

NEWSLETTER

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2012 JOHN COPES PORTRAIT PRIZE



2012 JOHN COPES PORTRAIT PRIZE, judged by Ben Quilty WINNING ARTISTS

Above: First prize winner, Paul McCarthy with his work " Post Match"

Judge's comments: "A strong sensitively felt portrait. Beautiful use of acrylic. A portrait that brims with honesty and suggests a serious artist's practice."

Left: Second prize winner, Tony Costa with his portrait of Dick Watkins.

Judge's Comments: "A naïve, urgent and sculptural work that drew me to it the instant I walked into the room. The minimal use of colour belies the artist's exceptional sense of form."



Dear BDAS Members,

The year is fast disappearing and we can now look forward to holidays. Both the Gallery and Workshops have been in constant use and there have been a number of interesting and enjoyable activities which have been well attended. The Open Garden at Retford Park, bus trip to the Sydney Long Exhibition, Degas Movie Night, Melbourne Cup and the BDAS Open Gardens held in October which were beautiful. I am very grateful to all who have helped, sitting at the entrances, hosting the bus trip, supplying and introducing the movie, and opening their gardens. Carol Scott, Marika Schmidhoffer, the watercolour class, Joy Turnbull, Tony Hull, Wendy Hill, Helen de Salis, Tony Deigan and of course the wonderful Fiona, made this happen.

The Portrait Reveal was again a successful event. All of the portraits were excellent and we had 80-90 attending.

This year's Melbourne Cup had fewer attendees however it was, as always, a lot of fun. Ruth Kemp, Ross Meredith and Kevin Windybank ran the sweep and I won a first prize!

Those of you who have had cause to use the garage will notice a huge difference. Tony Deigan, Goff Scott Mitchell and Gordon Turnbull spent a day sifting and sorting and making sure we can not only get in but also know where things are. Ross Meredith came with his trusty truck and took the load to the tip. Their work is much appreciated.

So many of you that I haven't named are important to the successful running of the organisation and this is what makes BDAS special. It would be wonderful to hear from people who are interested in joining the committee next year and being part of this growth. Please speak with me at any time about what membership of the committee entails.

We have been chosen to partner WSC in hosting next year's International Women's Day Breakfast which will be held 8th March 2013. The theme is Women in Art – pencil in.

As part of the funding we received from the WSC, new easels have been made and are being utilised in Workshop 1. They are very solid and should last many years. Shelving in the storage rooms and new side tables will be coming soon.

I mentioned 2 important tasks for this and next year's committee in the last Newsletter, the completion of the Sculpture Garden and the upgrading of lighting in the Gallery. To this end, with the help of Shelly Willingham from Greenrun, we have prepared 2 and submitted one application for grants to finalise these projects. We won't know the result of our applications until next year but fingers and toes are crossed.

I look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Celebration, Sunday 2nd December. The music will be lovely and your committee will provide a delicious afternoon tea.

Warm regards



Christina



Above: "Smoko" at BDAS Working bee to clean out garage, thanks to (from left) Gordon Turnbull, Goff Scott-Mitchell & Tony Deigan.

BDAS MEMBER

Gillian Hook



Beginning teaching as a twenty year-old Art Teacher at the then Annesley School in Bowral, Gillian recognised she enjoyed sharing her enthusiasm for both the theory and practice of art. Fifty years on she still feels the same way. In 1964 she and her family moved to the Hunter Valley where they lived for the next thirty years, during which time she continued teaching and painting, and helped found the Scone Arts and Crafts Centre, built with a grant from the Whitlam government, becoming its President in the late 1970's.

She held her first solo exhibition at the Cook's Hill Gallery in Newcastle, as well as exhibiting widely throughout NSW, winning awards in both watercolour and oils - several of her paintings hang in municipal collections and galleries, including the Muswellbrook Regional Gallery.

Obtaining a Degree in Visual Arts, and Diploma of Education in 1991 at Newcastle University, she was asked to conduct workshops throughout NSW including the Grafton Artsfest for two years.

