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HALF DOZEN GROUP OF ARTISTS

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Folio a success

The first Folio show held this year at the Richard Randall Studio at Mt Coot-tha was a great success, despite slightly less work being on display, due to the heavy rain on the Friday.

The show once again looked great, and hundreds of passers by dropped in, looked at the work, and chatted to HDG members staffing the exhibition.

Sales were again surprisingly strong, with total takings \$2383. The raffle was again a winner, with the prize a painting by former member, the much loved Paula Moore. It attracted lots of positive comments, and was won by Robby Elder, who is over the moon to have an original by Paula.

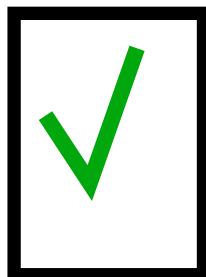
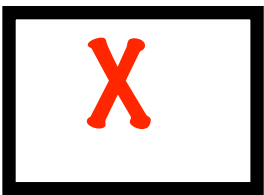


EVENTS

21 May, 2015

Annual Exhibition: July 6th - 12th

It's time to start getting excited about the annual exhibition and the Lambert Wall. There are canvasses in the studio, so have a think about the theme, and get inspired! The theme is a starting point, and open to interpretation. It is always interesting to see how different artists make the theme their own in the final piece. **DON'T FORGET, THIS YEAR, ORIENTATION IS PORTRAIT!!! NOT LANDSCAPE)**



The annual exhibition will be at the Richard Randall this year, as it has better passing traffic than the RQAS gallery.

We will put up screens, so there will be plenty of room for work. Start thinking about what you would like to put in.

This is our showcase exhibition, and a chance to show off to colleagues and others what you have been doing.

Watch out for entry forms in the studio, on email, and in the

2015 LAMBERT WALL

THEME
Mainly
Monochrome
Black & White
&
Tones of Grey

with
ONE
Small
Splash!
of
Colour

OTHER DETAILS

- **ORIENTATION:** portrait
- **CANVAS:** available at the studio – COST, \$10
- **ONE ENTRY** per member for the Lambert Wall
- **DEADLINE:** to be delivered to the Studio (37 Quarry Rd, Sherwood) by 1PM, FRIDAY 3RD JULY.

The Annual HDG Exhibition will be held at the Richard Randall Studio at Mt Coot-tha 6th – 12th July.

Further information about the Annual Exhibition will be made available in due course.

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Studio Opening: September

Precise details still to be worked out, but early thoughts include a sausage sizzle in the late afternoon in the park, with our market stall up, and some artists working in the park, showing off what we do! And then a formal opening inside at about 5.30pm.

Folio Show: November 6th - 8th

This will also be in the Richard Randall Studio. Both Folio shows are on the same day as BVAC are holding their pop up sale in the Mt Coot-tha auditorium, so we should be able to share publicity, and benefit from the extra people who come in.

WORKSHOP NEWS



FRIDAY:

Some new afternoon activities are taking place on Fridays. The first Friday of each month is an additional life drawing workshop, 1.30 - 4.30 pm, with a model, (different to the model in the morning). And the remaining afternoons, there is a discussion group on matters artistic, from technique, to how you judge work, and much more. All welcome! The discussion group is pictured left, with Sue wielding the stick.



PHOTOGRAPHING YOUR WORK

Two workshops were taken by Kevin Darch, a retired professional photographer, on how to photograph your work. They were both very well attended. The workshop covered lighting, getting the best from your camera, how to photograph pictures behind glass, and much more. A copy of his notes is on the notice board in the studio.



TUTORED PORTRAIT WORKSHOPS

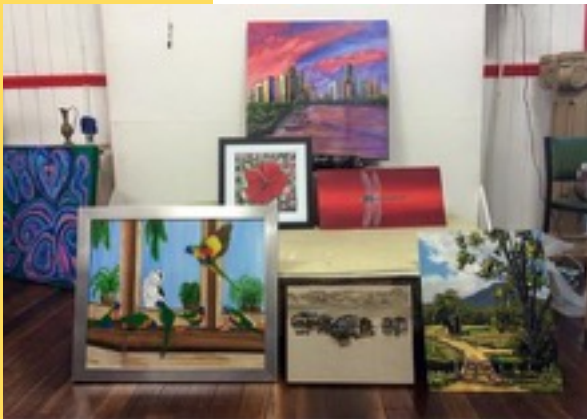
Two workshops on consecutive Saturdays by Frances McKenniarey were a great success. Frances covered approaches to portraiture, and techniques to successfully convey the essence of a person, or a pose. She stressed the importance of being as close as you can be to the model when working, so you can see detail better, but also to get a better understanding of the sitter as a person. As the workshops were oversubscribed, we are hoping she will run more later in the year.

MORE WORKSHOP NEWS

NEW WORKSHOPS

Friday: 1.30 - 4.30. The first Friday of every month. Life drawing. Longer poses than the Friday morning workshop. All welcome.

