*PASTEL WORKSHOP with SUE HOURIGAN. Fri 30th and Sat 31st August

Members are looking forward to this workshop at the end of this month: report next month.

Art Partners in David Street (opposite the school) has an extensive range of Art spectrum soft pastels.

AWAS member Marion Sharman also has pastel paper for sale. (Black and Burgundy) If you are interested, contact her ph. 0411315949, email marionsharman@bigpond.com



Members were saddened to hear of the passing of Alex McGregor recently. Alex lived in Mt Beauty and was a member of Albury Wodonga Artists Society for many years, long before we moved from what was known as “The Jenny Craig Building” in the Target carpark in Albury, to our current premises at Gateway Village in Wodonga. We remember his very detailed oil paintings which adorned the workshop walls and were always a feature of the Annual AWAS Members’ Art Exhibition.

EXHIBITION OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR REGION!

Spring is the season for lots of community activities to get involved in- festivals, markets and art exhibitions to enter and visit.

- **Myrtleford Art Show** is on 25th and 26th October. AWAS members have been invited to enter artworks. The closing date for entry forms is 30th September (Myrtleford WAW Bank, or Creative Crafts 4/68 Myrtle Street). Artworks are to be delivered on Friday 25th October to the Showgrounds 9am to 12 noon. (Collect works at the end of show after 4pm Saturday 26th.)

Contact coordinator **Melanie Dymond 0401 774 106.**

Free canvases are on offer! If you are interested in entering Myrtleford Art Show let us know: Melanie will deliver the arranged number of 20x20 canvases to our studio!

Contact me on 0497 108 076 in the next 2 days so we can arrange the delivery date.

- Emails from other art organisations and galleries AWAS receives are forwarded to members. Sometimes brochures appear in our studio and on our noticeboard – remember to check them out when you come in to the studio. *Perhaps Sunday 8th September 2pm when we have our AGM?*
- **Invitation to the opening of Swim’s Exhibition** Monday, 10 September at 6 pm. Creators Artspace and adjoining HotHouse foyer Shop 2/44-46 Lincoln Causeway, Wodonga. This is a FREE event and catering will be provided. The opening is from 6pm to 7pm.

After the opening at 7:30pm HotHouse theatre have a performance (**Swim by Ellen van Neerven**) This is ticketed and goes for 70 minutes. First Nations tickets are \$20 and can be purchased using the link below

<https://hothousetheatre.com.au/swim/>

Thank you, **Mr Mark-John Martyn** (he/him)
First Nations Creative Development Officer
0403 058 355 mjmartyn@murrayarts.org.au
*** Tuesday & Wednesday 9am -5pm



AWAS NOMINATION FORM FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Please note that each nomination must be countersigned by the person being nominated.

I wish to nominate the following persons for the position of:

Position	Nomination	Signature of Nominated Person
President		
Vice-President		
Secretary		
Treasurer		
Newsletter Editor (Committee Member 1)		
Committee Member 2		
Committee Member 3		

Name of Submitting Member: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name of Seconding Member: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Note that if a signature of the person nominated person cannot be obtained, please ask the person if they are willing to join the committee-get a verbal approval then submit the form at the AWAS AGM.

Current committee

President: Christina Zey, Vice President: Jill Scanlon,

Secretary: Kathleen Bruce, Treasurer: Tony Smit

Other committee members: Terri Friesen, Marion Sharman, Janelle Hoban