

# HALF DOZEN GROUP OF ARTISTS

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## 2017 Art in The Park & Annual Exhibition

### A TWO DAY EVENT

**Saturday 9th September 10 am to 3 pm**

- ◆ ART IN THE PARK with stalls, live music, coffee van and sausage sizzle PLUS the ANNUAL EXHIBITION in the Studio. Opening by Cr Nicole Johnson.

**Sunday 10th September**

- ◆ ANNUAL EXHIBITION continues, open to the public from 10 am to 2pm, with a CLOSING PARTY for members and friends from 2pm to 4 pm. Collect any unsold work, and party too!

### THE LAMBERT WALL

will again be a feature of the Annual Exhibition

This year's theme is "A Memory From Childhood"

- ◆ Orientation is SQUARE (30.5 cm x 30.5 cm). Canvas costs \$10

### GENERAL INFORMATION

- ◆ THERE ARE **NO ENTRY FEES** FOR THE ANNUAL EXHIBITION OR THE LAMBERT WALL. Instead, 25% Commission will be charged on all work that is sold.

#### ART IN THE PARK STALLS:

- ◆ Members may hire a table for \$20 or half table for \$10 to sell their own art or craft, etc. The tables will be outdoors and as much shelter as possible will be provided but not guaranteed.
- ◆ Members will be **responsible for their own stall's transactions** - EFTPOS machine is not available
- ◆ **NO Commission** is charged on stall sales.

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## URGENT - The Future of the HDGA - Please Read

### A MESSAGE TO ALL HDG MEMBERS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

*Dear fellow members of the Half Dozen Group.*

*I assume that, like me, you are a member of the HDG because it offers something special that is not available in other art groups. It might be the untutored workshops, the friendliness, or the absence of elitism. It might be our wonderful studio building or our excellent newsletter and website.*

*These good things do not just happen. They are the result of hard work by a very small number of people and we can not just assume it will continue.*

*I agreed to be president this year only because nobody else was available. I was already busy enough looking after our building. In six months time, the HDG will need to elect a new president. It will not be me.*

*Our excellent secretary, Wendy, will have completed two years of service in February, not only as secretary, but in a number of other vital roles. She also will not be available for re-election.*

*Our other committee members and convenors may be willing to stay on, but we should not take that for granted.*

*By law, the Half Dozen Group cannot exist without a president, secretary and treasurer and in practice it cannot function without the small band of other dedicated workers.*

*So we have the task, soon to become urgent, of finding a new president and secretary, at the very least. This is not just the responsibility of the committee, but of all of us. If no members are willing and able to take on these roles, we will need to seek volunteers from outside (if that is even possible) or, as a last resort, employ paid staff - not financially sustainable in the long run.*

*Many members have given sterling service to the HDG in the past and are not in a position to do so any more. For this reason, your committee has been trying to attract new members by organising tutored workshops, and by attempting to increase our public profile.*

*So what can you do?*

*First of all, please appreciate that the burden of running the HDG is falling on too few people. This is not sustainable. Could you take a more active role?*

*Secondly, remember that we need new members. Take every opportunity to tell anyone who might be interested about our wonderful group and help with our promotional efforts such as "adopt a library".*

*Thank you.*

*David Pagendam*

## Studio Cleaning Roster

The **current Cleaning roster** is posted on the noticeboard in the kitchen area.

Workshop participants are asked to **check the roster** and ensure that they do their part in helping keep the studio and toilets clean and tidy for all.

If you're not sure about what needs to be done, please check with your convenor.

The Studio is currently hired out to 3 other organisations. Therefore it is very important to maintain a clean and tidy studio for everyone.



## Important Dates

### 23RD AUGUST 2017: CLEANING BEE AT STUDIO

IN PREPARATION FOR ART IN THE PARK AND THE ANNUAL EXHIBITION. DETAILS WILL BE ADVISED SHORTLY.

### ART IN THE PARK & ANNUAL EXHIBITION: 9th & 10th September 2017

#### Deadlines for this event:

**Thursday 31st AUGUST:** Last day to submit the **entry form** by EMAIL. For cataloguing and labelling purposes, Entry forms must be submitted by email.

**Tuesday 5th SEPTEMBER: 1 pm:** Deadline for delivery of **Exhibition and Lambert Wall artworks** to the studio.

**Sunday 10th SEPTEMBER, 2 pm:** **Pick up artwork** from studio **after this date.** If collecting on Sunday, join the PARTY!

### PENELOPE GILBERT-NG PASTEL WORKSHOPS AT THE STUDIO

**SATURDAYS 16TH AND 23RD SEPTEMBER, 2017.** See details in this newsletter and on the website. Application forms will be sent to members and also be available for download from the HDGA website.

