

AOP Newsletter August 2016

Hi everyone,

The winter months have been long and slow this year with many dull, cloudy wet days that have been more conducive to sitting in front of the fire than for painting. We have been finding it difficult to find new work to hang in the gallery from among the members so are looking forward to the 2 exhibitions that will be happening soon.

Don't forget Carcoola Art Show is on the 2nd weekend in August.

"Fruits of our labour" opens on Fri 2nd September so work needs to be in by 28th Oct to be hung. This is a member's exhibition so please get as many works as you like ready for this. The theme is open to your interpretation and can be any size or medium.

"Timber Country" our biennial community art competition will open on Fri 28th October, works due on Sun 23rd please. Entry cost is \$20 which includes the canvas to work on. It is pleasing to see that around 20 canvases have already been taken so it should be a fun exhibition to be part of. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and People's choice and we were very fortunate to receive a grant of \$500 from the Bendigo Bank/Hyne Trust and Snowy Valleys Council to assist with this.

If you're not sure what sort of wire or string to put on the back please give me a call on 0407 102 707 so that we don't have to go through the agony of changing unsuitable fixings while we are hanging the exhibition.

New EFTPOS

We have a new eftpos machine that allows for paywave if customers wish to pay that way. It is very similar to the old one but if you have any difficulty please call me on 0407 102 707.

Wireless Internet

We now have wireless internet in the gallery for all members to use whilst they are on roster or working in the Wenoma studio. The plan is with iprimus and the password is on the front desk near the telephone. Again if you have a problem give me a call and I'll probably be able to help you. If you have trouble logging on, check that there are 4 lights on the modem which is on the shelf below the phone. If there are only 3 on it means that the wifi has turned itself off as a power saving thing and all you need to do is find the button on the side that says WLAN and press it and it should work. Feel free to bring your laptop or ipad and use it when the gallery is quiet.

Roster

The winter hours seem to be going reasonable well and Susie is finding it easier to roster one person on than 2 while so many are away. We are going to start leaving the gallery bag in the large timber planter on the verandah of the caravan park office as sometimes the office is unattended around 11 and 2.30 as that is the quiet part of the day for the park. Look for it in the planter and leave the bag there when you return it if the office is closed.

Winter Air-conditioning

On extremely cold days you may have found that the air-con has turned off and gone to 'Standby' mode and the room cools down. I'm afraid this is the nature of the particular air-cons and they can't cope with very cold conditions. Fortunately this only seems to happen on a few days in winter but if you're on duty on an extremely cold day come prepared with lots of warm clothes on and use the little fan heater near the desk. We apologise for the inconvenience but we've had it checked out and there is nothing we can do about it.

Hot water in top kitchen

We have turned off the little electric hot water service in the kitchen for a while to see if that is a cause of our still large power bills. If you need hot water for washing up, please use the zippy heater while we evaluate our next couple of power bills.

Tumbarumba Photographs or artworks

We've had a few requests recently for high quality mounted or framed photographs or artworks depicting Tumbarumba suitable to be given as gifts to people leaving the area. We're not looking for snapshots but artistic photographs that show something of the beauty and special characteristics of the Tumbarumba area. We have none in the gallery at the present so if you can fill this niche it would be good.

SPRING SALE

***For the first week of September there will be 30% off all gallery stock for a week.
Please note this won't include paintings or any member's works, only items marked 'gallery'.***

The trade fair shoppers will be off to Melbourne next weekend to restock the gallery with exciting things. If there is something that you've seen that you think would be good to stock, let me know so that we can look for it. New stock will start arriving in September so watch out for it.

