

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

20.2.18

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Welcome everyone to our Newsletter.

CPAS have just finished another member's exhibition at the Wistaria Fete. Overall, this exhibition was a great success. We managed to sell the same amount of large paintings as last year, 21 in total which is a very pleasing result. The gardens were a delight to witness in all its colourful spring glory.

Our next show is only a few weeks away. I hope everyone is adding the finishing touches to their painting for our Foundation Day Open Arts Awards. Although we have lost the Parramatta Town Hall for the venue (for a couple of years) next best is that we are hosting the exhibition at our Hunter St Gallery of Fine Arts.

The weather certainly is warming up. I often wonder does the changing season reflect on the subjects we choose to paint. Spring is synonymous for a spring clean up. I should practice what I preach...my studio at home certainly needs a tidy up. Thanks to Jan Toulis for giving our gallery a clean up. We have fresh clean cupboards & a general clean for our upcoming open arts awards.

Just a friendly reminder regarding memberships. At CPAS we value our members & keep our gallery in great condition and you need to be a paid up financial member to be able to exhibit in the gallery. Well that's all for now & Happy Painting.

Geoff Sellman CPAS President

GALLERY REPORT

The Hunter St Gallery continues to create interest on Hunter St. This is expressed by patrons of the Justice St Car Park.

Our final Solo Exhibition "Paintings from My Heart" by Ruhullah Naqshbandi created a great deal of interest. Ruhullah, a member with an international reputation produced a show of outstanding talent and beauty, taking the viewer on a journey from New Zealand, Australia and to the bazaars of Kabul.

A feature of the Exhibition was a series of portraits that did everything but speak. A superb portrait of Julie Owens MP, who opened the show, was the highlight of the exhibition, a gift presented to her by Ruhullah which left her short for words, quite an achievement for a politician. A very successful Exhibition.

At present the Gallery is in "sales mode" not as glamorous as usual, but creating good sales. All paintings hanging are marked at half price showing a genuine reduction. This will continue over Christmas and the New Year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers for their help and enthusiasm, without which life would be difficult. Best wishes for Christmas and looking forward to an exciting New Year.

NEW FORMAT FOR NEWSLETTER AND INFORMATION

We are changing our communications method with the hope of keeping you informed but not overloaded with information, "keep it simple". The majority of us have email address which makes contact more affordable and instant. Some of these changes will be:

- Quarterly Newsletters (we will no longer produced Monthly)
- Updates for What's On will be sent twice a month or when necessary
- Reminders for Special functions will also be sent separately

Thank you for the kind thoughts from some who enjoy the banter in the previous Newsletters, we will try to find a happy medium and keep it interesting. Now that the Website is up to date, those that are able should use it to confirm activates. Many thanks, Newsletter Editor

MEET & GREET INVITATION - MOST IMPORTANT - SEE ATTACHMENT

NEW MEMBER TO THE TEAM - CARMEL MACKIE

Carmel has kindly offered her time to help out with our Website. She has been working with Baz our treasurer to get this up to date and has plans for improved the content and usage in the future. If you wish to include some of your artwork on our Website, contact her so we can gauge the need. Thank you for giving your time and expertise and joining this dedicated group that wants to keep Parramatta Art Society at the for-front of Art in Parramatta. We are grateful for your help as it will lighten others load.

SUB – COMMITTEES

Just think of how many other facilities we could offer, but to do this we will need with the help of other members who are willing to give a little of their time and expertise. Give it a try, at least talk to us, you have nothing to lose.

POSITION VACANCY

We are looking for a new Treasurer, Barry our wonderful treasurer will be resigning due to life changes at our AGM in July 2018 so we need to find a replacement. If you are recently retired or have time on your hands and have experience with accounts, please contact me and we will set up a meeting.

You do not necessarily need to be a member but some association with CPAS would be preferable. The new Treasurer can be your partner someone wanting to keep their mind active and meet many like minded people. Experience with MYOB would help but not essential. We need someone who is community minded to join our group. Contact Dianna to arrange an interview. 0410603023 dianna.miller@bigpond.com

PLEIN AIR OUTINGS

Next year we will be looking for someone to organise three outings for the year, not a big job, could be a lot of fun finding these locations around Parramatta and/or Sydney. If this interests you, please talk to Dianna 0410603023 dianna.miller@bigpond.com

A SPEEDY RECOVERY

To our friends who are recovering from illnesses and recouping after surgery, we always have you in our thoughts.

Our wishes and prayers go out to all our friends, special thoughts go to our friends Tony Ross, Hugh Talbot and Toni Crnkovic and Peggy McGovern who recently had a fall. Get well soon.

NEW NOTICE BOARD

As you will notice we have a new, neat notice board, which we will keep up to date with your help. If you see anything "out of date" let us know and we will remove it. We will also include Current Exhibitions and if you have something to share it can also go on the board.

Or up to date SCHEDULE OF EVENTS will also be available.

INTERNAL MAIL

WATCH FOR ENVELOPES WITH YOUR NAME on the board. This is a quick way of moving correspondence about and saving postage. It may also get to you quicker for those that visit regularly; we may also use it for other correspondence, e.g. Membership cards, special reminders etc.

HELP OUT IN THE KITCHEN

Thank you for members who have dropped off supplies for the kitchen, it is great to have your help. We do appreciate these donations. Members are always welcome to drop in for a cuppa and biscuit when you visit.