Returning to Bowral to live in 1993, Gillian taught in schools and was asked to teach watercolour at the newly built BDAS workshop in 1993. She became President of the BDAS from 1994-1997, and still teaches in the workshops.

Her most recent commission was to create a painting for the Children's Ward at the Bowral Hospital, to honour the memory of Dr. Judith Dey - the painting was dedicated in May this year.

She was also invited to serve on the Harbisoncare Art Committee, whose job it is to curate exhibitions, as well as maintain and catalogue the growing Harbison art collection comprising of over 300 donated paintings, which are used to enhance the living areas in the village.

2012 BDAS TULIP TIME PORTRAIT EVENT

3 ARTISTS PAINT THE TULIP TIME AMBASSADOR, GERALDINE TURNER IN THE BDAS WORKSHOP

Left: The portraits on display at the Brown Bookshop during Tulip Time.

THE ARTISTS

Below left: Paul Ryan with his portrait

Below right: Judy Lane in the BDAS workshop working on her portrait.

Bottom left: Glen Preece beside his portrait at the cocktail party when the portraits were revealed at the BDAS Gallery.



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Mimi Tait
Noel Thurgate
Aoi Nakata-Young
Garry Foye
Barbara Learmont
Virginia Stern
Wendy Waide
Warren & Carolyn Banks
Lloyd & Lesley Gallegos
Narelle & Graham Blackadder
Brian & Nola Flower
Rosemary Wasson Janet Hicks
Alison Fenaughty
Keith Huxham
Mike Coward
Fay Cavenagh
Agnes Bruck

ALL EXHIBITIONS OPEN 10am - 4pm, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

16 - 27 November INTO THE HEART OF NIGHT

Exhibition of work by artist, Simon Wilde, Collages and poetically inspired abstract creations in steel. Opening Sat 17 November

1 - 9 December KIDS ON SHOW

Annual exhibition of work by primary school aged artists. Opening Fri 30 November at 5.30pm.

COMING IN THE NEW YEAR

25 Jan - 17 Feb 2013 MEMBERS EXHIBITION

Exhibition open to all members of the BDAS, entries to be delivered 10am - 1pm Wed 23 January. Opening Sat 26 Jan at 1pm.

1 - 5 March STUDIO ONE

Exhibition by Dave Thomas' workshop group. More information to come.

Openings and Exhibitions, Members are welcome to invite and bring friends and visitors to openings and exhibitions to introduce them to the gallery and workshop.

GALLERY HIRE 2013

Fiona, **BDAS Office, 4861 4093**, 9am-12noon Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri.

GALLERY BOOKINGS: Deposits are required with confirmation of booking (TBC will be held for 1 month only)

A four (4) month cancellation period will be enforced - deposit will be forfeited if less notice is provided. Consideration to other persons on the 'wait list' must be given to allow artists and gallery plenty of time to manage advertising and promotion.

BDAS PRINTMAKERS EXHIBITION

The second BDAS Printmakers exhibition, "Visions" took place at the Gallery on 18 - 30 October.

Right: Part of the extensive range of prints on show in the exhibition..

Below: Ann Downes with one of her works.

Below right: Cathy Coutts with a selection of her work in the BDAS gallery.

Congratulations to Barbara Trapnell who was the lucky winner of the gourmet food hamper from the BDAS Printmakers exhibition Visions



COLLECTING NATURE, Drawing workshop with Suzanne Archer, 15 & 16 Sept

Below left: Patrice Cooke (left) & Helen McCosker (right) working in on their drawings at the workshop



WATERCOLOUR WORKSHOP with Malcolm Carver, 25 - 26 Aug



Above: The group at the watercolour workshop

Below: Malcolm Carver's demonstration watercolour showing BDAS Gallery



UPCOMING NEW CLASSES & WORKSHOPS 2013

NEW WORKSHOP CLASSES IN 2013

PAINTING & DRAWING with A F Fulgence
6 February – 8 April 2013, 9am - 3.30pm.

