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THE SOCIETY MEETS ON
2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

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from the President

Hello Everyone,

There are many kind souls on social media offering 'Boredom Busters' - activities you can do from your home to beat the COVID19 blues. Some look better than others. What can we do as an art society to help you at home? Are any of our members running or thinking of running art or craft classes on line? Do you want to set up a MTAS group to work on a particular aspect of art or just to get together periodically and chat about what you're up to? Are there interesting projects you'd like others to contribute to, provide feedback or helpful critique? Can we set a challenge painting perhaps?

If you have ideas about how we as a society or our mem-

bers as individuals might keep us engaged and in contact during this period of isolation or social distancing please let the committee know. If you know of someone who is on their own and could do with a voice checking in on them periodically, let us know. We would like to provide any assistance we can to support our members during this time - just reach out.

The Spring Affair exhibition, all being well, will be a members' award exhibition so keep painting and crafting. Hope to see you online.

Cheers,
Kym



Rae Woolnough Modern felting

A fascinating demonstration of Modern Felting by Fabric Artist, Rae Woolnough, was enjoyed by a good crowd of members and visitors in March. Rae took us through the process of felting with a video presentation then a demonstration creating a handbag from beautifully soft pure merino wool. She added elements of dyed wools, silks, lace etc. She also showed us a wide variety of other items she had made from felt - hats, large exotic flowers, 3D sculptural pieces and framed 2D pieces. The group participated by creating felted circles of coloured wool that were put together to form a chain which can be seen at our Musson Lane Gallery.

MUSSON LANE GALLERY

As you know, our MTAS Gallery at Musson Lane, which was open every Saturday, is currently closed until further notice due to the COVID 19 restrictions. The planned April 18th changeover will not happen.

Art and craft currently on display can remain until Saturday July 4th .

The fees that you have paid will cover you until then. (Hopefully the world will have returned to normal by then.)

If anyone would prefer to collect their art or craft prior to that, please contact a key holder – Sheila ph 0408161284 or Patty Bakarich 0415200446 (or other Committee member) to arrange a time when we can meet you to open up the building and mark the works off on the list.

Meanwhile your work will be safe, secure (and dusted) until we can open to the public again, when we will again ask for people to help on the Roster.

We are also looking at taking photographs of the works and posting them onto our site, Facebook and Instagram accounts to keep MTAS active as best we can during this time. We are looking at watermarking the artists work so that will cover any copyright issues. Stay tuned!

Keep safe and well everyone and stay creative.

FIELD DAY

A field day with Nepean and MTAS members is held every Thursday.

For venue or information, please ring Tony White 0410 624 918 or NAS website for further information

<http://nepeanartsociety.wildapricot.org/plein-air-painting-group>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DEMONSTRATION

Cancelled until further notice.

CASS REPORT

The CASS committee have been working towards our 2020 events for Art at the Top, Art in the Mountains and Art Direct but have decided, sadly, that these events cannot go ahead as planned due to the pandemic currently impacting all our lives.

While a lot of work has gone into organising the venue, accommodation and tutors for Art at the Top, the uncertainty of being able to hold the event, although hopefully matters will have improved, does not provide sufficient confidence that we will all be 'safe' to enjoy such gatherings.

The good news however is that the CASS Committee have been in conversation with Gallery ONE88 and have postponed Art in the Mountains to a similar time for next year and the Stanwell Tops venue organisers have also been able to reserve our October time slot for Art at the Top in 2021.

Art Direct, as it involves visiting personal spaces and exhibitions is also not going ahead but should restrictions have lifted by then you may choose to continue with your open studios as you usually would.

The Art of Sydney has not been deferred but owing to the amount of preparation and venue deposits needed we will make that decision in August.

The AGM, usually held in August is likely to be deferred until November.

We will update our Facebook and Web site information shortly and will be looking for opportunities to continue to engage with you and your members throughout this trying time.

