



SAWTELL ART GROUP INC. NEWSLETTER

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2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY 10th MARCH, 2015
6.30 pm
Venue: Sawtell Art Group,
Cnr. Lyons & Bayldon Roads, Sawtell

2015 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL - If you are renewing your membership for 2015, please fill in the enclosed form and return to the Art Centre.
If you know of anyone who would like to become a member, please make a copy for them or direct them to the website as the form and class information are all there. New members will require a nominator and a seconder (as per the Model Constitution) but that can be by any financial member/s.

S.A.G.EXHIBITION CHANGOVER

OUTGOING
MEMBERS CHRISTMAS
EXHIBITION
Opened November 2014
Collect from Monday 23rd to Friday
27th March 2015 between 10 & 3

INCOMING
ANZAC EXHIBITION (no entry fee)
Drop off Friday 27th or Saturday 28th
March between 10 and 12
Opens Wednesday 1st April
till Friday 29th May 2015

INCOMING
FLORA and FAUNA
Drop off Friday 27th or Saturday 28th March between 10 and 12
Opens Wednesday 1st April at 6pm
Exhibition runs till Friday 29th May 2015
Entry Fee \$5 for up to 4 entries in 'Flora' and \$5 for up to 4 entries in 'Fauna'
2 x First Prizes of \$150 each - one for Flora and one for Fauna

From the President

Sawtell Art Group has had a very big year since the last A.G.M. The group has come together again with a good increase in membership. The classes are going well and although some are down in numbers they are gradually increasing.

Cate Townsend has taken over the Youth class from David Southgate on Monday evenings. David handed over the class to Cate after doing a class together.

The "Art EXTRAODENAIRE Camp" was a big success in every way. Every workshop was well attended and was a great success. We ran two workshops every day over the 9 days of the Camp with the exception of Shellie Kelly's workshop which ran alone due to one tutor being unable to attend.

The \$2500 grant was a great help and we expect to have the Camp as a regular feature in Sawtell. We will be organising next year's Camp a lot earlier and inviting participants from further afield. Many students at Camp Creative said they would have stayed longer in the area and come down to Sawtell's Camp if they had known more about it earlier. This year we had several students come down from Bello and attend Sawtell's Camp.

Youth were also well represented and one young high school student attended a workshop every day. The feedback was all positive and we are very proud of what we have achieved.

THANKYOU to all those who got behind this event, we would not have managed without your dedication and hard work.

The next event is Seniors Week and we have received a grant for \$1000 from the N.S.W. Government. Over 400 applications were sent in and only 4 were accepted with S.A.G. being one of them. Our function will be held on the 17th March, with Art for Alzheimers and Dementia as the theme. Seniors and their carers will be invited. I will need assistance with this as it gets closer.

The A.G.M is creeping up and notices have been sent to members with all details and information. THANKYOU to Rhonda for doing all this work. Jeanette Reid, who was at our Camp every day, has agreed to be our Secretary. She is a legal secretary and a friend of Cate Townsend. We look forward to welcoming her into this position.

Rhonda has set out the dates of exhibitions etc. in this Newsletter and has put up information about the upcoming Workshops at the Centre.

THANKYOU to John Tanish, Peter Naylor and Paul Parramore for cleaning out the container and reorganising it. John also fixed our dangerous drain (outside the door near the path) at very short notice so we would not have any problems or injuries during the Art Camp.

George Partos and his son Michael, built the partition and shelves near the door and this has given us a lot more storage room inside.

All dates have been organised for the Annual Exhibition and all the exhibitions for this year 2015/2016. THANKYOU to Helen Goldsmith, Rhonda Balding, Deberah Crisp and Marion Wolfe. We really need someone to take on the fundraising as the rest of us are flat out doing what we can and probably missing opportunity's.

THANKYOU to Peter Naylor, David Southgate, Peter Davies and Michael Fayle who despite the rain, made our lovely path. David and Dawn did lots of painting to get the gallery ready for the 2014 Annual Exhibition.

We are back to a fairly safe position and all our hard work has paid off. Thankyou everybody.

***From the Exhibition Co-ordinator –
Apology and reasons for a lengthy exhibition.***

Hello Members,

As we needed paintings on the walls over Christmas and throughout the Art Extraordinaire Workshops (17th to 25th January) I suggested we leave the exhibition to hang longer as we couldn't fit in another changeover before the next major exhibition which will be the combined "Flora and Fauna / Anzac Exhibition". I was very impressed with the standard of the current exhibition and by having this extension we sold extra paintings and craft. Hope to see many paintings for the next exhibition.

