NEWSLETTER FEB 2015

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Hello everyone,

A belated welcome to 2015, a year that will be filled with many fine achievements for Artists on Parade I'm sure.

It has been a crazily busy start to the year for me which is why you probably haven't seen very much of me around the gallery in January, but things are quietening down and hopefully I'll have more time for the things I love, namely the gallery and painting. I'm sitting at my desk in our new house which we moved into just before Christmas. It's the first time I've actually been able to sit here in the office, despite the fact that I still have the dulcet tones of the nail gun and compressor behind me as Mal tries to get the skirting boards finished. By tonight I'll officially have a room to paint in that is all mine, the first time in 40 years and I can't wait to move my easel and 'stuff' in. I've been working out of bags, more bags and in small spaces for the last 15 years at the caravan park and the space I now have is luxurious.

To celebrate we're having an 'open house' afternoon and evening on Sat 7th March and Mal and I would like to invite all our gallery friends to come and celebrate what we've been doing for the last 4 years. I say 'we' but it should just be Mal, as he's done a huge amount of the work himself and has done an amazing job. It's been a huge effort and he wished he'd started 10 years younger, but he's achieved his dream and it's just lovely to live in. I keep pinching myself and thinking that I'll wake up one day and have to go back home to the shoe box we've lived in for so long. Hope to see you on the 7th March from 5.30, even if you've only got time to pop in for a little while I'd love to see you.

On a different note, Susie a'Beckett, Lorraine Smith and I were honored to receive an Australia day award on behalf of the gallery as recognition of the work done by the gallery members in achieving the



purchase of the baby grand piano for the community. We were a little embarrassed to be singled out as we know the award belongs to the entire group, so congratulations everyone; we accepted it on your behalf. We were pleased that the Shire recognised it as a very worthy achievement for the community.

I have a new email address for the gallery now which is artistsonparade@gmail.com so if you need to contact me please use this address or my mobile phone 0407 102 707 as I'm not always at the park now. Keys and gallery bag can still be picked up from the park office as normal. I'm happy to take your questions any time so please don't hesitate to call as it often only takes a few seconds to get the answer you need.

We have a lot happening in the next few months so get your calendars out and start marking in some of these dates.

Cheers MaryAnn

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The Sheds of the Shire competition winners

The 20 or so entries in the 'Sheds of the Shire' competition in November looked fantastic and it held together as a very attractive exhibition.

We had many viewers' choice entries which was very pleasing. The winner of the Viewer's Choice was Kerry Smith with a beautiful painting 'Tumba Wool Shed'.

Heath McElnea who is a resident expert in designing, building, demolishing and extending sheds, and who has some beautifully creative sheds of his own, was invited to be our guest judge and we thank him for his time and decision making.

The winner of the competition was Jan Smith with his fantastic painting 'Down Tools' which depicted the interior of the council shed that is soon to be demolished. It was a very fitting winner and our congratulations go to both Jan and Kerry.

Susie a'Beckett's painting 'Currawong Collection was the runner up. Well done Susie.

The quality of the entries in the photographic section was very good however the number of entries was very disappointing.

The winner of this section was Jessica Wolfe.

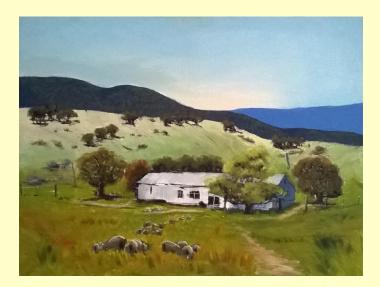
Thank you all the people who entered a painting or photograph because without your effort we'd have no exhibition or competition.

The next competition theme will be 'Timber Country' which some have already started thinking about.



Winner Jan Smith

'Down Tools'



Viewer's Choice Kerry Smith 'Tumba Wool Shed'



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Bijou- a Cabaret of Secrets and Seduction.....

This is our first concert for the year. This will be held on Sun March 22 at 7pm and looks as though it will be an amazing night.

Chrissy Shaw is an experienced singer and performer from Canberra and the evening will be cabaret style with small tables, mood lighting and BYO drinks/nibblies. Cabaret style dresses up optional!

