

MAYDAY HILLS ART SOCIETY

The Mayday Hills Art Society is a non-profit organisation for the benefit of artists in the region. Its objectives are to foster all branches of the visual arts and to provide innovative activities, networking and other opportunities for artists to advance their talents and for all those interested in art.

NEWSLETTER

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Kurrajong Way, Mayday Hills Village. Beechworth 3747

Greetings to you all! We are at the start of the second full year of the Mayday Hills Art Society and 2019 is shaping up to be a busy time with exhibitions, workshops, theatre, music and drama.

The Society's headquarters at Mayday Hills are more than we ever dreamt about in our vision for MDHAS. We now rent two floors of our building and for this we are very appreciative; both for the space and the opportunity to be situated in such a beautiful location. We now have 17 studio spaces; a theatre (to be called the Upstairs Playhouse); libraries for art and for music and drama; meeting spaces; the Mayday Hills asylum archive; a classroom, kitchen and exhibition gallery.

Your membership has helped us turn an idea into reality. Thank you to those who have renewed their membership. Reminders will be sent by email for any renewals soon due. As always, we welcome new members with open arms. We also welcome any ideas from you for workshops, classes, exhibitions or just improvements that will make the Art Society flourish and better fulfill your interests.

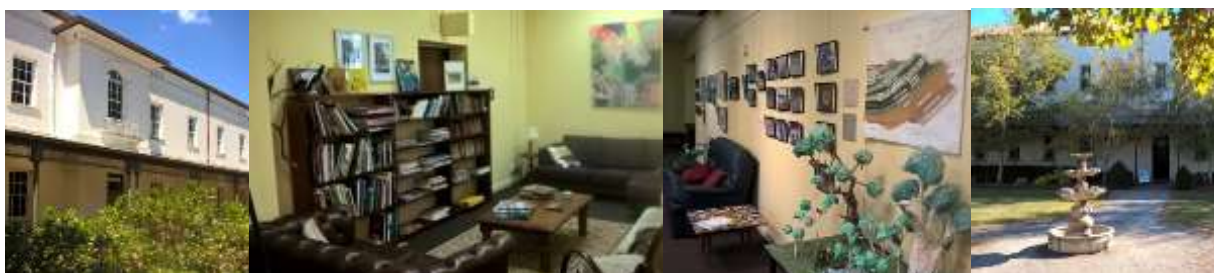
One of the upstairs studio spaces will soon become vacant. Contact me if you would like to look over the space or have a friend in need of an art working area. Please be reminded that the studio rentals are kept to a minimum so that they are affordable to all. As such, there is always some interest in the spaces. In order to make the Society as productive and creative as possible we need to be mindful of the regular use of the art studios.

The wonderful Bimblebox exhibition is still on show in the MDHAS gallery and will be open to the public from 11.00am to 4.00pm Friday through Monday until the end of January. We hope you can get the chance to see the exhibition before it moves on to another location.

Wishing you all a happy and productive year of art and activity!

All the best.

Christine



ART



Image courtesy of
www.theartstudio.net.au

LIFE DRAWING:

Saturday 2 February. 10.00am-4.00pm. Thereafter, the **second Saturday of each month.** \$40 per person. BYO materials, including your own easel. RSVP or inquiries to the Coordinator Judi Moncur. Email: judi.moncur@gmail.com

NORFOLK ISLAND PAINTING TRIP

The Art Society's first painting trip is departing soon. An excited group of 12 members will travel to beautiful Norfolk Island on 11 February. We have accommodation and even a studio area for our week of creativity and holiday pursuits. Without trying to make those not accompanying us jealous the weather in January ranges from 20°C to 24°C. We hope to return with lots of photographs, sketches and lovely memories. All being well it will be *Wataweih* from Norfolk Island very soon!

TERM 1 ART WORKSHOP



Landscape painting with Ellen Michel

(Ellen Michel's School of Painting)
www.artmakersstudiogallery.com

Saturday and Sunday March 1 and 2

10.00am to 4.00pm

\$180 members. \$200 non-members.

Bookings essential. wendysue99@bigpond.com

Material list provided.

Ellen will demonstrate her ideas for capturing light and dark and will teach how to enchant the viewer with your own particular vision while using a variety of techniques. Ellen's own body of work continues to thrive because she loves combining teaching and painting and sharing the pain and ecstatic joy of creating a work of art. Ellen trained as a tonal realist specialising in oils and for over 35 years this has proved to be a wonderful foundation from which to develop her own unique painting style.