Cost: \$675 per term (9 weeks) or \$375 half term (5 weeks)

The class is designed to direct and encourage students to practice, experiment and explore their creative capabilities in order to develop their own style. Students have the option to create artwork based on a variety of classes exercise or to develop a subject(s) of their choice.



Above: "Waratah" by Elaine Musgraver



Above: "The Road to Berry" by A F Fulgence

BOTANICAL ART with Elaine Musgrave

Term 1, 2013, monthly on Mondays, 9am - 4pm.

Elaine has exhibited in Botanica, the annual exhibition at Lion Gate Lodge, Sydney Botanic Garden, since 1999 has also exhibited in New York and London. During classes we will study the need for careful drawing and the importance of light and shade, form and composition in Botanical Art. We will also explore mixed media with the use of graphite to complement colour.



UPCOMING WORKSHOPS IN 2013

STONE LITHOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

3 day workshop with Tony Ameneiro
3, 9 & 10 March, 2013, 9am - 4pm.

Cost: \$195 BDAS members, \$205 non members (incl casual membership)

Explore and learn the methods for making lithographic prints using traditional lithography stones. Learn how to prepare your design, transfer it to the stone, paper preparation and how to print a small edition.

Participants will be shown the different methods and styles of drawing, inking, rolling-up and registration techniques to produce their lithographic prints

"FINDING INSPIRATION"

Painting & Drawing Workshop with Suzanne Archer

16 & 17 March 2013. 9am - 4pm.

Cost: \$200 BDAS Members, \$210 non members (includes \$10 casual Membership)

This is a workshop designed to take you from carefully studied drawings from found objects to more developed and larger drawings using your own compositions

Suzanne Archer has exhibited on a regular basis in Australia since 1967. Winner of many Art Awards including the Wynne Prize for Landscape Painting in 1994 and most recently the Dobell Prize for Drawing in 2010. Suzanne is a Sessional teacher in the Painting and Drawing Departments at the National Art School



BOOKINGS FOR THE WORKSHOPS

Phone Fiona at BDAS on **4861 4093**, 9am-12noon, Mon, Wed-Fri or email: b.d.a.s@bigpond.com

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**ROMANCING THE SONG
BDAS Musical Afternoon &
Christmas Party**

Please join us for our Christmas Party, afternoon tea and wonderful afternoon of music and company "Chez Nous" at the BDAS Workshop

Presenting a selection of Renaissance and Classical music with guitar, viheula, lute, two strings and voice Performance by Kjell Goyer on guitar & lute, Geoffrey Stewart-Richardson on violin, Maria Dunn on 2nd violin and cello and Nina D'Arcy vocals.

DATE:Sunday 2 December, 2012

TIME: 2pm concert, 3pm afternoon tea

WHERE: BDAS Workshop 1

COST: Gold coin donation



Kjell Goyer on guitar

MEMBER SUCCESSES

THE BDAS WISHES TO CONGRATULATE

Kim Shannon who was a finalist in the 2012 Portia Geach Award.

Tony Ameneiro who was announced as the winner of the "Works on Paper Award at the 50th Festival of Fisher's Ghost Art Award

A-F Fulgence who was awarded Highly Commended, and Winner of the Unpacker Prize at 2012 Norvill Art Prize for "The Road to Berry #3"

Josefia Lemon who was awarded a Highly Commended for her oil painting "Curiosity" at the 2012 Blacktown City Art Prize

BDAS OPEN GARDENS



BDAS Open Garden Day on Sunday 30 Sept.

Above left: Marika Schmidhofer in her open garden.

Above: Peter Scott at his garden, Linden Cottage.

Left: Barbara Trapnell & Fiona Fudge help out with the morning tea.

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH AT CRAIGIEBURN



Above (from left): Ross & Christina Meredith and Marika Schmidhofer enjoy the Melbourne Cup luncheon.

Right: Sue Astor-Smith, winner of the best hat award.



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