



WOLLONDILLY ARTS GROUP NEWSLETTER

June, 2010

P.O. Box 799
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FROM THE COMMITTEE

Unfortunately there is no President's report this month as our newly elected President, Lavinia Zammit, has tendered her resignation as of the 25th May 2010 due to personal reasons. Lavinia's enthusiasm and creative input will be sadly missed by our group. We wish her every success in her future ventures.

The WAG committee had a meeting on 31st May to discuss the casual vacancy and other urgent business regarding the Gallery and Committee responsibilities. Because of the retirement of the President, the Committee felt that it was necessary to appoint Lyn Eberhart and Roswitha Giersch as Liaison Officers.

The Committee has chosen not to fill the vacancy of President at this moment. The Department of Fair Trading is soon to release new Model Rules which will have some different regulations to those which currently apply. The new legislation may provide for greater flexibility regarding the type/number of positions required on the Committee.

Creative Get Together (CGT)

Last time with Ester, we were working on a still life with a variety of challenging textures to try.

This Creative Get Together with Janet, we also will be working on a still life, however with an emphasis on design.

Next CGT: Saturday 12 June, 1pm - 3pm at the Wollondilly Community Nursery Wonga Rd Picton.

Bring your drawing materials and/or paints, brushes, paper (the larger the better) and support material. You are welcome to bring any project you are working on and continue with that.

\$3.00 for WAG-members,
\$5.00 for non-members,
gold coin donation for refreshments.

Contact Janet if you're coming - 4681 8579 or dcre8ive@bigpond.net.au

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2010/2011

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WAG Gallery in Thirlmere

Suggestion Page

We have started a suggestion book that is kept at the Gallery. You are invited to add your thoughts and suggestions regarding the running of the Gallery.

Commission rate

It was agreed at the AGM that the commission rate of sales in the Gallery will increase to 15% as of 1st July 2010. Hopefully this will allow us to have enough funds to pay for the power/ electricity liability.

Renewal of works

Members are invited to review their works on display and perhaps replace them with new/ unseen works from time to time, perhaps seasonally. Please email Janet if you do so.

Minding of the Gallery

It is expected that members with work for sale should put in some hours. Volunteering once every three to four weeks will fill the roster nicely.

Please contact Lyn ph 4683 1448 or email to andylyn3@tpg.com.au

Gallery open on weekends 10am - 4pm

Membership renewals

A reminder to those members who may have forgotten to renew their membership, this was due in April.

Annual membership fees are:-

Single: \$25

Family (2 adults & dependant children): \$40

Concession / student / pensioner: \$15

Payments may be made at the twice monthly Creative Get Togethers

or posted to :

The Secretary
P.O. Box 799
Picton NSW 2571

Wollondilly Arts Group has a library!

by Tony Barnett

Malcolm Gow who has donated the bulk of the books that fill our library was born in rural New South Wales into a large family. They lived on and worked a dairy farm until a major economic down turn forced them off the property and they moved to Sydney to find work. Settling in the northern suburbs Malcolm as a lad showed he had a lot of practical acumen. He secured an apprenticeship at Garden Island. Although Malcolm spent much of his life as a plumber he had a passion for Art. He collected many excellent books, attended almost every exhibition thus becoming conversant with a huge range of artists and their works. Some could say that it was a knowledge that would not immediately be associated with plumbing. Malcolm also passed his passion on to his daughter. Malcolm spent the winter of his life at Hill Top in the loving care of his daughter. I would like to think that although Malcolm was now ill the conversation occasionally turned to their common passion, art.

I became friends with the daughter, Kristine Gow through the Community Nursery. Kristine was a policewoman for many years, which is another profession you would not readily associate with fine arts. Unfortunately for Kristine but lucky for WAG, termites decided to eat her house. When Kristine needed a new home for some books on art I was very interested. When I saw how extensive and the quality of the collection I knew this collection needed to be shared among like-minded people of the Wollondilly. And so thanks to Malcolm, Kristine and Lavinia who catalogued and labelled the collection the Malcolm Gow Memorial Library came into existence for all of us to use.

Would you like to contribute towards the newsletter? Any arty stories, jokes (clean), exhibitions, announcements, book reviews.....

Please forward them to

Janet Dalton:

dcre8ive@bigpond.net.au

Deadline for contributions: 20th June 2010

Calendar

'Tourism after 5' - 17th June

This is an opportunity to promote WAG at the 'Tourism after 5' held in the foyer of the Council Chambers 6.30pm - 8.30pm. Two WAG members will represent our Group with a small display of works from the Gallery. Please let Janet know if you don't want your work displayed. Ph 4681 8579.

'Inaugural Wollondilly Cultural Advisory Group meeting' - 24th June

When Council adopted the Wollondilly Cultural Plan, it also recommended the establishment of a Cultural Advisory Group to assist in the implementation of the Cultural Plan and to advise Council on cultural development opportunities.

The meeting will be held at Wollondilly Council on **Thursday 24 June from 1 pm to 2.30 pm** in the Gallery of the Council Administration Building. This will be an important meeting in the ongoing process of implementing actions and intent of the Wollondilly Cultural Plan that many community members have contributed to over the past 18 months. I encourage you to take this further opportunity to influence cultural development within the Shire. Take this opportunity to influence cultural development within the Shire. Please contact Bob Lester if you would like to attend.