Please make a note of the following events in your diaries:

HAPPY HOURS AND ART TALKS

Friday 8 February, 5.00pm. Talk with Jenni Munday & David Lawrence

Join us for the first Happy Hour of the year. While it is not strictly the first Friday of February we are having a special get together to welcome Dr Jenni Munday, Senior Lecturer from the Faculty of Arts and Education, Charles Sturt University and her research team – Eileen Clark and Alison Watts to MDHAS. Jenni is a valued member of the Art Society's management committee. They will speak about research they do doing into Beechworth Cemetery and the families of former residents of Mayday Hills; the former staff of MDHAS and 'dark tourism'. It will also be an opportunity for Dr David Lawrence, our resident MDHAS archivist, to tell us his plans for the Art Society's archive.

HAPPY HOURS AND ART TALKS

Friday 1 March, 6.00pm. Art talk with Ellen Michel

Our guest workshop teacher (see above) will talk to us about her art and teaching career. Ellen is based in Heidelberg, Melbourne. Her training is as a tonal realist painter, specialising in oil. She has had 5 solo exhibitions and received numerous awards for painting. Ellen's aim is to show that art and creating is a human right and not a 'gift' limited to a few. She is particularly fascinated with the idea of the painter as instrument; revealing something through work that touches what it is to be human.

Friday 5 April, 5.00pm. Art talk with Ellen Engwerda

We are delighted to have Ellen as one of the resident artists with a studio upstairs at MDHAS. Ellen is a former secondary school art teacher and an accomplished and respected artist working in mixed media.

More art talks to come for Term 1. Members will be sent reminders by email and notified of details closer to the dates.

TERM 1 ART SESSIONS:



'Autumn colours' by Jan Schmuckal. ©

Painting PLEIN AIR

Autumn gardens with pastels

March 7, 14, 21 and April 5

Join Wendy Stephens as she discovers some of Beechworth's most beautiful autumn gardens. Further information 0402 288 207 or wendysue99@bigpond.com for a list of materials and details. Everyone welcome.
\$80 pp.

MOSAIC WORKSHOPS

Jennie Bussell is continuing this year with her very popular mosaic workshops in her studio at MDHAS. Further information from Jennie on 0427 295 516 or email jenniebussell@hotmail.com.

UPCOMING EXHIBITION

Beechworth Botanica 2019

Capturing plants through art: Australian Flora

April 11 to 22 at the Memorial Hall, Ford Street.



The Mayday Hills Art Society will be presenting the second biennial Beechworth Botanica art exhibition. This year it will focus on paintings of Australian flora. This exhibition attracts the finest botanical artists from around Australia.

Beechworth Botanica is a juried exhibition and so entries are welcome from any of our members or other artists from northeast Victoria. For details or entry forms please contact Christine - bibart@bigpond.com or 0412 126 219. Entries close March 1.

Corymbia ficifolia by Sooka Kim

THEATRE

Coming in May to the
Mayday Hills Art Society's

UPSTAIRS PLAYHOUSE



BOMBSHELLS

by Johanna Murray-Smith

Information Session - Friday February 8 at 4.00pm

If you have ever wanted to be involved in local theatre come along and find out about the MDHAS Players .

There are many ways you can contribute in a small or large way: publicity, costumes, makeup, properties, lighting, back stage, front of house and more.

Auditions - Sunday February 24 from 12.00 - 4.00pm

Book to collect an audition pack and a time slot.

Contact Wendy Stephens Phone: 0402 288 207. Email: wendysue99@bigpond.com

JOIN US FOR THE

GRAND GALA OPENING OF THE UPSTAIRS PLAYHOUSE AT MDHAS

With

Joseph Thomsen

ABC Goulburn Murray and President, Albury Wodonga Theatre Company

Friday 17 May

7.30pm

\$30 per person

RSVP: wendysue99@bigpond.com

Dress: to impress!



BOMBSHELLS

Showing at the MDHAS Upstairs Playhouse

Performances: Saturday 18, Friday 24, Saturday 25 May 2019

7.30pm. Tickets \$20 per person

Bombshells exposes six women balancing their inner and outer lives with humour and often desperate cunning. They range in age from a feisty teenager to a 64 year old widow yearning for the unexpected. "The women I have written about in Bombshells struggle sometimes hilariously, sometimes tragically, to bridge the chasm between the wilderness of their inner worlds and the demands of their outer worlds. And humour in the end is our saviour." Johanna Murray-Smith

MUSIC AND DRAMA

Concert

There will be an organ recital with John Weretka in the Beechworth Town Hall on Wednesday 17 April at 7.30pm. A special concert not to be missed! Tickets at the door.

