

HALF DOZEN GROUP OF ARTISTS

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Christmas/New Year Workshop Dates



MONDAY

Last day : 18.12.17

First day 2018: 8th JAN

TUESDAY

Last day: 19.12. 17

First day 2018: 9th JAN

1ST FRIDAY OF MONTH

Last day: 01.12.17

First Day 2018: 2nd FEB

THURSDAY

Last day: 07.12..17

First day 2018: 8th FEB

HOWEVER.....

ALL THURSDAYS in January, and 1st Feb ,will be Open Studio. No hired models but could pose for each other or just do own work. Contact for further details is Barbara on 3374 1660.

FRIDAY

NO BREAK!!

Season's
Greetings
&

A Happy 2018!



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Annual Xmas Party

THANK YOU KIM WOOLLEY AND WENDY ALLEN FOR ORGANISING THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL PARTY!

WHEN? Wednesday 13th December
(Soon!!)

TIME? From 6pm

WHERE? The Studio

WHO CAN ATTEND? Members, family and friends are all welcome!

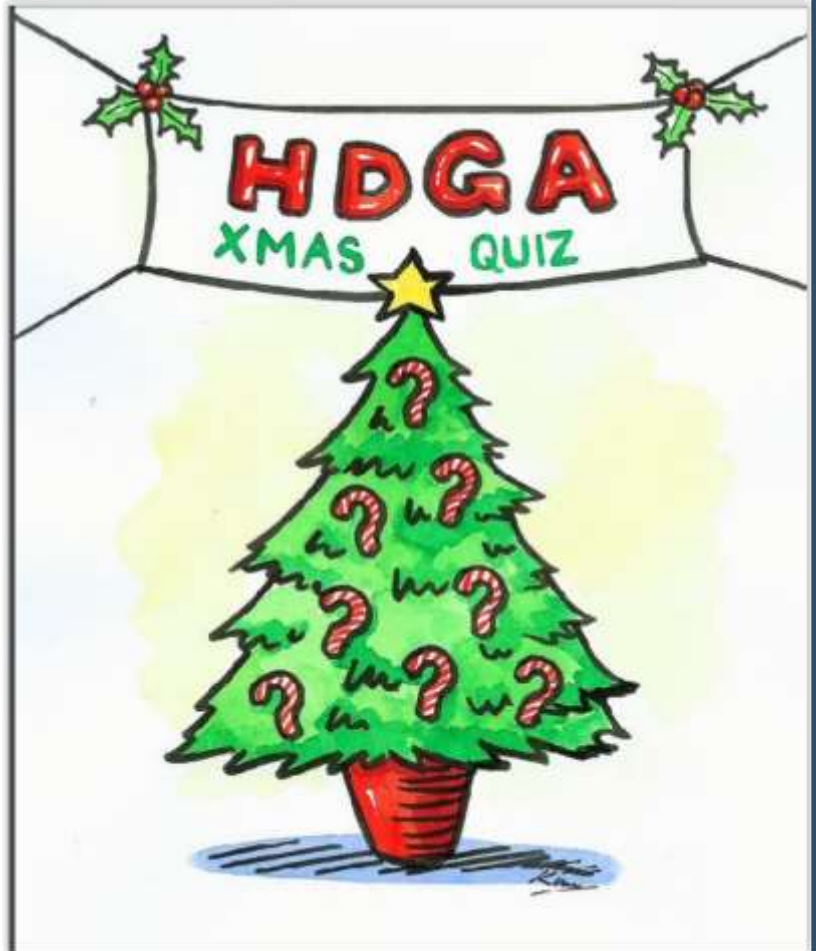
Come and join in a fun evening of socialising!!

WHAT TO BRING? A plate of food to share

TRIVIA QUIZ? For those who want to.....
Make up a team of 6, either in advance or on the evening, or just sit back and watch the fun! Lots of silly prizes up for grabs!

WINE AND DRINKS ARE SUPPLIED

SEE YOU THERE!!



Annual Fees for 2018 are due now



A big thanks to those members who have already renewed their membership and a **gentle reminder** for those who are yet to do so.

Membership fees are **due by 31st December 2017** and can be paid by Direct Deposit or Cash, Money Order or Cheque in an envelope, left in the locked box at the Studio.

Your membership fees are necessary in order to keep the HDGA operating and being able to provide services to members.

Benefits of membership include: Discounted access to workshops (both untutored and tutored), publicity via Facebook and the Website, exhibiting opportunities, access to very cheap rental for personal exhibitions in the studio, social opportunities, regular newsletters and notices, etc.