### NOVEMBER 2017

**Friday 11th:** Participation in Sherwood Festival

*Possible* participation in BVAC Pop Up Shop in Auditorium, Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens

**Reminder:** The HGDA is affiliated with BVAC. For more information on BVAC visit [www.bvac.org.au](http://www.bvac.org.au)



Wendy Allen



Trevor Downes



Peter Fung

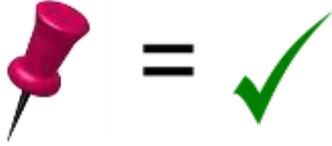


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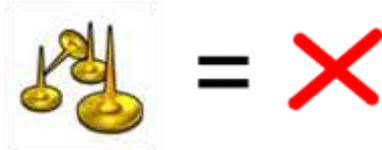
## Studio News

### PINS USED FOR NOTICEBOARDS

**A gentle reminder:** As there are barefoot models walking the floors and also two x barefooted exercise groups who use the studio on Monday evenings, it is very important to ensure that there are no tacks of any kind laying on the floors.



Please use this type for Pin-boards



If you see any of these in the studio, please dispose of them

### PARKING ISSUES



The committee has recently received a complaint from a neighbour regarding blockages and visual obstruction to his driveway.

Those attending workshops will be aware that there is considerable other activity in the street at the present time.

However, if all attendees remain vigilant about correct parking practices, it will certainly help reduce future inconvenience for our neighbours.

If you notice any driveway obstructions please advise your convenor who can then make an announcement. In doing this you are helping to ensure that any inconveniences to neighbours is not the fault of the HDGA.

## CAR PARKING

Have you left enough room for other cars?



Have you parked clear of driveways?



Are you legally parked?



## Thank you for using the Pin Board!!

This photo says it all!

Thank you to those who are using the board and to those who answered the call to display work on the walls of the studio.

It makes a big difference and gives pleasure to all who view.

Please keep it up!



## Thank You Lunch



On June 28th, convenors, committee members and special helpers met at Mt Coot-tha's Summit Restaurant and Bar for the annual Thank You lunch. All in attendance agreed that it was a wonderful spot and menu, and all thoroughly enjoyed the event.

Tom Mason arrived early and captured the view on canvas! (see below left)



## Wendy Allen's June workshops

Wendy's "Starting Out to Be an Artist" workshops were conducted on June 7th, 14th and 21st. As well as being highly informative they were lots of fun! Eleven members and non members attended - the majority attended all three sessions whilst a few attended when they could. A huge thanks to Wendy for providing such a great learning experience.



## Pastel workshops - Saturdays - September

The tutor for the September workshops is internationally recognised, Brisbane artist, **Penelope Gilbert-Ng**. Penelope is accomplished in, and tutors in the mediums of pastels, acrylics, oils and watercolours. These workshops will use **pastels** - however, artists of all mediums and subject matter will benefit from Penelope's insights into art.

**Workshop Dates:** Saturdays 16th and 23rd September

**Venue:** Studio, 37 Quarry Rd, Sherwood.

**Workshop Times:** 10 am to 2 pm each day

**Cost:** \$100 for members ; \$140 for non-members (covers both days)

**How to register:** Members will be sent information and registration forms in the near future. These classes will also be widely advertised. There is a maximum number of 12 participants, so make sure that you don't miss out!



## BVAC 5th Birthday Celebrations



Five years ago Judy Hamilton and Lena Tisdale discussed the possibility of amalgamating many of the separate art and craft groups under one umbrella or hub, which came to be known as BVAC (Brisbane Visual Arts Community).

On Sunday 16th July, the many groups, of which there are 24 in total, had a 5th birthday celebration at their headquarters, a refurbished Guides premises, at Wellers Rd, Tarragindi.

**Representing the HDGA** were Trevor Downes, Wendy Allen, Margaret Collier and Derek Johnston. The marquee was set up in the grounds and various examples of the work produced by the gifted members of the HDG were put on display (some were also for sale). Fliers promoting our group were taken by interested parties and may result in some new members.

Easels were set up and members demonstrated various drawing methods & materials, some of which involved portrait drawings of the public.

Our near neighbours at Sherwood, The Western Suburb Clayworkers, carried out wheel throwing demonstrations including use of clay dug up from the driveway of the BVAC premises.

Other groups, such as the paper makers, printmakers and many others demonstrated their wares.

The proceedings were officially opened by Krista Adams from the Brisbane City Council. The opening involved the unveiling of a panel of letters that reflect each of the BVAC groups. The letter "R" was contributed by the HDGA. All in all the day was a success and reminiscent of our "Art in the Park".

Report by : Derek Johnston

## Plein Air

Whilst there isn't an official, HDGA, Plein Air workshop at the moment, it's pleasing to see that some members are carrying on, regardless! Trevor Downes and Helen Grant-Taylor recently spent some painting time at Oxley Creek Common. Trevor reported that it is a very nice spot, with lots of subject matter for artists.



