# GDAS NEWS

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## **Next Meeting**

Thursday 13 September, 11am General and AGM at Goulburn Workers Club, Station Restaurant.

## Exhibition Meeting

**Thur 23 August, 11am** in the Art Room, open to all members, for further planning and enveloping the entry forms for our annual exhibition.

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 The AGM: Saturday, 11 August, 2018

## **President's Report to the AGM**

The last year has been a very productive year for the Art Society with two very successful exhibitions: the Annual Works Club Art Prize, at which we sold 12 paintings and The Roses exhibition, held at the new venue in the Veolia Arena, in which we sold 14 paintings and had lots of people come through. We also have had 7 wonderful workshops in the last year including Pen and Wash with Helen De jonge, Nell Anderson with watercolour, 2 days acrylic with Helen Cottle, 2 days watercolour with Chan Dissanayake, acrylic with Marion Schumacher, Pastel with Tracey Millar and in July watercolour with Isla Patterson. Also on the first Saturday of each month Life Drawing with our models Katya and Alex Mortensen, thank you both for the wonderful opportunity to do this.

This year the Art Society moved into a new room here at the Angels for the Forgotten building that we hire for Thursdays and Saturdays. Unfortunately we are not able to leave anything in the room as it is used for other events. I am hoping this will change in the next year and we will have moved into our permanent home in the new Community Centre, which is now the Council depot. I would like to thank all the committee members who helped during the previous year:

Vice President and Editor, Alex Mortensen for his wonderful newsletters and keeping us informed.

Our Secretary, Lesley Whitten, for her hard work and enthusiasm, especially with the main exhibition.

Treasurer Alan Whitten, for keeping us financial.

Minutes Secretary, Julia Laybutt - great job Julia.

Webmaster, Ekaterina Mortensen, for the wonderful job she does. And Patricia Mueller for putting

posts on Facebook. Happy painting,

Helen

## FOR YOUR CALENDAR

August 25 Watercolours Workshop for Beginners & Intermediates

**September 1** Life Drawing (untutored)

October 6 Life Drawing (untutored)

> October 12-14 Annual Exhibition

**November** Acrylic Workshop with palette knife

## August 2018

## Other Exhibitions & Events

#### Goulburn Regional Art Gallery - the Archibald Exhibition,

29 June - 19 August 2018. http://www. goulburnregionalartgallery. com.au/site/future.php

ASOC - Workshops available: Mark Dober - Watercolour Seascapes and Landscapes in August; Wayne Davis - Oils in August; Tracy Creighton - Mixed Media in October. Summer School: see ASOC website. Spring Exhibition 2018 16-25 November, The Fitters Workshop, Kingston. https://asoc.net.au

Queanbeyan Art Society Queanbeyan Art Show & Market during Floriade. 22-30 September

Shoalhaven Art Society 53rd Annual Open Art Exhibition, August. For details and entry forms: https:// shoalhavenartsociety. wordpress.com or email: artsocietyshoalhaven@gmail. com

Bungendore Fine Art Gallery Our member, Hans van Haalen, is guest artist at Bungendore Fine Art Gallery, 42b Ellendon St Bungendore, for the month of August.

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE IN A SCRATCHBOARD WORKSHOP?

We may be able to run this workshop in September. Two members has expressed interest. If you want to be in it, please contact Helen on 4829 2300.



# **GDAS Workshops**

**25 August, 2018** Watercolour for Beginners & Intermediates with Helen De Jonge 10am-4pm in The Art Room. Cost: GDAS members \$10, non-members \$40. This will carry on from previous workshops for beginners and some of the various techniques will be shown so that a painting(s) will be produced on the day. Beginners are welcome.

November, 2018 Acrylics Using Palette Knife with Janette McGuffog

Precise date and details to be advised.

**7-8 April 2019** Watercolour landscapes with Chan Disssanyake. Details to be advised in a future newsletter.

To reserve your place and to find out more details or make suggestions for any workshop, phone Helen De Jonge 4829 2300.

## MEMBERS, GOOD NEWS IS COMING!

We are currently in consultation with council to secure a permanent home. At last week's council meeting a motion was passed and accepted by council to not sell the Bourke St Council Depot premises. Cr Peter Walker and myself viewed the site prior to the council meeting.

These premises will be renovated and become a community centre.

We are looking at a large portion that council used for stores, complete with bathroom, kitchen and plenty of room for workshops and storage. The site will be used by GDAS exclusively.

The executive committee will view these premises as soon as possible.

Cheers Lesley

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\$30 per annum.

You can still pay.

## **Membership Benefits**

- Far cheaper entry fees in the annual exhibition (\$15/entry for non-members)
- Very cheap entry fee for the Rose Festival exhibition
- Cheaper fees for workshops
- Free untutored sessions, eg life drawing
- Use of our current art room on Thursdays and Saturdays
- Good company of members with whom you can paint and discuss art ideas
- In the near future the wonderful benefits of our new and permanent home - we have looked forward to this for so many years: weeklong access, larger spaces, our own facilities, studio and exhibition space, storage. It's exciting to think about!