Ph 4677 8261

Email bob.lester@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au



'Creative Get Together' in June 2010

12th June Tutor: Janet
26nd June Tutor: Ester

at the Wollondilly Community Nursery,
Wonga Rd., Picton

Contact: Janet Dalton 4681 8579 or
Ester Kasepuu 4683 1182



What's on in the region

WORKS BY WAG 4

a continuous exhibition of works created by members of the Wollondilly Arts Group.

WAG Gallery Thirlmere
"The Terrace", Oak St,

Gallery hours:
Weekends 10am to 4pm or by appointment

More information: Lyn ph 4683 1448

Picton Theatre Group presents 'The Importance of Being Earnest' 12 – 27 June 2010

"A Trivial Comedy for Serious People", a play by Oscar Wilde. Tickets are now on sale.

All shows are BYO and show dates are:

Sat 12th June 2pm Matinee, 6.30pm Dinner show
Sat 19th June 2pm Matinee, 6.30pm Dinner show
Sat 26th June 6.30pm Dinner show
Sun 27th June 6pm Supper show

Prices:

Dinner and show - full price \$45, concession \$35.

Show only - full price \$25, concession \$15.

Matinee price - a flat \$15 for all tickets.

Tickets are available at Wollondilly Visitor Centre in Picton. Ph 4677 8313

Bowral & District Art Gallery

Pigments 11 Exhibition

11-15 June 2010, 10am - 4pm

An exhibition of works by students from the Tuesday Watercolour Class and Wednesday Oil & Acrylic Class at the BDAS Workshop. This is the 11th Pigments Exhibition and it will feature a variety of works in watercolour, acrylic, oil and mixed media.

Alvaro Still Life Prize

18 Jun – 4 July 2010, 10am to 4pm

Due to last year's success, the Alvaro Painting Prize for Oil & Acrylics will again call for entries in that genre.

Opening and Presentation of Prizes:
Saturday 19 June at 2pm

Details:

Prize of \$3,000 for Still Life painting in oil or acrylics.
Judge, Mark Viner, Head of Sturt.

More information/entry forms:
Exhibition Secretary PO Box 144 Bowral NSW 2576

BDAS ph 4861 4093

Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri 9 am -12 noon

Email: b.d.a.s@bigpond.com

www.bdasgallery.com

What's on in the region continued...

RECENT WORKS by Greg Hyde

29 May-30 June 2010

The Milk Factory Gallery, Station Street, Bowral

Greg Hyde works in various media from oils to etching and has illustrated several children's books. His work is usually colourful and often whimsical, with a twist of pseudo intellectual aestheticism.

Paraphernalia and Finding Motherland

2-13 June 2010, Wed-Fri 12-6pm, Sat-Sun 11-4pm

Opening: 4 June, 6.30 - 8.30pm

Project Contemporary Artspace

255 Keira Street, Wollongong

An exhibition of weird plastic toy sculptures by Freya Jobbins and installations, sculptures and photographs by Anthony Scerri

More info:

Email: projectinfo@projectgallery.org

WORKSHOPS

EXPLORING TABLEWARE -5

Feast of Asian Bowls

Series of 6 classes

Saturdays July 31 to Sept 4th 2010

AT BALMORAL POTTERY

Tutor: Sandy Lockwood

The classes at Balmoral Pottery are small (6 to 8 approx) so students get plenty of one to one attention. They focus on skills & creative development.

During this workshop participants will explore the world of bowls for use in the Asian cuisine.

From soup, rice and noodle bowls to bowls for fruit, sweets and many other things. It will develop your skills in throwing forms and turning feet. It will also include a practical introduction to carving, inlay and use of the brush. Some throwing experience is advisable.

Stoneware clay is provided. Work will be glaze fired and we will discuss the results and share an Asian feast at the conclusion of the workshop.

Fees: \$595 (GST incl.) for 6 Saturdays

Clay is provided

Bisque firing and glaze (gas fired) will be available for additional fee.

Further information:

ph/fax: 02 48898388

email: sandy@hinet.net.au

Wollondilly Arts Group contributes to Arts Centres in Rural NSW Survey



On 3rd May 2010, Wollondilly Arts Group represented by Lyn Eberhart, Roswitha Giersch, Julie Hodges and Lavinia Zammit participated in a survey undertaken by the UTS Shopfront Community Program, the CAMRA cultural mapping Project and the UTS Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences.

We met Flora Suen, Researcher, Arts Centres in .NSW Rural Towns Project and Lisa Andersen, Senior Research Associate, UTS Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, at our Gallery in Thirlmere where they conducted the interview with us.

The point of the research is to take a 'snapshot' of arts centres in regional and rural NSW, describe the role they play in the cultural economy of rural NSW, and report issues affecting their sustainability.

During their research field trip Flora and Lisa visited the following art venues/facilities in rural NSW

- The Paradise Palladium Theatre in Morundah
- The Wollondilly Arts Group in Thirlmere
- Gallery 294 in Corowa
- The Cootamundra Creative Arts & Cultural Centre

The interviews undertaken by Flora and Lisa illustrate the richness and diversity of the creative industry in rural NSW.

For more information or if you would like to take part in the survey or be interviewed as a case study for the research, please call either Flora or Lisa on 02 9514 2902 or go to <http://surveys.uts.edu.au/surveys/nswruralartscentressurvey/index.cfm>