Drama workshop

with Wendy McKay-Taylor

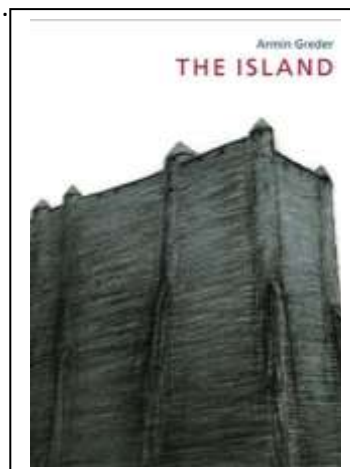
Saturday and Sunday April 27 and 28

10.00am to 4.00pm

MDHAS Upstairs Playhouse

\$60 members. \$80 non-members.

Bookings essential. bibart@bigpond.com



Suitable for people from 12 years of age to adult.

This workshop is based on the prize winning book 'The Island' by Armin Greder. The story is very topical to world events of today as it is a major wake up call for all those who mistreat and underestimate whatever is foreign and new for them. The workshop will be presented by the very experienced drama teacher Wendy McKay-Taylor. Students will be using drama and performance techniques such as improvisation, role play and creative play-building to explore issues and responses to the text. Along with the intrinsic experience as well as the pure enjoyment of involvement, participants can surprise themselves by building their confidence along with their performance skills. There is potential for performance but there will be no pressure to perform to an audience. Information Wendy McKay-Taylor 0419 567 990 or mckay.helen@bigpond.com

MEMBER EXHIBITIONS

SOLO EXHIBITION BY TINA FRASER

Tina Fraser, one of the Art Society's most popular artists, is presenting her first solo exhibition with around 70 works to be on show at the Wangaratta Library's Bainz Gallery. Tina combines her skills in photography and art to produce visually splendid works of various subject matter, including Australian flora and fauna. 10% of all sales will go to OXFAM. We wish Tina every success with her exhibition. One not to be missed!



Opening Saturday 2 February

6.00pm to 7.30pm

Bainz Gallery

Wangaratta Library

21 Docker Street

Wangaratta

Exhibition runs from February 3 to 26

Open during the following library hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday -

9.30am to 6.00pm

Wednesday - 9.30am to 8.00pm

Saturday - 9.30am to 1.00pm

Further information from Tina Fraser
or Gavin Doherty 5726 1554

OUT AND ABOUT

'SQUARED'

The Myrtleford Festival Art Prize 2019

This year's exhibition will be a collection of mini masterpieces submitted on a 20cm x 20cm stretched canvas. The invitation to participate is extended to all budding artists; professional, hobby, and students. The show will be opened and prizes announced at the special preview evening to be held on the **Friday evening March 8.**

PRIZES: 1st Prize: \$500
 2nd Prize: \$200
 3rd Prize: \$100
 5x Highly Commended: \$20 Art store voucher
 David Draper Landscape Trophy

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

1. Entry fee \$5.00 per artwork which includes a 20cm x 20cm stretched canvas.
2. There will be no commission on sales.
3. Work may be of any subject or medium, must be 2 dimensional and completed on the supplied 20cm x 20cm stretched canvas.
4. Entries must be the original work of the artist.
5. Name of entrant, title, medium and price must be firmly fixed to the back of work.

Closing date for entries is 15 February.

Entry forms and 20x20 canvas can be paid for and collected from:

Art-is-Anne, 111 Myrtle Street Myrtleford (mobile 0408 201 114)

For further information contact the 2019 Art Prize Coordinator Melanie Dymond 0401 774 106.

Rutherglen Tastes of Art Prize 2019

Arts Rutherglen

Categories:

Each Category winner receives \$1000 - painting and mixed media, photography, printmaking, sculpture, work on paper.

Prizes: Youth Award for artists up to 20 years of age - \$250
 People's Choice - \$250 P
 Highly Commended - \$200 prize in each category

Gala Opening Cocktail Party

Friday 8th March

6.30pm

Exhibiting artists will receive a complimentary ticket. Campbell's Wines will provide a complimentary glass of wine for guests to enjoy during the opening. Prize winners will be announced on the night.

Exhibition opening hours: viewing and sales from Saturday 9 March to Monday 11 March.

Enter online on www.trybooking.com/ZBVR. www.artsrutherglen.com.au/tastesofartprize.

Email contactartsruthvae@gmail.com or Joy 0419 431 268

Mayday Hills Art Society Management Committee

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