#### Why Pay \$25 or even \$15 for a Life Drawing Session?

Your Goulburn & District Art Society provides these sessions FREE, yes that is FREE – FREE – FREE to its members - on 4 occasions so far this year, namely on the first Saturday of the month 10am to 1pm. Elsewhere you may pay \$15 or \$25 for a 2 hour session.

How can you participate in these sessions? Just be a GDAS member at just \$30 per annum. Look at the saving you will make by joining the GDAS. You'll be well in front by jsut attending one or two of these sessions. While untutored you will still be given some guidance if needed.

Make the most of it by coming along. If you know of other artists and aspiring artists interested in life drawing invite them to join so they, too, can enjoy these benefits.

If you would like to join the small team who model free of charge to members please let us know so that you can be allocated a date for modelling. It's a good way of learning to model if you have never done it before. Just contact the vice president.

There are also other cost saving benefits of membership. (See Membership & Benefits item on page 2).

# Next Life Drawing sessions are on:

#### Saturdays 1st September, 6th October Free to members. Bring A4 or larger sketch book or sheet paper and easel. You'll find 6B or softer pencils are useful. Charcoal is great to use. Sessions

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"Well, usually when the model dies the life drawing class is over."



## **The August Life Drawing Session**

Seven members were at our session on Saturday, 4th August plus our female model who provided us with basic and challenging poses to keep us on our toes. While doing the introductory one minute sketches we gathered behind Stavros to observe his expertise in producing a coloured pencil sketch. He then did the same again but took longer to more carefully explain the process. Thank you very much, Stavros, as this sharing of skills is most valuable and is what we can do in any of our untutored sessions.

It was pleasing to see the quality of the drawings that participants

produced - even with a first timer at life drawing. Of course we all enjoyed the session. It gives us encouragement to continue with these free to members life drawing sessions.

Why do the models, who are members of GDAS, do it free? It's because we believe that members of our art society should get some benefits without having to dip into their pockets making it affordable for all of us. As well we are sharing something that we can do with the members and we know that they are appreciative and respectful.





## **From the Editor**

I am pleased that I have again been elected as Editor - it is a role that I really enjoy. Thank you very much for all the time you spend on it, Katya, with your skills in the layout and various intricacies that are beyond my computer skills. Thank you, Julia, for sharing your photos of your exciting tour to the Kimberleys wonderful "food" for the artistic mind. Again I invite members to share with us their experiences, especially art experiences, such as visits to galleries and workshops. Simply send brief information and photos to me at alexgamort@gmail or to the secretary or give information to me at the art room.

We have an exciting year ahead with the fantastic news in regard to a new home for us. It's what we have waited for many decades to happen so I trust that all members will really make the most of it.

Alex Mortensen, Editor

People discuss my art and pretend to understand as if it were necessary to understand, when it's simply necessary to love. - Claude Monet

https://www.claude-monet. com/quotes.jsp

# Julia's Holiday to the Kimberley



Julia told us of the very enjoyable cruise along the coast, the delicious meals including one with the captain, the exciting helicopter flight and of course we can see a little of the magical scenery that must have given her much artistic inspiration. It would be a wonderful place to visit.





## **Our Sponsors**

The GDAS has numerous sponsors who give us a variety of forms of sponsorship that is of great assistance to the running of our organisation. We thank them all.

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### Important When Using the Art Room

On Thursdays and Saturdays members will have to set up the folding tables and move chairs for use. They MUST be placed back where you got them from before you depart. Each member must assist with this. You will need to bring your own tea/coffee/sugar/ milk and mug for making your cuppas as they are not provided in this room or kitchenette. Also make sure you leave the sink area clean and tidy. Thanks for your cooperation.

#### **GDAS Website**

Members, please email a few images of your art works so our webmaster could include your work on the website. Email: alexgamort@gmail.com



GETTING READY: Lesley and Helen with one of the new banners for our annual October exhibition. They are printed on vinyl to be hung on busy roads to attract more visitors.

## **Around the Traps**

President Helen and Secretary Lesley are galivanting off to their Grampian Brushes for an arty weekend on 8-9th September. They should come back with even more art ideas.

## Welcome to new member

We offer a hearty welcome to artist, Victoria Wright. We trust that we will see you at at our meetings, painting days and exhibitions, Victoria.

## **Workshop Art & Annual Exhbition**

This is a reminder to members and other entrants to the Goulburn. Workers Club Annual Art Prize.

Do not enter works that were done by you in a workshop.

You should also be aware of copyright laws in regard to using the works of others - this includes the use of other people's photographs as the subject of your paintings.

# 12-14 OCTOBER 2018

\$1000 1st PRIZE overall winner (Acquisitive)
\$500 1st PRIZE in each painting sections
\$250 1st PRIZE in each prints, photography
& miniature sections

OPENING NIGHT 11 October, 6.30pm

FOR FULL INFORMATION & ENTRY FORM SEE www.artsociety.goulburn.net.au OPEN TO ALL Artists