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Artist: Bev Haseler -
Portrait

Artist: Tervor Downes—Plein Air



Artist: Peter Fung – Portrait



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Artist: Tom Mason -Plein Air

Artist: Harry Millner



2016 AGM & Committee

The Annual General Meeting was conducted at the HDGA Studio on Wednesday 10th February 2016. A pleasing number of members participated in the meeting which saw the majority of the previous committee successfully stand for re-election. A huge "thank you" was extended to outgoing secretary, Ruth Jasolski (who did not re-nominate) and a similarly big "welcome" was given to incoming Secretary, Wendy Stevens.

A highlight of President Anna's report was that, in addition to the previously reported Access and Inclusion grant from Brisbane City Council, the HDG has also been awarded a Crime Prevention grant. Further details are listed in the Studio News section of this newsletter.

The newly elected committee looks forward to working on behalf of all HDGA members over the next 12 months .



L to R: Secretary, Wendy Stevens; Treasurer, Pat Hunter and President, Anna Reynolds



Membership Secretary,
Robby Elder



Committee Member,
Helen Grant-Taylor



Committee Member,
David Pagendam



Committee Member,
Derek Johnston



Committee Member ,
Chris Matanovic

Farewell and thank you
Ruth! Your workshop
friends will look forward
to seeing you much more
often!



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HDGA Membership

Whilst the majority of 2015 financial members have renewed their membership for 2016, there are still quite a few **who have not indicated their intentions**. Therefore:

- If you are intending to renew membership, payment options are listed below.
- However, if you are not intending to renew your membership, would you kindly advise the membership secretary, Robena Elder, as soon as possible please.

The HDGA relies on membership fees for the day to day operation costs of the group. Costs include electricity, rates, insurances, equipment and so on.

Our thoughts and best wishes are with those who are no longer able to participate due to illness or other circumstances.

Membership Payment Options

There are several ways in which you can renew your membership. **If your contact details have changed, it is important that you also submit a renewal form with your payment.**

1. DIRECT DEPOSIT: BSB 484799, Account no 606007570. Please put your name in the "Details for Recipient's Statement" section of the transaction. Post a renewal form to the membership Secretary, Robby Elder, at the address below, **if your contact details have changed**.
2. CHEQUE OR CASH: Place in a sealed envelope, **with your name on the envelope**, and deposit in the locked box in the Studio kitchen. Remember to also enclose a renewal form if your details have changed.
3. POST a CHEQUE or MONEY ORDER to Robby Elder (Membership Secretary) at PO Box 303, CORINDA, Qld, 4075 (**Note Change of PO Box Address**). Remember to include your name with the payment and/or also enclose a renewal form if your details have changed.

Member Correspondence



To the dismay of Australian consumers, postage rates have increased from 70 cents per standard letter to \$1.00 !!

As you would appreciate, this increase will **significantly add to the costs** of mailing correspondence to HDGA members. In addition, the delivery time is now longer than previously guaranteed time frames and so it also means that those members who are currently receiving notifications, newsletters and other important correspondence by mail, *are being disadvantaged*.

THEREFORE, if you are not already receiving your correspondence by EMAIL, you are **strongly encouraged** to change from ordinary post to email. If you do not own a computer, here are a couple options that you may wish to consider:

- Using the free facilities at a public library
- Enlisting the help of a family member or friend

If you are at all able to commence using an email address, it would be greatly appreciated!

In the event that you change over to email, please then advise your new email address to the Membership Secretary, Robena Elder **and** the Secretary, Wendy Stevens.

Please also feel free to speak with a committee member if you have any concerns .



Folio Show and Sale



It's time to start thinking about **the First Folio Show for 2016** which is scheduled for April 29, 30 and May 1 at the Richard Randall Studio at Mt Coot-tha.

Setting up will take place on Friday 29th April with the Show and Sale following on Saturday and Sunday.

Registration details will be sent to members in due course. It would be great to see as many members as possible taking up this opportunity to show and sell their work!