Many Thanks, Helen Goldsmith (Exhibition Co-ordinator)

**WORKSHOPS
at S.A.G.**

TO BOOK – CONTACT GEORGE PARTOS on 0417 481 736

Email gpartos@hotmail.com or sagexhibitions@gmail.com

Or use the Contact Form on the website at

<http://www.sawtellartgroup.com.au/contact-us.html>

PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Warwick Kither (from Fletchers Photographics and Coffs Ex-Services Camera Club)

He is also offering a \$25 printing voucher for participants

Sharpen your skills with your Digital or SLR camera and take a field trip on the Sunday to practice what you have learnt.

SATURDAY 7th and SUNDAY 8th MARCH

**HELEN GOLDSMITH
Creative Interiors Using
Watercolour Techniques
Tentatively Saturday 2nd
and Sunday 3rd May
(Date to be finalized)**

OUTSIDE WORKSHOPS

- **Botanical Illustration with Margaret Hodgson OAM** - C.H. Botanical Gardens
Wednesday 8th April & Saturday 11th April, 11am-3pm- Cost \$50
Information Sue McEntyre 6648 4861, Bookings Ian Corbett 6648 4896

WOLLGOOLGA ART AND CRAFT GALLERY

- **Hebel Block Carving with Di Gray**
Saturday 28th February & Sunday 1st March 1st March
Cost \$140 members \$145 non members
Includes Hebel Block. The list of other requirements is available at the desk
- **Textile Workshop with Lorraine Parker** - Saturday 2nd May, Cost tba

ROS ROBERTSON

- Getting Started with Acrylics at the Art Supply Emporium – starts Feb 21 (\$75)

SAWTELL ART GROUP

“ART EXTRAORDINAIRE 2015 WORKSHOPS”

Were held from Saturday 17th to Sunday 25th January 2015

The Tutors were

- *Lucja Ray – Mixed Media
- * Stephen Cassetari – Chinese Brush Painting
- *Sam Sosnowski – Relief Printing in Lino & Woodblock
- * Ros Robertson – Contemporary Acrylics
- * Shellie Kelly – Figures in the Landscape
- * Helen Goldsmith - Watercolour & Creative Pastels
- * Cate Townsend - Mixed Media Using Photoshop to Create and Edit Composition

This is the second year we have run these workshops, bringing in tutors from Camp Creative to join with some of our local artists. They have again proved to be a wonderful success both creatively and financially.

We also gained some new members.

Our thanks go to the Committee and others who helped organize and run this year's workshops. Special thanks go to Colleen who obtained financial help from Coffs Harbour City Council and to Dawn and Pauline, who organized the wonderful morning teas that everyone enjoyed so much.



One Theme – Many Interpretations
Participants of Cate Townsend's
Workshop display their artworks



Shellie Kelly



Lucja Ray



Sam Sosnowski

2014 RETROSPECTIVE

From the Editor

Firstly, thank you to our 2014 hard-working committee led by Colleen Davies as President. All members have worked together well to bring strength, stability and financial security to our Art Group.

Special thanks must go to John Tainsh who with help from Kay Coombes, raised an enormous amount of sponsorship allowing for the purchase of a container for storage and also enabling the Annual Exhibition prize pool to increase from \$2500 to \$4500. What an amazing effort.

The Annual Exhibition was an outstanding success with nearly 200 entries coming from further afield than they have done before. The increase in prize money enticed many more artists to enter.

Many sponsors indicated that they would be happy to sponsor our Annual Exhibition again in 2015 and all seemed delighted with their calendars which were made for them as a thank you gift.

Thank you also to Helen Goldsmith and her Exhibition elves (particularly Deborah Crisp, Marion Wolfe, Pat Millar and Loretta Williamson among others I'm sure) who worked so wonderfully behind the scenes to make the Annual Exhibition such a success.

A big thankyou also to Kay Coombes and her sub-committee for looking after the gallery and the general exhibitions so competently for most of the year.

A huge thank you must go to our Treasurer, Pauline Fayle who appears to be rapidly mastering MYOB, for taking care of all our financial transactions – and she doesn't even paint!

Thanks also to George Partos who as Workshops Co-ordinator has done an admirable job. This was his first time as a committee member and we hope he will stay. We would also like to thank George and his son Michael who donated their time and expertise to put up the partition and shelving behind the door, for extra storage inside.

Thank you also to Dawn McInnes for stepping into the breach to look after the gallery and restocking of supplies. Her efforts to keep the place clean have not gone unnoticed.