FREE SKETCH CLUB EVERY WEDNESDAY AVO

11 – 4 Painting, Sketching, Pastels, Watercolour; whatever medium you wish. Free to those looking to join or who are already members and want to catch up with friends, meet new members and talk to experienced artists and new members.

Spend a few hours sketching, painting, whatever takes your fancy, bring your own equipment and we will supply tea, coffee & biscuits.

THE MAIL BOX

A place to leave your entries & correspondence is on the Office Desk. Leave suggestions or complaints, internal mail ETC. ETC.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to all new members come in and talk to us at the Studio & Gallery, meet your fellow members, Wednesday Free Sketch Club. Attend our Demonstrations every third Saturday for \$10, it is good value and another way of meeting other members and seeing a huge variety of interesting and experienced artists. That price includes beverages and great nibbles during the break.

GALLERY EXHIBITIONS

As you know we do themes for our exhibitions, if you would like to suggest some themes for us we would be happy to consider them. We do value your input



CHRISTMAS EXHIBITION

"Half Price Christmas Sales" was very popular, sold around 24 framed paintings and numerous matted works of art, congratulations to all artists that have contributed

SECURITY CONCERNS

Some concerns have been raised regarding security. For safety reason we always have two or more people in attendance. If you can spare a couple of hours especially on Saturdays that would be welcome.



NEW CLASSES

_Ruhullah Naqshbandi -

Held at our Studio in Hunter St, Portraiture, Tuesday Afternoon, 4pm to 6pm Teacher, \$30 per class bring your own media - paper, pencils, charcoal to begin, Please contact Ruhullah is looking for new students. Phone Dianna 0410603023 or Ruhullah 0423529609 dianna.miller@bigpond.com



LIFE DRAWING

FIRST AND SECOND TUESDAY NIGHTS OF EACH MONTH

Sharpen your pencils and see what you can produce. Price remains at \$15 per session, Ask friends to *Come Along!* If you have never been before, give it a try!

ROSTER

Some members worry about what's expected of them on Roster, there is always a Committee Member on duty to handle the cash and eftpos sales, we don't expect you to do this. We ask you to walk around the Gallery, greet visitors, promote the gallery and hand them a Catalogue if they need them, Remember too much chatter can sometimes kill a sale; leave them time to study the paintings. Each visitor should be handed a Gallery flyer and their email address obtained, ask them to fill in the visitors book and include their email address. This is the only way we can invite these buyer back to other Exhibitions, so it is very important.

Talk to customers, ask Angus what his procedure is, and learn his skill! It is a great buzz to sell a painting. 2-3 hours a week or fortnight would help out, some members come once a month on a certain day. It all helps, it gives you time to catch up with friends and meet new ones. It also allows the committee members who put in a lot of hours to have a break or do jobs they have to do. Your help will always be appreciated. You will never be left alone in the premises.

If you are not comfortable with selling there are always other jobs to do, in the kitchen area, wash up, maybe sweep the floor or empty bins, dust the shelves & paintings, Dianna always has mailing, copying and odd jobs that need doing, etc. etc, ask if there is anything you can do. If you are keen to drop off pamphlets throughout Parramatta, let us know.

2018 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR MONTHLY							
info	jan	CHANGEOVER	sun	Jan-14			Pickup G20 - Drop of G21
	month	Details	Day	From	Day	To	More Details
feb	feb	CLASSES					MON am/pm, TUE pm, WED pm, THU am/pm SAT am
	feb	CHANGEOVER	sun	Feb-25			Pickup G21 - Drop of G22
G22	feb/apr	G22 - GALLERY	wed	Feb-28	sun	Apr-22	G22 - PARRAMATTA - PAST & PRESENT
8 weeks		"FEATURED ARTIST"					BRIAN RICHARDSON
		MEET & GREET - COUNCIL	fri	Mar 7	12-7pm		MEET & GREET FOR COUNCILLORS & BUSINESSES & MEMBERS
		raffle tickets available					Beautiful Painting Donated by Colina Will be drawn at Winston Hills Bunnings - Rydalmere - will need helpers please phone
	mar	BUNNINGS	sat	Mar-17			
CLOSED	mar	Public Holidays	fri	Mar-30			Good Friday GALLERY CLOSED
CLOSED	mar	Public Holidays	sat	Mar-31			Day following Good Friday GALLERY CLOSED
	mar	DEMO	sat	Mar-10			CHRIS VIDAL DEMO
	mar	WORKSHOP-CPAS	sun	Mar-25			to be organised
	mar	LIFEDRAWING	tue	6 & 13			6th Mar organised 13TH TO BE ORGANISED
		CLASSES					MON am/pm, TUE pm, WED pm, THU am/pm SAT am
WH12	apr	WH12 - WINSTON HILLS		Apr-09	sun	Apr-15	WINSTON HILLS
	apr	Deliver Paintings		Apr-09	sun		TO WINSTON HILLS SHOPPING TOWN

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Always contact us if you have suggestions and ideas, we will always discuss and consider their merits within our workload

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ALWAYS CHECK DATES WITH US BEFORE COMMITTING AS THEY MAY CHANGE DUE TO CANCELLATIONS ETC

WATCH OUR WEBSITE - <http://parra-artsociety.com.au>

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