



EXHIBITION

SAVE THE DATE! JAZZ YOUR BLUES AWAY, DIAMOND JUBILEE EXHIBITION: 31 OCTOBER - 5 NOVEMBER 2024

Yes it's that time of year again and it's our DIAMOND JUBILEE year. That might not be entirely true, we're older but between covid and the section 33 nonsense, we deserve a party! Plus we've been painting as a group since 1962. What's not to celebrate?

Marina's brain is popping with diamond themed ideas. Lets not give her a brain aneurysm and just let her imagination go wild on all things diamond themed.

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SESSION TIMES

Open Monday to Friday!

If closed for any reason please call one of the contacts listed above. New hours to be advised.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

23 June 2024 - Life Drawing with Annette Lawson 1pm - 4pm and 5pm - 7pm (please book with Annette 0457 499 257)

Tues, 2 July 2024: 5:30pm
Next Committee Meeting

31 Oct - 5 Nov 2024 -
Diamond Jubilee Exhibition

I think the very best part of creativity is collaborating with friends and colleagues. Admittedly, mine happen to be bears, pigs, rats, chickens, and penguins but you go with whatever works for you.
- Kermit the Frog

So get cracking and bust out your paint brushes and paint some Bob Ross 'Happy Little Trees' or diamonds because 'We don't make mistakes, just happy accidents'

Theme ideas are still in discussion along with seeking sponsorship for prizes. Lets make this year special. If you're involved with a business or prepared to sponsor a prize please let the committee know.

Seriously though, your warning order has been issued well in advance. Please enter something you've painted, sculptured, photographed or crafted in the last two years.

LIFE DRAWING: Annette Lawson's Life Drawing Class is on Sunday 23rd of June. The studio is closed to non-participants. The cost per participant will be \$40 and \$45 for non-members to cover the cost of the model. If you'd like to attend this event please let Annette know as it's now advertised far and wide! Book early to avoid disappointment.

Wendy Stephens' life drawing group has been postponed until September.

Please note that both of these activities may involve nudity. The human form is a complex object which allows artists to learn essential techniques. Observing and interpreting the human body trains an artist to see almost every form found in nature.

If you want activities organised your support is required. Please book early so facilitators are aware of your interest.

IT'S A FRAME JOB! Louise Carlisle has offered to do a framing workshop which would cover matboard cutting, colour matching and advice as each medium has it's own special requirements for framing.

This will be a three hour workshop with a maximum number of participants set by Louise at six members only. She will also have mat cutters available for purchase. This workshop will cost \$50 for members \$55 for non-members and will be popular so book early! The date hasn't been set but will be well before our Exhibition in early November, so you'll have plenty of time to sort out your entries.

MEMBERS NO LONGER LOCKED OUT: Current list of members with keys: Michael Dodd, Helen Gibson, Marina Foad, John Baker, Robyn White, Margo Zautsen, Russell Hunt, Annette Lawson, Mary Ellis and Thea Day. With everyday covered there should be no issue with any members accessing the studio.



ART EVENTS

Art Gallery on Ovens

See Art Gallery on Ovens for more details.

6 - 17 June - Open Exhibition 30 x 30 cm sq

20 - 24 June - Rainbow Ridge: An exhibition of paintings by Marg Bennett

27 June - 8 July - Pots and Boxes: a joint exhibition by featured artists David Hall and Susie Buykx

Wangaratta Art Gallery

27 April - 23 June 2024 - Petite Miniatures Textiles 2024

31 May - 27 August 2024 - Bloom by Helen Heywood, WPACC Foyer Gallery

Bright Art Gallery & Cultural Centre:

29 June - 14 July: Winter Exhibition

Benalla Art Gallery

Online Exhibition - The Benalla Art Gallery Collection

02/06/2023-2024 (Ledger Gallery)

The Bennett Bequest

3 May - 23 June 2024 Janet Leith: Melancholia

17 May - 28 July 2024

■ Claire Beausein: Smells Like Rain and Ruth Johnstone

■ Lesley Duxbury: Embrace the Eucalypt

■ Hans Heysen and Mathew James MacNally: Light Shines, Shadows Fall

5 Jul - 18 Aug 2024 - Mimi Leung: Growing Up With You

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Gallery is open 10-4pm Wed - Sun and most public holidays

Housekeeping:

Reminder for people to clean up after yourself including spilt paint when you've finished painting for the day, to please turn off the **heating** if used, turn off the lights and make sure both doors are locked.

OPENING HOURS: Following RCOW advise in regards to opening hours we would like members to let us know your hours. If we don't hear from you about a day/s of your choice we won't be able ensure a member with a key is available.

Weekend opening has been informally discussed amongst Committee members. If this is of interest to you please let the Secretary know so it can formally be put on the agenda. (secretary@wangartists.org.au)

WANGARATTA SHOW SOCIETY: Wangaratta Show Society has invited us to participate with entries in their upcoming show on Friday 10 - Saturday 11 October 2024. The schedule has not yet been released but will be accessible on their website or by attending their office. We're not sure if they want us to have a display under our Society or as separate members. More information to follow.

BLOOMING MARVELLOUS: We are thrilled to announce that we have the exclusive opportunity to host a couple of workshops by the renowned artist, Jacqueline Coates, in August. Jacqueline is widely recognized as one of Australia's leading artists and has been honored with Global Awards for Excellence for the past three years. She is the founder of the French Art School located in the picturesque region of Creuse in the Limousin, following in the footsteps of Claude Monet. Additionally, she has pioneered several online painting programs that have successfully guided beginners to advanced artists with her innovative learning methods.

The proposed timeline for her workshops is as follows:

- Saturday, August 3: One-day Blooms workshop
- Sunday, August 4: One-day Blooms Workshop
- Monday, August 5: Members (generously discounted) one-day workshop and/or color mixing workshop.
- Thursday, August 8 - Monday, August 12: Blooms in oils or maybe acrylic painting

These workshops cater to individuals at all skill levels, from beginners to advanced artists. Bookings can be made directly through Jacqueline Coates. Moreover, Jacqueline has kindly offered to contribute a painting as a means of fundraising, and she has also expressed her willingness to promote our society through her own podcast. Please note that this program is yet to be finalised, and we will keep you updated as we progress.

ARTIST IN FOCUS: As a matter of interest it is not considered sub-letting to support a member to have a solo exhibiton at the studio. Maybe it's time to resurrect 'Artist in Focus' in which the ability to sell your art is allowed with the normal contribution of 20% of an art sale to go towards WAS inc. purposes. Please register your interest with the Secretary. (secretary@wangartists.org.au)

GRANTS: A grant committee has been formed and are now looking into grants and costings of workshops.

TEAM - Together Everyone Achieves More: A job worth doing is worth doing together. Together we stand, together we fall. All for one and one for all.

CHERYL MCCORMACK DONATION: Marg Scott has been honouring Cheryl McCormack family bequest by rehoming the last of her donated craft items. Some went to a knitting group in Benalla, some went to a Kindergarten with the remainder going to a craft group in Melbourne. The committee would like to thank Marg for the time and effort she put into a difficult task.

Life is just like painting. Draw the lines with hope, erase the errors with tolerance, dip the brush with lots of patience and colour it with love.... UNKNOWN