



ALBURY - WODONGA
ARTISTS SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

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What's on in JUNE:

Studio sessions		
Saturday 7th	Life Drawing 1 – 4pm \$20 booking essential	Contact Olga 0447 770 735
Saturday 14th	Acrylic/Mixed Media 10 - 4pm	Contact Jill: 0412 477 804
Saturday 21st	Portraits 1 – 4pm \$12 booking essential	Contact Kathy 0497 108 076
Daily studio access for members, except when Life Drawing and tutored workshops are on.		Informal.
Meetings		
Friday 13 th	Committee Meeting 1.30pm	Contact Secretary 0497 108 076
Wednesday 18th	General Members Meeting (formal) 1pm	
Events, workshops exhibitions		
Tuesday July 8 th	Exhibition continues all June Changeover next month.	Contact Jill: 0412 477 804
Tuesday 10th	New exhibition 2.30pm “Monochrome”	Contact Tanya 0407 238 923

This month we have a **Formal General meeting** on Wednesday 18th at 1pm.

Please try to come- we need more than just the organizing committee!

We keep the meetings short – we know everyone would rather paint and chat!

Note that June 30th is the end of the financial year: this means it will be time to renew your membership for the coming year: Your \$100 membership gives you unlimited access to the studio and our facilities, our library, exhibitions, newsletters, priority registration at Tutored Workshops and Saturday sessions. And, of course, lots of like-minded friends!

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.
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TUTORED WORKSHOP

Calligraphic painting with Ink and brush, May 23rd and 24th with tutor Emi Kamataki.

There was not much dramatic ink splashing going on! Such a thoughtful, disciplined approach opened our eyes to the skills in those deceptively simple bamboo, flower and landscape paintings we can see in traditional Asian art. All participants went away with ideas to apply these skills in their paintings, and the need to practice!

You can see samples of our work hanging in the studio. Thank you, Midori, for your hospitality, and Emi, for once again conducting an enjoyable, informative workshop with AWAS.



AWAS MEMBERSHIP

At our recent committee meeting we approved 4 new membership applications. All have attended the studio sessions recently and are known by current members.

Welcome to:

Louisa Cordoba, Roy Mills, Robyn White and Leonie Hartwig.

MEMBER NEWS

Cathie Waller and Terri Friesen sold paintings at the Mitta Valley Art Show at Dartmouth. Cathie also sold her award- winning painting at Bright.

We were saddened to hear that AWAS member Pauline (also known as Paul) Farries, passed away Sunday 11th May.



All who knew her enjoyed her infectious, happy outlook on life. She loved painting, especially outdoors: she continued creating her colourful, impressionist style works right up to her last days.

Some of Pauline's paintings will be in the auction to be held at Gateway Gallery on Saturday evening, June 14th 5.30pm. This auction is inspired by Pauline and is in aid of **Country Hope**, the charity organization for children with cancer, which she has previously supported.



AWAS PUBLICITY

A topic that has been discussed recently is the need for more publicity for membership and for our workshops. We are missing out on opportunities by not updating our social media presence. We need to encourage new members to help out as the present committee do not have the skills to do this.

We may have to pay to have a professional to create a presence on Facebook and update our website. There may be members willing to commit time to maintain these once they have been updated.

USING OUR STUDIO

All members can make use of our studio at any time (except when sessions with booked models or visiting tutor workshops are on). Tuesdays and Fridays seem to be quiet days when few members are around. It often remains closed all day. If we want to make painting sales from our studio/ gallery it is good to have it open to the public as often as we can. We do not want to introduce rosters, but it would be good to see some more artistic activity happening sometimes!

Note: Remember to turn off the air conditioners- the one in the meeting room as well as the studio. Also, there is the public BBQ behind the studio, if you can brave the cold!

AWAS SATURDAY SESSIONS in June

Studio sessions:

Life Drawing is scheduled for Saturday 7th June 1-4pm. Contact Olga (see list page 1) during the week to book and she will email details.

Acrylics, mixed-media Saturday 14th June. Time is usually 10am to 2pm. This is open to members who are using any art media when they can continue their individual art projects.

Portraits- Yes, we have a willing model and a coordinator this month: Saturday 21st 1-4 pm. Please text Kathy (see list page 1) to book.

AWAS Exhibitions:

Wodonga Plant Farm Changeover: 10th June. Bring work in to the Gallery Café at 2.30pm. June and July: Monochrome- Tones of one colour, plus black and white. (Any subject) Please make sure labelling is complete on the back of the work and it is ready to hang.

AWAS Studio: Come in to the studio and check out the *Sumi-e* brush & ink paintings. Next Studio Changeover: 8th July.

Regional Events/Galleries etc

Gateway Gallery: Collage exhibition until 7/6, plus lots of other nice goodies.

Country Hope Auction: Exhibition opens 3rd June, Auction Sat. 14th June 5.30pm.

Hyphen Wodonga, Mama, Albury

294 Gallery Corowa: Until 29th June (10-4 Fri- Mon) Recycled, Repurposed, Reimagined.

Art Gallery on Ovens Wangaratta: thirty x thirty June 5-16

Alpine Arts Trail Open Studios June 7,8,9, 10am-3pm Visit five unique Visual Artists in their studios in the Kiewa Valley this King's Birthday long weekend. See works in progress, chat with the makers: Bronwyn Van de Graaff (19 Highland Crt Tawonga Sth); Charlie Brown (Mountain Side Gallery); Kate Maclurcan (Mountain Arts Contemporary); Daniel A Vard (Mountain Arts contemporary, Summit Views); Joanne Russell (Summit views, 173 Kiewa Valley Highway Tawonga) Brochures & map in our studio and Tourist Info centres.

Aurora at Albury Botanic Gardens 4-27th July Bookings open now.

Thurgoona Community Centre Art Show will be held October 10th and 11th. Their aim is to promote local artists, so they invite AWAS members to participate. They are not charging any commission on sales. Works in by Thursday 9th October. \$10 entry, with a limit of 3 per artist. The coordinator is Judy Lockwood. A flyer and entry forms will be available in June.

To do this month:

- Book in for Life Drawing this Saturday, or Portraits 21st June
- Come to the auction at Gateway Gallery 14th June, 5.30pm.
Bid for a painting-raise money for Country Hope, Pauline Farries' favourite charity.
- Go outdoors and do some drawing/painting
- Bring your painting in to the Plant Farm Changeover June 10th "Monochrome"
- Check out some art events and galleries in the region
- Come to the Members meeting Wednesday 18th 1pm
- Prepare another artwork to go into the studio next month.