Tuesday. 1.30 - 4 ish. Another workshop for people who want to work on their own work, in the studio. This means the studio will be open from 10 am - 4pm on Tuesdays. You can do the whole day if you like, No model.



TUESDAY GROUP

Some of the lovely work on show from the ever popular Tuesday group. There is no model, people bring their own work to work on, enjoy music, art, and occasionally, a chat. Because there is no model, it is cheaper than other workshops. \$5 for members, \$10

The Thursday group recently had the pleasure of a visit from the local BCC Councillor, Nicole Johnston. Nicole was impressed with the work, and the group, and gave committee members lots of advice on applying for grants to pay for improvements to the studio. She also agreed to be a referee for our next grant application.

For Plein Air details, see page 9.



UPCOMING WEDNESDAY WORKSHOPS

JUNE 10; Dixie Lambert, advanced watercolour

JULY 22: Wendy Allen, Helen Grant-Taylor, multiple techniques

AUGUST 12, Donald Blue, Oriental techniques

SEPT 9, Wendy Allen. isms and styles in art

OCT 14 & 18. Rudi. Drawing buildings

Community Centre Day

The Sherwood Community Centre is holding a community day at the centre, 38 Thallon St, (just across the park) on Thursday May 28, 10 am - 2pm.

We will have a table there, with information about the HDG, and small items to sell. If you have cards, small drawings or paintings, or other small items, you would like to sell, please contact Anna, Ruth or Derek.

Other local art groups will be there, as well as other community organisations from the area.

Member exhibition

HDG member, Tom Mason has won the "Drawing Point Gallery" annual competition, called, *Serendipitous Sienna*.

Tom's winning entry is pictured right.

As part of his prize, Tom is holding an exhibition at the Drawing Point Gallery, 203 Brisbane St, Ipswich, from Tuesday June 9th to Saturday June 29th. During the exhibition, Tom will be working on paintings in the studio, so people are welcome to pop in for a chat and to see him work.

Tom is one of the HDG's most prolific and experienced artists. He paints most days and his work includes portraits, landscape, still life and abstract. This exhibition will focus on traditional to impressionist view created over the

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, acrey62@gmail.com, or 0401997099.

Thanks, your committee.



last few years. These are water colour and acrylic, painted en plein air, and from his own reference photos from country Australia and France.

The exhibition runs from June 9 to June 29.

Opening hours: Mon - Fri, 9 - 5, Sat, 9 - 11.

Studio update

As discussed at the AGM, the committee has been working through implementing the many improvements needed to the studio. We are currently getting quotes to:

- replace the back steps with a landing, steps and a hand rail
- upgrade studio lighting

Also, we are putting in a submission for a grant to replace the roof, and refurbish and paint the inside of the main studio.

For the enjoyment and smooth running of the workshops, please remember to.....

-put away tables, chairs and easels after you have used them

-if you are working with oils, only bring odourless turps. The old smelly stuff is forbidden in most art classes these days. And take it with you. It shouldn't be put down the drains.

-similarly with acrylics, if you can take left over paints home, rather than put them down the studio drains, all

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DONATIONS

Thanks to all who have donated items to the studio. Jill for the microwave, and Trevor Downes and Derek Johnston for contributions to the library.

Thanks again to those members who continue to work so hard on ongoing odd jobs, some big, some small. And also to those who regularly do extra! It is noticed, and appreciated! Often members don't understand how much certain people do, for the betterment of the group, and the membership as a whole.

Thank you lunch for convenors and special helpers



Every year, the committee puts on a lunch to thank the convenors and the many members of the HDG who put in extra effort to help the workshops and exhibitions run smoothly. A jolly time was had by all!

And a warm welcome to all our new members. If you would like to do more to help your group, please contact someone on the committee.



PLEIN AIR WORKSHOPS 2015 1ST & 3rd Wednesdays

Anytime From 8am till about 1pm (Rain check default to Quarry Street, studio). Please phone the organiser to inform them if you are coming before 8am on the day.

JUNE

3/6 Cannon Hill Reserve, Graystone Road, meet at carpark

Trevor 3399 3949 or Helen 0402 436394

17/6 Repeat Cannon Hill Reserve.

JULY

1/7 Brisbane Botanical Gardens.Mt Coot-tha. Meet at Richard Randall Gallery.
Contact Helen 0402436394 or

Tom 0418 150705

15/7 Repeat Richard Randall same contact details.

AUGUST

5/8 Brisbane Forest Park. Meet at café. Contact Maggs 0430619453

19/8 Repeat Brisbane Forest Park

SEPTEMBER

2/9 Old Brisbane Road, Goodna for Jacaranda blossoms. Meet at Royal Mail
Hotel . Contact Rudi 32714502 mob 0417717739

16/9 Repeat Old Brisbane Rd, Goodna

OCTOBER

7/10 Colmslie Beach Reserve. Contact Trevor Downes 3399 3949). Colmslie
Road

21/10 Repeat Colmslie Beach Reserve.

NOVEMBER

4/11 Sherwood Forest Park, Arboretum. Jolimont St. Meet in carpark.

Contact Helen 0402 436394