A huge thank you must go to Peter Naylor who has not only kept the grass and the gardens under control but with some help, put in the new path that leads people to our front door.

We would also like to especially thank Lucy and Dennis Johnston for their generous donation of the larger fridge for our kitchen. This has made an enormous difference to our members and we can't thank them enough.

Thanks also to Col Robson for the recent donation of many art books to enlarge our collection of reference material.

And last but not least many thanks to Suzanne Tainsh who also stepped into a breach as Secretary when we didn't appear to have one.

And lastly, please accept my apologies for not being able to provide you with a Newsletter this year.



LIFE DRAWING
FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH
9.30am to 12 Noon
Cost \$15 for modeling fees
Contact George Partos
0417 481 736 – or just turn up!



EXHIBITIONS AROUND THE AREA

C. H. REGIONAL GALLERY

JOHN BOKOR Exhibition
17 January to
28 February 2015

"Line of Tree" – Oil on Linen



NEXUS GALLERY at BELLINGEN Exhibitions in February & March

Monday February 16, 2015 to
Saturday February 21, 2015

Brenda Nunn and Helen Aiken
(Main Gallery)

and
Kath Whittingham and Alma Dew

1st AVENUE GALLERY - Sawtell

Joshua MacKenzie – 'Oil on Acid' February 6 - 22

A fabulous solo exhibition of paintings by Bellinghen artist Joshua MacKenzie, will open on Friday 6th February 2015

Phone: 02 66992932 Email: info@1stavenuegallery.com.au Website: <http://www.1stavenuegallery.com.au>

OUT OF TOWN EXHIBITIONS & WORKSHOPS (If you are travelling these may interest you.)

- **Opening Saturday 21 February to 22 March – Australian Watercolour Institute 91st Annual Exhibition** "Across the Water: China-Australia Modern Masters of Watercolour" at The Moran Arts Foundation's Juniper Hall, 250 Oxford St, Paddington (open Wed through to Sun 10-5)
- **Workshop in the Alfarve, Portugal with Peter Griffen (Investigations in Acrylic & En Plein Air) or Denise Lithgow (Fantastic Felt Forms & Felt Jewellery)** For further information visit www.artinthealgarve.com/art-school
- **Peter Griffen Workshops 2015** – Information available at the Art Centre.
- **Mt. Kembla Workshops for 2015** from Liz Jeneid – see notice board at the Art Centre.
- **Carcoar Art Experience 2015** with Peter Griffen – March 27-29 – see notice board at the Art Centre

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DIARY DATES 2015



FEBRUARY

- **Monday 2nd** – Classes commence
- **Friday 27th** – Coastal Claymakers Meeting – 6.30 to 10.00 pm
- **Saturday 28th** – EMSLA finishes

MARCH

- **Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th** – Photography Workshop
- **Tuesday 10th** – AGM at 6.30pm at the Gallery
- **Saturday 14th to Sunday 22nd** – Seniors Week
- **Friday 20th** – Entries due for “Flora & Fauna” plus “Anzac” Exhibitions
- **Monday 23rd to Friday 27th** – 10am to 3pm Pick up Christmas Exhibition
- **Friday 27th** – Coastal Claymakers Meeting – 6.30 to 10.00 pm
- **Friday 27th and Saturday 28th** (10am to 12 noon) Take In artworks for ANZAC Exhibition plus Flora and Fauna Exhibition
- **Saturday 27th** – last day of Term 1

APRIL

- **Wednesday 1st** – Opening of both “ANZAC” and “Flora and Fauna” Exhibitions – 6.00pm
- **Friday 3rd to Monday 6th** – EASTER
- **Saturday 4th April** – Art by the Sea at the Woolgoolga Beach Reserve – Woolgoolga Art Group
- **Wed 8th & Sat 11th** – Botanical Illustration with Margaret Hodgson at Botanical Gardens
- **Saturday 18th** – Archibald 2014 at the Regional Gallery till 30th May
- **Saturday 25th** – ANZAC Day
- **Tuesday 28th April** – Term 2 begins

MAY

- **Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd** – “Creative Interiors Using Watercolour Techniques” Workshop with Helen Goldsmith (Date to be confirmed)
- **Saturday 9th** – Mother’s Day Morning/Afternoon Tea
- **Sunday 24th** – Flora & Fauna / Anzac Exhibitions end
- **Friday 22nd** – Entry forms due for “Showcase” Exhibition (an all members, combined open exhibition with categories – more information later)
- **Friday 29th** – **Pick Up** “Flora & Fauna / Anzac” Exhibition artworks **and Drop Off** artworks for the “Showcase” Exhibition.