

**March  
2020.**

# **CENTRE NEWS**

**PORT STEPHENS COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE  
Cultural Close, off Shoal Bay Rd, Nelson Bay 2315**

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Thanks to all members who have completed the survey, it will be a great help to the Board to get some considered & frank views from you, the membership is the Arts Centre. If you haven't got around to doing it yet, please do!

There is some major work happening at the Centre in the next few weeks- the water tank is in situ , however the replacement of guttering has become a much bigger job than first thought with our electricity having to be re routed into the building. Power interruption means the Centre has to close for one day. Thanks in advance for your patience.

Regards Carolyn



### **GALLERY DIRECTOR**

Congratulations to all our members who have recently decided to display and sell their creations!

I think perhaps those of us who have been doing this for some time, forget what a big step that is – Will my work good enough to put out there for all to see? Will anyone like what I produce? How much should I charge? The list of questions can be quite daunting. By taking advice from group leaders and those who've been selling for some time, it really is a simpler step than many imagine. The satisfaction and delight from that first Art Centre remittance payment is so good!

Having a great variety of things for sale is one of the strengths of our centre, and the diversity of talent in our community is often remarked on by visitors. Feedback from people making purchases can also be pleasing – to know that someone appreciates what you've created enough to take it home with them is the greatest compliment. If you are someone who is feeling hesitant about selling your work, take that first step . . . you may be amazed where it will lead you.

Di Adamson:

### **SATURDAY PAINTERS**

Meet on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month, 9:30am to 12:30pm in the Westralia Room. - Painters of all Mediums welcome

This is a self-help group, however we have an ½ hr tutorial on any relevant painting issues or techniques on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month.

In our first session today, we covered "A Colour Refresher", led by myself, sharing information and techniques, resulting in the sharing of useful documents found on the Internet. For those who could not attend today and want copies of these, please send a requesting email to me at [nikkiwaters@westnet.com.au](mailto:nikkiwaters@westnet.com.au). If there are any specific issues or techniques you would like covered in these sessions please let me know.

Nikki Waters

### **PATCHWORKERS**

Our Quilt Exhibition is fast approaching, many of us are busy finishing our quilts in readiness. The raffle quilt is being well received and is already generating interest in our community with great ticket sales. Just a reminder, please have your entry form in as soon as possible. The exhibition will be opened with a morning tea on Thursday the 26th March, cost \$5. All members are welcome to join us.

Margaret and Lyn

### **BONSAI GROUP**

We welcomed 2 new members, Cheryl and Sandra prior to Christmas and hope they will enjoy our twice monthly meetings.

TIPS:- With the summer heat building, maples and other soft leaved plants should be moved into a more protected area to prevent leaf burn. Monitor your trees for pests and diseases as the high heat and humidity attracts them. Keep up the feeding until the start of Autumn. Continue to prune trees to shape except early flowering trees which will have started to set flower buds.

TIPS: The cooler weather is much appreciated by the plants after the heat stress of summer. Check plants for bugs and diseases as they love the humidity and continue to trim trees to shape after long shoots developed in summer.

Carol Rigby

### **DON'T FORGET OUR MARCH GENERAL MEETING**

We look forward to seeing you all at the General Meeting in the Westralian Room on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 11am.

A plate of nibblies to have with a cuppa afterwards, would be appreciated.

### **LUCKY WINNER**

of the Raffle Drawn on the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020 was Sue Newby who won a lovely painting by Robyn Bailey.

### **PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD**

Congratulations to Milja Phillipson, last exhibitions People's Choice Award winner, for her paper craft exhibit 'Kookaburras'.

There were lots of votes over multiple groups, including paper craft, mosaics, pottery and painting.

If you are doing Desk Duty don't forget to invite our visitors to vote in the People's Choice Award.

Enjoy your coffee and cake at the Café Milja.

Many thanks

Melanie

### **WEDNESDAY MORNING PLEIN AIR PAINTERS**

The Plein Air Group will continue at Roy Wood Reserve, Cnr. of Foreshore Drive and Sandy Point Road, until further notice. We've found the area full of possibilities and have some new members.

Remember all welcome, work in any medium, bring a drink and a hat. Best of all it's free.

Robyn Bailey

### **MONDAY WATERCOLOUR GROUP**

Another busy afternoon last Monday, with 14 attending, we start at 1 pm and are now located in the Westralia room. We would like to welcome our new members Jan Bevan, Heather Colgate and Margaret Stonestreet who have recently joined us, plus all the others who started last year, never mind all those that are coming along to polish up their skill. It is great to see the enthusiasm everyone has for this exciting medium.

HINT FOR THE DAY: When laying a wash work quickly, premix more pigment than you will need, have your paper at a slight angle, use a large brush, recharge it regularly. Remember practice makes perfect.

Nada Yonge

### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

<b>5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH –</b>	<b>GALLERY CLOSED ALL DAY – ELECTRICAL WORKS BEING CONDUCTED – <u>THERE WILL BE NO ADMITTANCE TO ANY BUILDINGS</u></b>
<b>10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH –</b>	<b>GENERAL MEETING 11am – WESTRALIA ROOM</b>
<b>26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH –</b>	<b>QUILTERS EXHIBITION OPENING &amp; MORNING TEA</b>



## WORKSHOPS



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**CLASSES & WORKSHOPS  
 BOAT HARBOUR**

**9<sup>TH</sup> AND 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**  
 This 2 day introductory workshop is for beginners and those who would like to improve their skills.  
 Cost \$300 for 2 days. No additional costs  
 Tools and glass will be provided. No additional cost for firing  
 9.30am - 3.30pm including 1 hour break for lunch. Morning tea and lunch provided.  
 You will learn how to make a simple mould for a plate.  
 Cut and construct various types of glass into shapes.  
 Use clear and coloured glass, frit and stringers.  
 Students will complete 4 pieces.  
 Day 1 we will work in clear glass  
 Day 2 we will introduce colour glass

**9<sup>TH</sup> AND 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**  
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 Students will complete 4 pieces.  
 Day 1 glass will be provided  
 Day 2 some glass provided and additional glass available to purchase

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