

HALF DOZEN GROUP OF ARTISTS

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COME ALONG TO THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY!!

DATE: Thursday 24th November 2016

TIME: 5.30 pm to 8.30 pm

WHAT TO BRING: A bottle of wine and/or a plate, and friend/s!

If you would like to also bring a piece or two of your work, for display on the evening, that would be great.



WORKSHOPS' TIMETABLE FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON

<u>WORKSHOP</u>	<u>LAST DATE 2016</u>	<u>FIRST DATE 2017</u>	<u>CONVENOR/S</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Monday	19.12.16	09.01.17	Dell Harrington	0406 388 203
Tuesday	13.12.16	03.01.17	Col Watford	0416 379 358
Tues Evening	20.12.16	10.01.17	Kerrie Ventnor	0439 713 671
Plein Air/Wed	-	TBA	Tom Mason & Trevor Downes	0418 150 705 3399 3949
Thursday	08.12.16	TBA	Nereda Watson	3397 2840
Friday	23.12.16	06.01.17	Wendy Allen & Clive Watson	0499 234 116 3289 7257
Friday PM	02.12.16	06.02.17	Helen Grant-Taylor	0402 436 394

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE BY 31ST Dec 2016



A gentle reminder that.....

1. Financial members enjoy privileges such as: Discounted workshop fees
Organised Exhibiting opportunities
Access to newsletters and other regular communications
Social events
2. Fees are used to: Assist in the provision of equipment when needed (such as easels, boards, seating)
Assist in the payment of utility accounts and regulatory safety checks (e.g. electrical system)
Assist in the provision of improvements to the studio- some that have already been installed are: air conditioning, professional lighting, picture rail system, internal painting, etc.

Membership Fees are:

One year \$70

Two years \$135

There are two ways in which you can pay your fee for 2017:

Option 1: Direct Deposit

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 Recipient's Statement



Option 2: Cash, Money Order or Cheque in an Envelope

Please write "your name" and "Annual Fees" on the envelope AND

Place in the locked letter box on the studio kitchen wall.



Let's try to have ALL memberships renewed by 31st December!

If you have any enquiries about membership, please contact HDGA Membership Secretary, Robena Elder.

Please also advise Robena IF you have changed any of your contact details. Your prompt response will be hugely appreciated!



Inaugural Studio Open Day & Mural Opening



**A BIG "THANK YOU " TO ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS
WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE GREAT SUCCESS OF THE
HDGA "ART IN THE PARK " DAY , ON 22ND OCTOBER**



President Anna
giving her
welcome speech



Lord Mayor Graham Quirk, giving his speech and
then officially opening the Mural.



Kim Woolley -designer
and project manager of
the mural, with Anna

The support for this event, from members and friends, was absolutely fantastic! It was estimated that a few hundred visitors attended throughout the day, many enjoying a coffee and cake while sitting in the shade of the big tree, and listening to the beautiful vocals of Gemma Johnston.

Both the sausage sizzle and cake stalls were very popular and sold out by the end of the day! And the coffee van also provided welcome refreshments.

Derek Johnston's "play with clay" and mini dinosaur activities attracted lots of young visitors, as did the free face painting activity.

Visitors appreciated the diverse and colourful range of market stalls and they were also able to view a couple of our HDG artists at work in the park.

Behind the scenes, members and friends cooked, set up the exhibition and marquees, made signs & and cleaned the studio and toilets in preparation for the event. Others took photos (thank you Julie and Dave!), sold raffle tickets, staffed the exhibition and loaned equipment such as marquees, feather banners and the PA system.

Last, but not least, it was wonderful to have so many members contribute their work for the exhibition, which was also highly commended by visitors.



THE MURAL



The end wall

Credit for the painting of this great mural goes to:

Kim Woolley for her invaluable expertise, hard work and the donation of the graffiti proof "paint" for the final layer. Kim and the her band of helpers created the mural over the course of a few days in September, with the result being this fantastic piece of artwork.

