

from our President

The Spring Affair Exhibition was a huge success, with my sincere congratulations going out to Vicki Carter, winner of The People's Choice Award, Guenter Barth second and Kathleen Bale picking up third prize. The Children's Sections were well represented and of an excellent standard. Congratulations to the winners, runners up and third place getters in their sections, and to John Shields for judging and presenting the awards. I must also thank our sponsors; Hawkesbury City Chamber of Commerce, Nova Employment, Windsor Riverview News, Richmond Art Supplies and Jocelyn Maughan. Also, I must thank the MC for the night, Rosco from Vintage FM, who volunteered his time to help make the night special.

However, with-out you, our artists, none of this would be possible. I must apologise to our members who provide craft and other forms of hanging art. We did not support you well or give you equal time in the dialogue on opening night. We can only do our best to make sure this doesn't happen again. Congratulations to all the artists who sold their pieces during the exhibition.

Art of Sydney is only just around the corner, and you should have received your entry forms, with dates and times. Richmond Art Supplies will be the drop off point for MTAS members on the 6th of January. Times TBA.

Another important event to mark in your calendar is Art in Action. Check the CASS report for the website and more details. And the MTAS Christmas Party, is Wednesday the 7th of December at the Richmond Golf Club. All are welcome. Please be there at 12pm.

Our next meeting will be the 13th of December and will be our usual Show and Tell, so bring along your works and share your insight and inspiration. It is our last meeting for the year, so get into the festive spirit and wear your best Xmas outfit. May I also ask that you bring a plate of goodies to have with a cuppa.

A reminder that the Yarramundi Community Centre open day is the first and third Wednesday of each month. So, come on out and enjoy the company.

Please check your calendars for a list of activities for 2017. Noting there are still some details to be confirmed. For those on Facebook, check the Macquarie Towns Art Society page, log onto www.mtas.com.au, phone a committee member or email info@mtas.com.au for further information. Contact numbers are listed on the cover of your newsletter.

I will finish by thanking my committee for their time and hard work during 2016. I would also like to wish all MTAS members a Merry Christmas, and Safe and Happy New Year. See you all for another busy year, in 2017.

Quote of the Month: *I dream of painting and then I paint my dream* (Vincent Van Gogh)

Donna Cavanagh, President, MTAS Inc.

FOHacRG Inc.

We are saddened by the passing of Brian Jones, founder member and our Patron. Brian donated many art works to us which are held at the Hawkesbury Regional Gallery. He did the research for the "Steps of the Masters", causing Streeton's Lookout on the Terrace at Freemans Reach to be acknowledged and beautified by the council.

A bus trip to the "Treasures of Versailles" exhibition at the NGA in Canberra on Sunday January 22nd will cost you \$80, this includes morning tea and exhibition entry. Contact Sheila 4572 3039

Our "Year of the Rooster" selling exhibition will open on Saturday 18th February, Sunday 19th in the Stan Stevens Studio.

Entry forms at Richmond Art Supplies.

Contact Sheila 4572 3039

Awards

Parramatta Foundation Art Awards

Best in show *Julie Simmons*
2nd Watercolour

Blackheath, Wangarratta and Warnambool

Best Watercolour *Julie Simmons*

MTAS SCHOOL HOLIDAY ART & CRAFT WORKSHOPS

for kids 5 - 15yrs

16th - 25th January 2017

New w/s include Recycle Sculpture, Sock Puppets & Coloured Wax Painting as well as Pottery, Drawing, Painting, Cartooning, Jewellery etc.

\$14 per session

at the Art shop,
Magnolia Mall, Richmond.

ph Deidre 0412 979 731

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

CHRISTMAS CRAFT WORKSHOPS FOR KIDS

Monday 19th December &
Thursday 22nd December

10.30 - 12 & 1.30 - 3

both days

at Richmond Art Supplies
to book ph 0400 185 807



Classes

MTAS CHILDREN'S AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASSES

Teacher *Marcella Pyke*

Term 4 begins Monday 17th &
Wednesday 19th October

\$96 (8 week term)

incl. materials

ENROLMENTS ESSENTIAL

Ph Deidre 0412 979 731

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Christine Attard, Kerry Bedford

Debbie Beanland

Jacqueline Brewster

Megan Campbell-Judd

Victoria Carter, Coral Dreggs

Elaine Foulsham

Sue Gasser, Beth Gibbeson

Liz Jones, Sue Kennedy

Debbie Perrott, Christine St Flour

Mark Shivlock, Leone Solomon

WATERCOLOUR ON CANVAS workshop with Julie Simmons



MTAS LIFE DRAWING GROUP

3rd Tuesday each month, i.e.
the next Tuesday following the
MTAS Meeting 7pm - 9pm

\$12.

Model, easels & supper
provided.

BYO drawing materials.

Next session, Tuesday
20th December

at the Art Shop, Magnolia Mall,
Richmond.

Ph Deidre 0412 979 731

FRIDAY ART CLASS

with Deidre Morrison

All media

*Work at your own pace in
relaxed, friendly atmosphere.*
Every Friday 12.30 - 3.30pm.

\$25 p.w.

Richmond Art Supplies
Shop 10 Magnolia Mall,
285 Windsor St, Richmond

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