We are part of a regional tour being organised by Eastern Riverina Arts and we've also received sponsorship from The Tumbarumba Community Bank and Tumbarumba Shire Council to bring this show to Tumbarumba.

The tickets are \$35 and bookings are essential. Tickets may be purchased from the gallery or you can ring the gallery and book your tickets which will need to be paid for a week before the show.

"Red Dirt" exhibition

Meg Brown will be having a solo exhibition starting at the end of March Called 'Red Dirt' these artworks are inspired by her travels through the outback, central Australia and the North West. All acrylic paintings, they are strong, bold images of floods, rocky outcrops and of course, red dirt.

The opening will be held on Fri March 27th at 6pm it would be lovely to see as many members and friends.

Tumba Show March 21st

It would be great if we could support the fine art section with lots of paintings.

Tumbafest weekend

The Tumbafest weekend will have come and gone by the time you read this so thank you in advance all the people who volunteered to spend part of the weekend at the gallery. It's usually a pretty busy time and worth being open. As a response to criticism in the past about having a visiting artist for this busy weekend we've not invited one this year and have all local artists work on the walls. It'll be interesting to see if there is any change to the response







Saturday 18th April 2015 COSI FAN TUTTE by W.A. MOZART



Sung in English, Co-Opera's production of Mozart's opera buffa [comic opera] Cosi fan tutte will enchant the most discerning audience.

Tickets available from Artist on Parade 13 The Parade Tumbarumba or phone 02 6948 3600 or visit www.mytumbarumba.com.au



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Opera in the Vineyard Saturday April 18

This is an exciting new venture we are trying this year in collaboration with Kay and Gary Wilson from Tumbarumba Wines Escape at Mannus.

The Co-Opera company is bringing Cosi Fan Tutti, a very entertaining opera that will be performed in a modern way making it enjoyable for everyone whether you are a fan of opera or not. This is a not to be missed outdoor performance in a beautiful setting with food and wine available and should be a most enjoyable evening. Patrons are invited to bring their own comfortable outdoor chair if they wish or plastic seats will also be provided.

Ticket price is \$70, dinner box and dessert (\$30) must be pre ordered, will be available from Tumbarumba Wines Escape. The alternative venue should weather be inclement will be the high school hall.

Meals will be served from 5pm for 6.30pm start with a 20 min interval, and the performance will finish about 9pm.

We are very grateful to our major sponsor, the Tumbarumba Community Bank. We'd also like to thank Tumbarumba Wines Escape who has helped with the venue and banner, Emma Ernst who has done all the publicity and promotional material and the owners of Magenta Cottage, Breakaway Cottage, Acacia Cottage and Alexander cottage who are providing accommodation for the cast and crew.

So round up your family and friends, spread the word, buy people tickets for their birthday and let's try to make this a spectacular night.

Monday night painting class

We've been asked on numerous occasions if we could run some beginner style painting classes.

4 week block of Monday night's 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th March from 7 - 9pm

The class would be open to anyone in the community including high school students and the cost would be **\$40 for the 4** sessions.

Materials required would be a basic set of acrylic paints i.e. red, blue, yellow, black and white, a couple of different sized flat and round bristle brushes, water jar plastic plate for palette and a rag. Paper will be provided.

If you are interested or know someone else who might be please put your name down at the gallery by 1st March or contact MaryAnn on

0407 102 707.



Life drawing Weekend Workshop?

I've been given the name of a life drawing model that would be happy to come to Tumbarumba to model for us for a weekend workshop.

If you would be interested in participating in a life drawing workshop could you please leave your name and contact number at the gallery and a rough idea of dates you would be unavailable so that we can find a time that suits most people.

We would need 10 people to get this off the ground. I was thinking May/June or July but we need to know who is interested and available.

Tuesday painting

Tuesday Painting group has recommenced. We had a good roll up for the first Tues of Feb but a no show for the second as everyone was busy.

If you get to the Wenoma studio and the door is closed please feel free to collect the key from the caravan park or from Emma at Hammonds as sometimes the key holders are running late.

We would love to see you there.

Roster

The roster has been going really well for the whole of summer, thank you everyone for all your work and for putting your name down ahead of time. It's been much easier for Susie of late.