2016 Lambert Wall

The HDG Annual Exhibition is scheduled for July 4th to July 10th this year. As the Lambert Wall is a central feature of the show, we also need to start thinking about this years THEME.

It would be great if you would **list your ideas for the 2016 theme** in the space provided on the Studio notice board. If you won't be able to attend the studio in the coming weeks, and would like to contribute, please contact a committee member who will then add them to the list. The **2015** Lambert Wall is depicted at right.



New Workshops!

The HDG Committee is excited to announce the addition of TWO new untutored workshops

Both workshops will commence during the first week of March . Details are below and will also be posted on the Studio noticeboard and on the website.

TUESDAY EVENING WORKSHOP

Alternating Life and Portrait workshops. **The first workshop will be life drawing.**

Commencing: Tuesday 1st March , 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm

Fees: Members—\$12.00, Non-members—\$15.00

Convenors: Kerry Ventnor, 0439713671, E: art4art.33@gmail.com

Wendy Stevens, 0418 821 837 E: wendy_s7@hotmail.com

ALL DAY WEDNESDAY WORKSHOP

Bring your own work (as for Tuesday am)

Commencing: Wednesday 2nd March, 8.30 am —4.00 pm .

Fees: Members—\$7.00, Non-members—\$10.00

Participants are welcome to stay for the whole day or for part of the day.

Convenor: Anna Reynolds, 0401 997 099

ALL WELCOME!

If you know of anyone outside the HDG who may be interested in either of these workshops, feel free to pass the information along to them!

Plein Air 2016

HDG PLEIN AIR VENUES FOR 2016

ALL WELCOME! Plein Air workshops are conducted on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. Participants generally meet on-site at around 8.30 am in Summer and 9.00 am in Winter. **Both sessions in each month are held at the same place.** The remainder of the 2016 schedule is included below:



- **2nd and 16th March**

Brisbane City Hall and Cathedral, King George Square

- **6th and 20th April**

Indooroopilly Bridge, meeting anywhere in or about Bridge

- **4th and 18th May**

Francis Cook Lookout, Top of hill from Quarry St (studio street)

- **1st and 15th June**

Springfield Lakes (meeting place to be advised)

- **6th and 20th July**

Tennyson, River views, (meeting place to be advised)



- **3rd and 17th August**

Nerima Japanese Gardens, Queens Park, Ipswich

- **7th and 21st September**

Newfarm Park, Rotunda

- **5th and 19th October**

Yeronga Park, Monument on top of hill

- **November**

Date to be confirmed. Exhibition with drinks and nibbles at Studio.



Tutored Workshops

- Members, the HDGA is YOUR group and the committee would love to hear from you regarding the type of **tutored workshops** that **you** would be interested in attending.
- Keep in mind that the Studio is available for use on most weekday afternoons and evenings, as well as on Saturdays.
- If you are interested in contributing your time to your group, by tutoring a workshop in your area of expertise, please contact a committee member. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.
- Likewise any suggestions regarding external tutors and subjects of interest, will also be carefully considered.
- **Note:** A primary concern in conducting any workshops is to keep the costs as low as possible for participants. The HDGA is a community focused group.
- A **flyer containing details on an upcoming tutored workshop, is being forwarded to members.**
The workshop will be conducted on **9th March** and is titled **“Playing With Clay”** . Details will also be posted on the Studio noticeboard.

STUDIO NEWS

THE PHOTOS SAY IT ALL!



BEFORE



AFTER



Brisbane City Council replaced the Studio Roof during the first week of February. Despite a couple of resulting issues such as water damage on the ceiling and the re-entry of possums, having the roof replaced is a major achievement for the HDG. President Anna's persistence in sourcing the funding for the roof, over a period of many months, is much very much appreciated by all.

Studio News Cont.

1. CRIME PREVENTION GRANT

This new grant will be used for :

- the installation of **security lighting** on the exterior of the studio and
- painting a mural on the exterior, railway-facing walls. The objective of the mural is **to prevent re-occurring graffiti**. It is anticipated that, in due course, members will be given the opportunity to become involved in the mural project.

