



ALBURY-WODONGA
ARTISTS SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

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What's on in December:

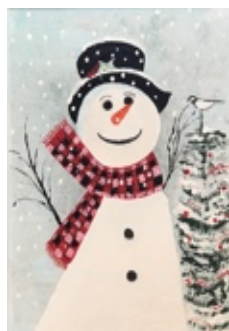
Studio sessions		
Saturday 7 th December	Life Drawing 1-4pm with model (Booking required.)	Contact: Olga 0447 770 735
Saturday 14 th December	Acrylic/Mixed media 10-4pm approx.	Contact: Jill: 0412 477 804
No Portrait session in December	<i>Most days free access for all members except during Saturday workshops when booking is required.</i>	<i>Informal.</i>
Friday 13 th December	Committee Meeting	Contact: Kathy 0497 108 076
Christmas at the Gateway		
 <p>AWAS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION DAY</p> <p>Thursday 5th December</p>	<p>Painting day to "claim our space" at the BBQ behind the studio!</p> <p>Painting: from 10am onwards;</p> <p>Celebration: from 4 to 8pm</p> <p><u>Both</u> days open to all Members to celebrate Christmas</p>	<p>Bring your own BBQ food, And a salad or nibbles/sweet treat, to share</p> <p>RSVP to the Secretary, Kathy 0497 108 076</p>
<p>Saturday 14th December</p> <p>WODONGA COUNCIL GATEWAY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION</p>	<p>Community event (Stalls, Fruit Fly Circus, buskers, workshops etc) 10am to 2pm</p> <p><i>Members' opportunity to sell, socialise, celebrate and help promote AWAS membership.</i></p>	<p>Wodonga Council request we open the studio and members help "activate" the Gateway precinct.</p> <p>Come along and PAINT!</p>
AWAS Exhibitions		
Tuesday 10 th December	<p>Plant Farm Exhibition</p> <p><i>Exhibition changeover 2.30pm Wodonga Plant Farm</i></p> <p>"Summer Sale" Maximum price \$150</p> <p>Studio exhibition continues.</p>	<p>Contact: Tanya 0407 238 923</p> <p>Contact: Jill: 0412 477 804</p>

Membership subscriptions and workshops

For all payments to AWAS: Hume Bank BSB: 640-000 Account No: 111256122
Cheques to: The Treasurer, Albury Wodonga Artists Society, PO Box 1170,
Wodonga. Vic. 3689. AWAS Treasurer: Tony Ph: 0438 402 499

AWAS CHRISTMAS EVENT: THURSDAY 5th DECEMBER 5 to 8pm

An evening at the studio, BBQ 5 to 8pm, Bring your food, AWAS supplies the drinks.



Maybe some salad and nibbles to share??

We don't really have to BBQ, but as it is right behind our studio in a nice new shelter- let's make use of it!

Members please RSVP to the Secretary to help plan expenditure on drinks.

To claim the BBQ space we need people in the BBQ area early (perhaps painting?)

Thanks to John Geraghty for this Christmas image!

THE GATEWAY CHRISTMAS EVENT: SATURDAY 14th DECEMBER

This celebration event is organised by Wodonga Council and is associated with The Borderville Festival and coincides with the Farmers' Market. All tenants at the Gateway are invited to help activate the event by organising activities and workshops. There will be lots more stalls (not just food), buskers, Fruit Fly Circus and performances.

AWAS MEMBERS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO BE OPEN AND ACTIVE TO HELP MAKE THIS A SUCCESSFUL EVENT. *LET'S COME TO THE STUDIO AND BE PAINTING!!*

It is a good opportunity for us to promote membership to AWAS!

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE

STUDIO ACTIVITIES

The Acrylic Group meet at the studio on the 2nd Saturday of the month.

The December day coincides with the Gateway Christmas event, **Saturday 14th December**, so we look forward to seeing those members all set up and ready that day!