Keep well and safe,
Kym

**"Every child is an artist.
The problem is how to remain an artist
once he grows up."**

Pablo Picasso

CLASSES

PORTRAIT GROUP

MTAS Portrait Group meets 2nd Saturday each month,
1- 4pm, \$12. Model, easels & afternoon tea provided,
BYO Painting/Drawing materials.

Next session TBA

Richmond Art Supplies

328 Windsor St, Richmond (next to Bryn norms)

Ph: Deidre 0412 979 731

LIFE DRAWING GROUP

MTAS Life Drawing Group meets
3rd Tuesday each month

7pm - 9pm \$12. Model, easels & supper.

BYO drawing materials.

Next session, TBA at

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MTAS CHILDREN'S AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASSES

Teacher Marcella Pyke

Term begins

TBA

\$96 (8 week term) incl. materials

ENROLMENTS ESSENTIAL

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FRIDAY ART CLASS

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All planned events are now cancelled until further notice.

*"You use a glass mirror to see your face;
you use works of art to see your soul."*

George Bernard Shaw

EXHIBITIONS

Hawkesbury Regional Gallery

Ph 4560 4441, closed Tuesday

Temporarily closed see website

Art Gallery NSW

Temporarily closed see website

Purple Noon

606 Terrace Rd,

Freemans Reach

Ph:4579 6579

puplenoon@bigpond.com

Temporarily closed see website

Please join us for the (now) digital opening of 'The Tiny Art Show.' We had so much planned around this opening, however, like everyone else, Covid-19 has affected how the exhibition is presented to you.

Like all businesses in Australia, and around the

world, we are hoping that our online transition allows us to keep presenting great art by creative artists and craftspersons dedicated to their practices, and who, along with other galleries and entertainment venues, represent the broader Australian arts community. We all need to support them.

On Saturday 4th April 2020 Purple Noon Gallery will present its first online exhibition. A new front page on the website will be dedicated to the monthly online shows: www.purplenoongallery.com.au

The Village Kitchen Kurrajong

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Purple Noon Gallery

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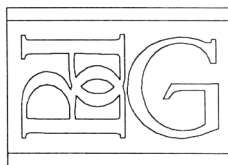
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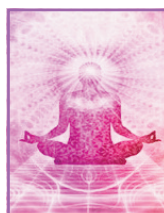
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Our shop, Richmond Art Supplies, will be open for as long as the government allows. But that might not be long. We have become an "Essential Service" for those needing art materials over the duration of C19.

We also hope to set up some online ordering & depending on how long it all lasts, perhaps some online tutorials.

Phone orders will be accepted on 0412979731. We can arrange deliveries or shop pick up if ordered ahead. People can go to our website www.richmondartsupplies.com.au to check what's happening.

Kind regards,
Deidre

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- Monthly Art Groups \$10
- Portraits - 2nd Saturday \$12
- Local Artists Gallery \$2 for 4 months 20% commission on painting sales

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Satya Morrison 0405 337 652

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(Next to Brynors) 4578 3555

Hawkesbury Community Arts Workshop

Hi all,

As mentioned earlier this week all classes and group sessions are cancelled until further notice. However hopefully art, printing, ceramics and mutual friendship, care and support is stronger than ever ... more available time, less commitments for some or many of us and a much freer calendar is reshaping our days and lives in never envisaged ways. The phone and the varied scope afforded by the internet is however opening opportunities in old and new ways. I contacted two of my tiny grandboys this morning on Messenger watching as well as talking as I had never done before. And Lesley Reay is doing some new things and exploring our Facebook page so give it a week or two & then search that one too. Mike Dingley has sent some prints to help kick off our new start. Thanks Mike,

The Uni is still open at present and has said our members can access K13 and D9 (the Piggery) on a 'one on one' basis, individuals coming in occupying a pocket of time. We have however been asked to contact security on our arrival & departure & if you could please ring me beforehand if intending to go into K13, and contact Sharron if you wish to go to the Piggery, just so we ensure we don't double up and have two or three members arriving at the same time. I'll let you know if the status of the Uni changes in coming weeks which it may more than likely do.

Keep well. stay safe, perhaps be exceedingly creative.

Warm regards

Vicki



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