AND

The artists who helped bring the mural to life: Anna Reynolds, Derek Johnston, Wendy Stevens, Maxine Lohmeyer (Wendy's sister), Wendy Allen, Jill Jordan, Annie Priest, Kylie Baker, Viv Poon, Sonya Pluta, Angelina Tut, Nerida Watkins, Trevor Downes, Krystyna Naraniecki, Ruth Jaskolski and Dell Harrington. Apologies if anyone's name has been missed. It was great that some members, who weren't on the roster, also came and contributed to the mural.

Also, many thanks to Trevor Downes for the beautiful PDF he created of the mural's construction, and which was previously forwarded to all members. It's a lovely memento of another HDGA achievement.

The HDGA was thrilled to have Lord Mayor Graham Quirk officially "unveil" the mural and also to have Scott Emerson (Shadow Treasurer) and Graham Perrett MP, in attendance, as official guests.



Lord Mayor Graham Quirk with (L to R) Anna, Robby, Glenise and Julie.



Studio News

PICTURE RAILS

Picture rails were installed throughout the Studio, in time for the Open day on 22nd October. They proved to be a very successful addition and were fully utilised for the exhibition.

PAINTING OF STUDIO SPACE AND SITTING ROOM WALLS

The internal walls of the main studio and front room have been painted, and, together with the professional lighting system, greatly enhanced the studio for the open day exhibition.

SOLAR PANELS

The solar panel grant is still pending and it is anticipated that receipt of the grant, and subsequent installation of solar panels, will occur early in 2017.

MEMBERS' NOTICEBOARD

Due to the conversion of the main studio area to a gallery, the noticeboards which were previously attached to the walls have been re-located. A new cork tile pin board for members' work and notices has been constructed in the tables' equipment room at the back of the main room.



HDGA FEATHER BANNER



The committee has purchased a feather banner for use at future Exhibitions and functions. Although ordered prior to the open day, it did not arrive until afterwards. However, the HDGA is very grateful to BVAC for the loan of their feather banners on the open day. The picture, is of the feather banner's design (not of the actual banner).

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Sherwood Fair 11th November 16



The HDGA participated in the annual Sherwood Fair on Friday evening 11th November. As well as a display of work, there were some lovely items made by members, and the raffle was finalised. Cr Nicole Johnson (pictured at right) drew **Candy Page** as the lucky winner of the raffle.



Tribute for Rudi Rotteveel



The HDGA was much saddened by the passing of loved member and Convenor of the Tuesday workshops, Rudy Rotteveel, on 27.10.2016. His brother, Allan, wrote the following:

"My brother started life in Holland on the 29th May 1947, immigrating to Australia at the age of 4 with his parents and older brother. They started their new adventure in Bathurst but moved to Brisbane where they settled. Rudy comes from a long line of artists where his grandfather and uncle were both artists in Holland.

Rudy started doing art at the young age of 4 and by the time he was 5 his father showed him how to draw in perspective, and since then he never looked back.

He started his working life in Thomas Dixon Shoe Factory where he became a qualified shoemaker. But even throughout he was always drawing and painting and never gave up his passion.

Later he put himself through Seven Hills Art College and received his diploma in commercial art. After this he worked for a couple of commercial art studios. This was not for him so he started his own business. He started drawing ads for the newspapers and catalogues, later he stopped this and started doing artist impressions of new buildings, of houses, small shopping centres, unit blocks and townhouse complexes plus a couple of art union homes.

When he retired he went back to doing what he always loved the most and that was fine art, later joining The Half Dozen Group of Artists, where he became a convenor for their Tuesday group plus he held workshops a few times throughout the year".

An exhibition of Rudy's work was held at the Vera Wade Gallery, in the city, from Nov 7th to 18th. Entitled "A Talented Life", it was a very apt memorial.



Studio Cleaning Roster

The summer cleaning roster for workshops will be posted in the studio.

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.



Dinosaur Cut-outs for Sale

A Big thank you to Robby Elder and her husband for their donation of the dinosaur cut-outs' timber and for also cutting out the wonderful dinosaur shapes. A big thank you also to the members who painted the shapes (on both sides). An interesting and colourful variety of themes emerged on our dinosaurs.