2. REMINDER RE STUDIO CLEANING ROSTER

- Workshop participants are reminded that it is **everyone's responsibility** to maintain the studio as per the roster (it is not just the convenor's responsibility). If you are unsure as to what needs doing please check with your convenor.

3. KITCHEN SUPPLIES

- If you notice that any kitchen supplies are running low **please advise Dell Harrington** on 3397 1263 or 0406 388 203. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this area—hopefully there will be no more shortages at morning tea, or emergency dashes to the shops!

4. STUDIO LIBRARY

- The studio library materials are increasing in number and don't forget that there is also the DVD player (and art related DVD discs) and computer available for use . All members are welcome to use the library, whether they attend a workshop or not. Thanks again to Robby and Helen for their great work in organising the materials.

HDGA Website, Facebook & Newsletter

Most of you are aware that your art group has its own website and also a Facebook Page. These media sites are important as

- they are great tools for sharing information amongst members and
- are a cost effective way of attracting new artists to the HDG ranks as well as **advertising** the group's folio shows and exhibitions.

Therefore it is in the group's interests to regularly update these sites and, in order to do so, we need a regular supply of new material to post. The convenors are already assisting by taking photos at workshops (THANK YOU!). **YOUR HELP IS ALSO NEEDED!** The following are some ways in which you can assist:

- Email or text photos of your **finished** work to Chris Matanovic (see committee contact details). If you have good photos of framed work, please send them too. As Life workshops form a large part of the Group's workshops, it would be great to receive more photos of your work in this area.
- Consider adding **your profile** to the website. For details on how to do this visit www.hdg-artists.com (gallery/artists profiles)
- If you already have a profile and want to update it, just send the details (including any photos, if applicable) to Chris Matanovic.
- Give your social /art associates the web address and also invite them to Like the HDG Facebook page
- If you are participating in an exhibition or have any art news that you wish to share, please send details to Chris Matanovic.

Spotlight on Members

TOM MASON



HDGA member, Tom Mason will be exhibiting in an exhibition, which is featuring a number of artists from Ipswich, at Tenneriffe Qld. Tom has 3 watercolours from his French collection on show, one of which is featured here (left). This painting is titled "Le Porte bleue".

Exhibition Dates: 17th March to 15th April

Venue: Regional Arts House—Artslink Queensland Gallery

1F/24 Macquarie St

Tenneriffe Qld

Opening Event: Thursday 17th March

Tom is also involved in a number of upcoming art events in the region, including an exhibition at Boonah regional gallery in June, the Arttime annual (which he won in 2015) and the Ipswich Art Awards in May.

MORE EXAMPLES OF TOM'S WORK (BELOW)



PATRICK MARONEY



HDGA member, Patrick Maroney, is a well known Brisbane sculptor . With a background in architecture and having studied sculpture and art at several Australian and International sculpture and art Colleges and schools, his works have been commissioned by institutions Australia wide.

Patrick has also held 11 individual exhibitions between 1988 and 2006 as well as participating in several group exhibitions between 1994 and 2007. He works with a variety of materials, including bronze, welded steel, wood and ceramics.

Some of Patrick's commissions include: Brisbane Bronco Rugby League Bronco, St Aidan's Girl School Templeton, Melbourne Storm Rugby League Storm Man, University of Queensland Wayfarer and 2008 Art Spectacular Brisbane Rotary Clubs, to name a few.

Recent workshop photos



Plein Air

Monday workshop



Yoko and Eric from Friday



Plein Air



NOTE RE COPYRIGHT

Your art group is trying to communicate in many ways, including the newsletter, the website, and Facebook. 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 they can't attend.

If you **do not want** your picture, or pictures of your work, used for the above mentioned purposes, please contact Anna,

Thursday workshop



2015 Xmas Party

Last but not least!.... Here a few photos taken at the 2015 Xmas party at the Studio. A large number of members attended and enjoyed a night of great company, food and wine.