Silk painting workshop with Maggie Ravenscroft

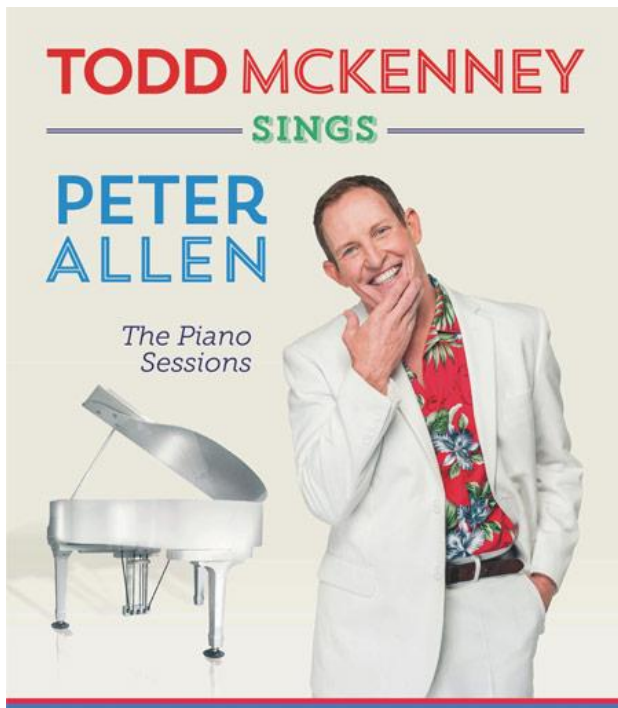
If you would like to learn silk painting and make yourself a beautiful scarf, please call Judy Maginnity on 0409 665 017 as she is arranging a workshop day in September.

Date and cost to be announced.



Concerts

We were very fortunate to receive a grant of \$2000 from Bendigo Bank/ Hyne trust and the Snowy Valleys Council to assist with bringing performers to Tumbarumba for concerts.



Thursday 22nd September

We are very excited to be able to announce that we will be having Todd McKenney (Boy from Oz and Dancing with the Stars fame) coming to do a concert on Thursday 22nd September.

This is an absolute coup to have a performer of this standing come to Tumbarumba. He will be on his 5 month Australian tour of his new one man show Todd McKenney sings Peter Allen , The Piano Sessions which he will be performing in Wagga the following evening. Mark this on your calendar and watch for further details.

Tickets \$45 on Sale on Wed 3/8
Get in quick as they will be limited.

Other concerts are still in the pipeline. I was hoping to be able to let you know dates and performers by this stage but have not had things confirmed as yet.

Grant Applications

We are currently preparing a grant application for a 'Stronger Community' grant from the new Snowy Valleys Shire to improve our performance space. We are applying for funding for a curtain to block out the kitchen, a small portable stage and some LED lighting which will make a huge difference to our concerts. Fingers crossed that we are lucky enough to receive one.

Focus on members

Jacquie Wilkinson has work in an exhibition called 'The Kitchen Garden' at the M16 gallery at Griffith in Canberra. It will be on for 3 weeks so if you're going to Canberra check it out. The exhibition has been put together by Jenny Manning who teaches classes at her home on Thursdays. Jacquie has been going to the Thursday afternoon class and has amazed herself with her paintings. The proceeds of the exhibition are going to charity.



Sue Mann continues to make amazing textile art in the form of quilts. At the moment she is working on a commission for a children's quilt and every Tuesday art afternoon we are constantly in awe of her imagination and skills as the quilt takes shape. She has cards based on images from some of her quilts in the gallery so if you are looking for truly unique and original cards have a look at these.



Degas exhibition at National Gallery of Victoria



There is a possibility of a small bus group being arranged to view the Degas exhibition in Melbourne which ends on the 18th September. This would be an overnight visit and the cost would include travel, accommodation, exhibition fee and possibly the evening meal and breakfast. If you are interested in going to see this amazing exhibition could you give Judy Maginnity a call on 0409 665 017. Date and cost is yet to be arranged.



'Timber Country' is the theme for our art competition. Entry price will be \$20 which includes the canvas to paint/stitch/collage/ whatever technique you choose.

Canvases will be available for collection by May which will give you 6 months to work on your entry. Open to everyone.

First prize \$200, second prize \$100

Exhibition opening Fri 28th October 6pm

Works to gallery for hanging and judging by Sunday 23rd October



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PH 02 6948 3600 or 0407 102 707

Open Wed-Friday 10-4 Sat & Sun 10.30-2

August/September Members Exhibition

'Fruits of our labour'

Is the theme for a member's exhibition to be held in September.

Work can be any size, any medium and you can interpret the theme in any way you choose.

We're looking forward to some interesting approaches to this subject.

Artworks need to be completed and brought to the gallery by Sunday 28th August

**Exhibition opening Friday
2nd September 6pm**

Anyone wishing to hold an exhibition of their work or a group of works please contact me as we are always looking to have new things in the gallery.