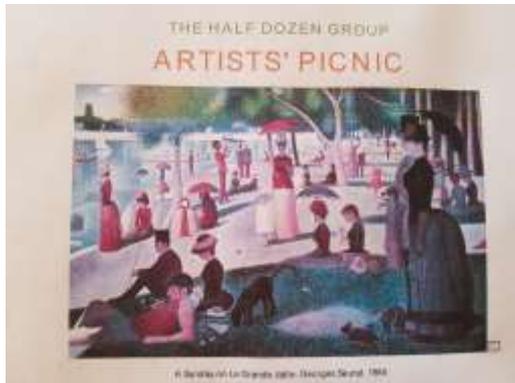
By Trevor Downes

## Picnic at New Farm Park

HDGA members again “flew the group’s banner” at an informal picnic, held at New Farm Park on Sunday 30th July. The Picnic was attended by around 16 members and friends, who enjoyed beautiful weather for the outing. Some members also set up easels and painted - a great way to advertise the group!

This is Georges Seurat's version of Sunday in the park...

And this is the HDGA's version!



## Farewell, Viv Poon



On July 18th, another dear friend and artist Viv Poon, left this world too soon, after a battle with illness.

Those members who knew Viv will remember her as a vibrant and colourful personality who had a passion for all things creative. She was also very stoic - very few knew about her illness and so her passing came as a shock to quite a few members.

The HDGA Studio was the venue for Viv's wake. With Viv's art adorning the studio, colourful balloons and guests wearing bright colours, it was a fitting tribute to a wonderful artist, who is sadly missed.



## Member News

### MIKE TAYLOR



Multi-talented Mike Taylor was **part of a local team of sculptors** who made the throne, columns and floor tiles in the Throne Room of Asgard, which is part of the upcoming film "Thor:Ragnarok 2017".



**Mike was responsible for** the back of the throne (top right ) and the dragon head and neck in the throne (top left). If you would like to see the work up close, visit the latest Marvel Exhibition, on at GOMA until 3rd September.

### PETER FUNG



Peter Fung is **exhibiting** with "The Sun Still Shines" group in **the current Logan Art Gallery Exhibitions**. The group comes together to *"celebrate life in their twilight years. They express their struggles and their love of life by painting and interpreting the plant, animal and human lives around them. For them, life does not stop at 60. The sun still shines"*.

Peter is exhibiting four paintings in the exhibition, including two of Nancy Millner (and one of which is pictured at right.)

The exhibition is running until September 2nd .



### JOAN McNAUGHT

Also **participating** in the current Logan Art Gallery Exhibitions, is Joan McNaught, with **her own exhibition** entitled "Recollections from my Childhood".

Joan's exhibition presents a series of pen, ink and watercolour works, depicting nostalgic scenes from her childhood, growing up in rural Queensland in the mid-twentieth century.

Joan's exhibition is also running until September 2nd



### SOF GEORGIU



Congratulations to Sof Georgiou for

**Winning** the Watercolour section of the Macgregor Lions Garden City Art Extravaganza 2017!

The Art Extravaganza is an annual event , which this year was held between 26th June and 9th July.

Member News Cont..

LINDA MEZZETTI



This painting by Linda, was **accepted for hanging** in the Macgregor Lions Garden City Art Extravagana 2017.

Well done, Linda!

GLENISE CLELLAND



Glenise's oil painting, "Mt Coonowrin", is a **finalist** in the prestigious **Queensland Regional Art Awards**.

Congratulations Glenise!  
Voting for the people's choice awards, in the QRAA, is open until 5 pm September 11th.

Gallery



Above - Monday workshop "works in progress"



Dell Harrington



Thursday 20th July's

Adele Dingle



Bev Haseler

Above - Some of workshop, in action!

Mags Collier



Col Watford

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## Website, Facebook and Newsletters

- ◆ Photos of member's work and news about member activities are always needed.
- ◆ One of the benefits of being a member is the **free publicity** you can receive on the Website and Facebook, and among peers in the Newsletters...so please feel free to advise Chris Matanovic of your successes! Thank you to those members who already do this - it's much appreciated!!
- ◆ Consider adding **your PROFILE** to the Artists' Profiles section of the website - or update your existing profile with extra info or new photos
- ◆ **PLEASE**, send Chris a photo/photos of work **for the slideshow on the Home page** of the website!
- ◆ Chris's email: [cjmatanovic@gmail.com](mailto:cjmatanovic@gmail.com); Phone for SMS photos 0412780055. Or leave hard copies in the Studio and let Chris know by email or phone that they are there. (All hard copies of photos will be returned).

### NOTE RE COPYRIGHT

Your art group communicates in several ways, including this newsletter, Facebook and the website. You will note that we need photos of members and their work, for promotional purposes, and also to let members know what is happening in the workshops and events that they can't attend. If you **do not wish** to have your photo or photos of your work used for these purposes, please contact David Pagendam, President, HDGA.