These dinosaurs are for sale at \$100.00 each. Each is an unique piece of artwork and members are encouraged to either snap one up for themselves or pass the information along to anyone who may be interested in buying a one –of – a kind art work.



In the Making.....



And in the park!.....



AGM DATE FOR 2017

The date for the **2017 AGM** has been set as being on **Wednesday 22nd February 2017, at 11.00 am**. There will also be a bring a plate lunch after the meeting.

Please put this date in your diary!

Exhibiting Opportunities in 2017 – CHANGES

In response to rising costs associated with hiring a venue for folio shows & exhibitions, and also with regards to members' feedback, the committee has discussed and adopted the following changes to previous practices:

SUMMARY

1. Future events to be conducted at the HDGA Studio, 37 Quarry Rd, Sherwood. Extensive advertising will be undertaken in advance of events.
2. The Annual Exhibition will be brought forward to May 2017 (dates will be advised early in 2017). A folio show will also be a part of the Exhibition—see details outlined below.
3. An Open Day/Exhibition, similar to the event held on 22nd Oct this year, will be held again in Sept 2017.

DETAILS

Annual Exhibition & Folio Show:

- A) The Annual Exhibition will be on show for the first weekend and left hanging through the following week. Members wishing to participate with Folios will bring their folios in for the second weekend of the entire week. The second weekend will therefore be a combination of the exhibition of hanged work and a folio show. The studio will be open to visitors on both weekends. Statistics have shown that, by far, the majority of sales occur on the weekends of events.
- B) The previous *size restriction* on hung works has been *removed*.
- C) **All entry forms and payment** for the Annual Exhibition will have to be left at the Studio **no later than one week prior to the Exhibition**. However art work may be left at the Studio up until the Friday immediately prior to the Exhibition. This is to enable all signage, catalogues, etc to be completed in a timely manner. Late forms/payment will not be accepted.
- D) An opening night will be held, (as is usual practice).

Further details about events will be published when confirmed.

Contacts - Reminders & Requests

1. If members have any queries or concerns about **workshops**, please contact Linda McNally:
Phone: 0431 684 014 OR Email: lindamcnally@bigpond.com
- 2.. Contacts for **other matters** handled by the Secretary, Wendy Stevens, are:
Phone: 0418 821 837 OR Email: hdg.artists@gmail.com .
3. A **back-up** convenor is needed for Tuesday evenings. Please contact Wendy or Linda if you are available.
4. Would members give serious consideration to volunteering to be on a sub-committee which would run events such as the annual exhibition. It is only two to three times a year!

Your Committee



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WEBSITE, FACEBOOK & NEWSLETTERS

Your photos and news items needed please! Please email information and photos, for **any** of the following items, to Chris Matanovic at cjmatanovic@gmail.com. Photos and info can also be sent via text mssg to 0412780055.

1. Photos of your **finished** work. 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.
2. Consider adding **your profile** to the website. The web page www.hdg-artists.com (gallery/artists profiles) will give you an idea of what information is needed.
3. Updates for an existing profile
4. Any art news about yourself that you wish to share . eg. personal exhibitions, recognition received, etc

Help promote your art group by giving your social /art associates the web address and also invite them to Like the HDG Facebook page.

Thank you to those who have already sent information and photos—please keep it coming!

Gallery



Open day Exhibition and markets



Gallery Cont.



Mags



Mandy



Dave



Tom



Bev



Harry



Kylie



Annie



Peter



Clive



Wendy



Glenise



Carolyn



Linda



John



Dave

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 Anna Reynolds, President, HDGA.

Season's Greetings from your Committee

THIS IS THE FINAL NEWSLETTER FOR 2016.

**THE HDGA COMMITTEE WISHES ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS A
HAPPY AND SAFE FESTIVE SEASON**

MAY 2017 BE ANOTHER ART-FILLED YEAR FOR US ALL!