Fees: \$70 for one year (2018) or \$135 for 2 yrs (2018 & 2019)

Direct Deposit details:

Account name: Half Dozen Group of Artists

BSB: 484 799

A/c Number: 606007570

Please include **Your name & the word Fees** in the Details for HDGA Statement &

Email the bank receipt to robenaelder@hotmail.com



General (& good!) News

- ♦ The **Solar Panels** are being installed on the Studio rooftop on Wednesday 10th January 2018. Hopefully the benefits will be great, and much appreciation goes to **Anna Reynolds and David Pagendam** for all their hard work in obtaining the grant and in arranging installation.
- ♦ The **Richard Randall venue** has been booked for June 22,23 & 24 2018 for our ANNUAL EXHIBITION. The venue is under new management and is already fully booked for 2018!
- ♦ HDGA representation at the Annual **Sherwood Festival** was a success. [See details on this page](#)
- ♦ The HDGA **website** has been updated with new header slide shows, new front page slide show and the current Lambert Wall slideshow in the gallery section. Check it out!
- ♦ The 2017 Lambert Wall (minus 2 works that were substituted), plus some other members' work are currently **on display at the Mt Ommaney Library** until early January 2018. A huge thank you, **Linda & Hans Olsen and Joanne Kerr**, for organising this opportunity to showcase the HDGA! [See details on page 5.](#)
- ♦ **Derek Johnston** won the Christmas card competition re MP Graham Perrett. It was great that MP Perrett's office approached the HDGA to supply the painting that will go on the cards. Thank you to the members who responded at such short notice. [See details on page 6.](#)
- ♦ Funds donated **by Viv Poon's family** will be used to purchase table easels for the studio. The Studio currently only has stand alone easels and the table easels will be a welcome addition.

Sherwood Festival



Pat Hunter's personal stall was adjacent to the HDGA stall - a big thanks to Pat for also helping to promote the HDGA!

It was a great evening for those in attendance and the HDGA in general!

Photos taken by **Trevor Downes**. Thanks Trevor!

The HDGA's Sherwood Festival stall was wonderfully conducted by the following members & their families (in alphabetical order):

Adele and Frank Dingle

Trevor and Diana Downs

Helen Grant-Taylor and friend Annie

Linda Mezzetti

Kim Woolley

Thank you to all for your fantastic efforts! Many promotional fliers were snapped up by the public and there were some sales as well.



Other Studio matters



Thank you everyone who helps keep the studio clean and tidy ! The SUMMER roster is now on the Pinboard in the kitchen of the Studio. It's important to make sure your workshop's rostered tasks are completed before you leave.

Please don't leave it all for the convenor to do.



When leaving the studio, it is very important to check that the following are **securely locked**: All Windows (including in the front room), the Back Door, the Front Room door, Front of Studio main door and the Toilets.



New HDGA Newsletter Publisher in 2018

Due to other commitments I am handing over the "reins" of the newsletter. Since my first newsletter in May 2015 I have learnt much and come to know so many more of you. It has been a very enjoyable journey both creatively and in the sharing of news. Thank you so much to all members who sent me items of interest/photos that made up much of the newsletters. Please keep it up for the new, extremely capable, "reins" holder: **Trevor Downes!**

Trevor will be issuing his first edition of the newsletter in early February next year (2018).

Trevor's email address is tad@designbylook.com.au

Please send all items of interest/photos for the newsletter to him from this point onwards.

If the item is news about a member or event, that can be included on the *website*, would you please send it to me (Chris Matanovic), too, as I am continuing to look after the website!



Notice of Annual General Meeting 2018



Please save the date of **14th February 2018** for the HDGA Annual General Meeting.

Your attendance at this meeting is important and it is also your opportunity to have input into issues concerning the HDGA (and to enjoy a social luncheon after the meeting!).

Please note that you won't be "lumbered with a job" at the meeting!! All committee members have to be formally nominated, & accept the nomination/s, well before the AGM. The committee for 2018 is then ratified by the members present at the AGM.



TUTORED WORKSHOPS IN 2018



During 2017 the HDGA conducted three successful, TUTORED workshops: a great 3 part series by Wendy Allen on the fundamentals of painting, a 2 part Watercolour series by Maria Field and a 2 part Painting with Pastels series by Penelope Gilbert-Ng.

We would like to receive suggestions from members as to what sort of tutored workshops you would like to attend in 2018. You may also know non-members who are looking for a particular type of tutoring - whatever it is, we want to know!