Portraits: The first revival session of Portraits on Saturdays was held on the 3rd Saturday of October, (Oct 19th). It was well attended, as was the next one on 16th November. No session will occur in December but will recommence in January, again on 3rd Saturday of the month, 18th January, 1pm to 4pm. Regular participants take on the coordinating role in rotation.

Marion Sharman is coordinating the January session, so to book contact her on:
0411 315 949.

Workshops

Unfortunately, the "Painting pebbles with Watercolour" workshop with Graham Wade had to be cancelled due to lack of numbers by the registration date.

It is important to let us know your interest in attending workshops offered so planning with the tutor can go ahead and we can confirm the workshop a reasonable time before the set date.

Are you interested in a calligraphy workshop next year with Japanese artist Emi? Let the workshop coordinator or secretary know.
Judy 0439 953 903 or Kathy 0497 108 076



Tutored Workshops- We are seeking more **ideas for workshops for next year**, especially an acrylic workshop. Tutors from this year, (Terry Jarvis-watercolour, Sue Hourigan-pastel and Steve McCall-pastel), have expressed a willingness to run workshops again.

STUDIO EXHIBITION: CHANGEOVER JANUARY



Thank you to all those members who have supported our Studio Exhibitions this year. It gives members opportunities to showcase their love of painting and encourages more members to participate and contribute. As well, it is another opportunity to sell your work.

The November exhibition is colourful and will remain throughout December.

Hopefully we will have some sales from the studio on the Christmas celebration day at the Gateway on Sat 14th December!



All paintings need to be removed from the studio by Thursday 2nd January to make way for the Life Drawing 4- day Marathon Friday 3rd to Monday 6th January, followed by their exhibition.

DECEMBER: AWAS WODONGA PLANT FARM EXHIBITION

The December exhibition at the Plant Farm will be our “**Summer Sale**”. The maximum price is to be \$150, making them ideal gifts. This remains over the holiday period. It may be an idea to have some substitute works on hand to replace all that will be sold during the holiday period!!! Changeover date is Tuesday 10th December at 2.30pm.

The hanging wire on the back of paintings be loose enough to fit a hand in between the wire and the painting but not so loose as to be seen above the work when hung. The wire should be secured 1 third of the way from the top to be well balanced.

AWAS commission on painting sales: members need to be aware that AWAS policy is that the price of any artwork brought to the plant farm (or the studio) for sale at an AWAS exhibition must include the AWAS commission of 15%. This applies from the moment it enters the premises (eg the carpark).

The themes for the Wodonga Plant Farm Café Exhibitions for 2025 are:

- February: Babies or infants- any species! (Chickens! Puppies! Kittens! Tadpoles!.....)
- April: Gold- colour, metal, plants, jewellery.....
- June: Monochrome- Tones of one colour, plus black and white. (Any subject matter)
- August: From Abstract to Realism (this could be still-life)
- October: Landscapes and Seascapes
- December: Summer Sale

JANUARY: THE STUDIO IN AIR- CONDITIONED COMFORT!

The 4-day January Life Drawing Marathon is on again: Friday 3rd to Monday 6th January. Morning session 9am to 12; afternoon session 1pm to 4pm. Evening sessions (6pm to 9pm) on Friday and Sunday. Book in for single sessions (approx.\$25) or all sessions. Bookings are essential: contact the coordinator, Olga 0447 770 735. The 2 week life Drawing studio exhibition will follow.

After the **January Life Drawing** exhibition, on **22nd January**, we will then hang a new studio exhibition. All artworks need to be for sale, and have all the correct information on the labels.

The Portrait Session, with a model, will be on Saturday January 18th 1 to 4pm. Book with Marion Sharman 0411 315 949.

The Acrylic Group plan to meet 10am to approx. 2pm January 11th January.

“ART AT THE FAIR” A one-day group exhibition.

AWAS painters were invited to join with other artists in a **one-day exhibition “Art at the Fair” Saturday November 9th** at St David’s Uniting Church in Albury. We had lots of works by local artists as well as Scot’s school student work. Thanks to AWAS members for their support by offering their paintings for exhibition for the day.

