

from our President

With the current newsletter members will have received an entry form for our "Spring Affair" Exhibition. This is an open exhibition offering "Peoples' Choice" prizes of \$200, \$100 and \$50 but it should be assessed as opportunities to offer your work for sale as well as exhibit the work that you have done through the year. All work entered should be offered for sale. Please keep a copy of your entry form as we have recently been swamped with requests for information about entries.

We will again showcase work done by students from our After School Classes and award prizes sponsored Jocelyn Maughan, MTAS and Richmond Art Supplies.

Members who specialize in the various crafts with work for sale, should also enter.

We had a very successful four days at Richmond Market Place, selling 25 works for some of the 26 members who submitted works. We would like to see more members take advantage of this exhibition which is held annually around the middle of August, according to the availability of the space. More participants would ease the load for committee members who had to double up on duties.

We have been informed that the Hawkesbury Regional Gallery will be staging the Hawkesbury Art Fair from 4th November to 4th December. This is the 3rd year that local artists will be exhibited in the regional gallery. I attended a meeting with a gallery representative where I put the case for the 140 members of MTAS. Unfortunately my request for our members to be allotted a larger area of hanging space seems to have fallen on deaf ears. Again those who set the rules are asking the volunteers to take on the task of selecting 6 artists' work which best represents the highest quality available from each community group. Each of the 6 must be able to submit digital images of 5 works, "quality" framed and of "equal excellence". I hope you all comprehend my distaste for this "opportunity" being offered to our members.

More on that at the meeting on Tuesday, 13th September, which will also be our AGM. Please attend to show your support for the committee which works so diligently for you. There will be some vacancies to be filled but most committee members are willing to continue, perhaps in different roles. The Printmakers have volunteered to give a limited demonstration (because of the time factor). There will be no contribution required for the printmakers and supper will be served.

Please check your calendar for a list of activities occurring every weekend during September and log onto Info@MTAS.com.au or phone a committee member for further information. Contact numbers are listed on the cover of your newsletter.

Best wishes to everyone and many thanks for your support during the year.

Narelle Ward, President, MTAS Inc.

CASS report

As MTAS goes to press the CASS sponsored September open studio trail, ArtDirect, is in progress with studios across Sydney, the Central Coast and here in the Hawkesbury participating. I look forward to hearing of everyone's experience.

The entry forms for Art of Sydney are ready and will be made available to MTAS members - please make sure if you are entering that you volunteer to assist by nominating your preferred activity and time on the roster. Entries will close on 2 December. The judge for this exhibition is Brett 'Mon' Garling, a well known artist and sculptor.

The CASS AGM took place on August 28th and the existing committee were returned to office, with the addition of Diane Yousouf (Bankstown AS) as secretary for the Delegates meetings. A key activity for the CASS in the next year will be seeking new ideas for fund raising and new opportunities to promote our member societies. The next CASS artists' event is the month long Art Direct open studios in September. If you want to participate anytime in September, please register your interest on the web site at www.cassartdirect.com.au

Kym

Don't forget the Richmond Jubilee Saturday 17th September in Richmond Park & all through the town.
If interested in exhibiting art contact Deidre or Satya at Richmond Art Supplies ph 45783555 or
<<mailto:sales@richmondartsupplies.com.au>>

Vale Colleen Hudson, our much loved committee member and admired porcelain artist who passed away 20th August after a long battle with cancer, Colleen's bright personality will be greatly missed.

Hawkesbury Community Arts Workshop

The Piggery Lane Studio will be open Sat 10th & Sun 11th Sept. Sun. 18th Sept., also K13 with Pottery wheel and printmaking demonstrations..

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

HAWKESBURY PRINTMAKERS INC.

"Jigsaw Lino" with Ann Chilman Sat 10th Sept, 10 – 3 at K13, Western Sydney University. \$35 includes materials – lino, paper, inks. BYO craft knife & cutting mat (if you have one), BYO lunch.
"Repeat Patterns with lino" Sat 8th Oct. Print on paper, cards or fabric (BYO) Carving small lino and repeat printing.
Ph Sheila 4572 3039

MTAS SCHOOL HOLIDAY ART & CRAFT WORKSHOPS

for kids 5 - 15yrs
27th September to 7th October
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

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 September

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

Ph. 0412 979 731

Awards

Lane Cove Art Exhibition

1st Watercolour *Julie Simmons*

Singleton Art Prize

1st Still Life *Julie Simmons*

Penrith Agricultural Show

2nd Aust. Landscape *Julie Simmons*

HC Council Award *Julie Simmons*