To get the ball rolling , we are investigating the possibility of another series of watercolour workshops that will build on the 2016 sessions.

Please email your ideas to **Chris: cjmatanovic@gmail.com** or text to **0412780055**. All suggestions are welcome!

Display at the Mt Ommaney Library

The Library at Mt Ommaney currently features the work of HDGA members. A huge thanks to Linda and Hans Olsen and Joanne Kerr for organising this promotion. And a big thank you to the members who consented to having their work in this display. It's great that most of the Lambert Wall is also on display - it is usually only featured at the Annual Exhibition!

The HDGA display will be at the Library until early January 2018.



Member News

DEREK JOHNSTON

The HDGA was contacted in mid November by the Moreton Electorate office, with an invitation to submit photos of members' paintings for this year's Christmas cards. They were looking for an artwork with subject matter that was an easily identifiable part of the Moreton Electorate.

Due to the short time-frame for submission, only those members with email were able to be notified of the opportunity.

Congratulations Derek! on your painting (at right) being selected for the Moreton Electorate Christmas cards.

Walter Taylor Bridge



Also a big thank you to the members who submitted photos of their work at such short notice. They were all great! MP Graham Perrett's representative stated (quote): *"The artworks were all amazing, it was very difficult for Graham to choose."* (end quote)

DONALD BLUE



Some of the Faces

Donald held a great exhibition of 35 works in the HDGA studio from 24th - 26th November. Titled "About Face", the exhibition contained many famous faces and was highly commended by several in attendance.

The opening night was held on Friday evening, 24th, and visitors enjoyed not only the great artwork and socialising, but also the background music which was representative of the faces depicted in the exhibition.



Enjoying the Opening Night

Centre: Donald and Vicky



A Recap of 2017 Activities

Here are just some of the achievements and activities of the HDGA in general during this past year:

- Applied for and received a grant from our local councillor Nicole Johnston - used to buy new stools and folding chairs plus shelving (both for the library and for storing props in the models' change room).
- Applied for and received a grant to install Solar Panels on the Studio roof
- The Library resources have been significantly updated (including some Art Magazine subscriptions), and re-organised. Thank you Wendy Allen and Sue Victorsen!
- New Vacuum cleaner purchased after demise of previous machine
- Studio hired out on Monday evenings to Aikido group (helpful in raising revenue for the studio)
- Studio Doors replaced with new
- Bus trip to Mt Tambourine Open Studios - 6th May
- Display of HDGA members' work in the Corinda Library
- Participated in the BVAC Pop Up shop at Mt Cootha in May
- 'Starting Out to be an Artist' workshops, series of 3, conducted by Wendy Allen in June
- Convenor's lunch at Mt Cootha in June
- Studio hired on Monday afternoons by low impact aerobic group, NIA
- Participated in the BVAC 5th Birthday celebrations at Wellers Hill in July
- Social Picnic at New Farm Park on July 30th
- Watercolour workshops in August - conducted by Maria Field
- Cleaning Bee held at Studio in preparation for Annual Exhibition and park event
- Annual Exhibition and "Art in the Park" at the Studio, in September
- Pastel classes conducted by Penelope Gilbert-Ng in September
- Participated in the annual Sherwood Fair in November
- Studio hired out to various members for personal exhibitions during the year

And of course there are always the more mundane activities happening : e.g. annual electrical inspection, fire extinguisher inspection, mandatory reports & inspections to and by the BCC, ant and possum control , etc .

To each and every member who contributed to the above activities, in any way, THANK YOU!

Gallery



Artist: Peter Fung



Artist: Trevor Downes



Artist: David Pagendam

Gallery cont...



Unsigned



Artist: Kath Dempsey



Artist: Linda Olsen



Artist: Trevor Downes



Artist: Donald Blue



Artist: Lyn Tidey



Artist: Linda McNally



Artist: Sof Georgiou



Artist: Greg Dunbar



Artist: Kylie Baker



Artist: Dell Harrington

Gallery cont..

Trevor Downes composed a Tuesday Workout Sheet for the workshop conducted on 24th October. It can be seen in it's entirety on the members' pinboard, along with a Workout sheet for another workshop. Great idea and a fantastic way to promote our workshops!

Below are the photos of members' work for that day. Note: the work of non-members attending the workshop are not displayed here.



Pat



Lin

Trevor

Adele



Patricia



Violet



Lorelle



Pat

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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 AND Trevor Downes 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
- ◆ Chris's email: 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.