



Pastel Society of Western Australia

Newsletter

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President's Message

Hi all,

We are coming to the end of another busy year and a very successful one at that. We have had a change of venue for our exhibition and the societies first year at Scarborough proved a financial success. The committee took a vote and decided that we will have that venue again for next year's exhibition. The exhibition stands have also had a facelift with new black covers and thanks to Julie Silvester's kind donation of the proceeds from the silent auction at our exhibition we will be able to spend the money shortly on some very much needed lights.

This year many of our members have also had solo or joint exhibitions and it was a pleasure to go along and to see such talent. Some of our members are running painting classes in pastels and other mediums and are listed in this newsletter for those that would like to participate. It's a great way to meet other members and to go over the basics.

One of our members suggested I go onto the Pastel Journal and I have found a wealth of information. If anyone has any websites that they can recommend please let Karyn know so we can place it in the newsletter.

Caroline will be streamlining some changes with making payments so see the Treasurer's report.

As this is a newsletter for all members, if you have anything to say please let Karyn know so that it can be included in future issues.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas function and to those that can't make it best wishes for the festive season and see you all on the first Monday in February.

The Treasurer's Role

I have now been doing the Treasurer's role for 5 years and cannot continue to put as much time into the role. Either we need a new Treasurer, or we need to split the role. As well as traditional Treasurer's duties, I act as the membership secretary, send out all the emails and produce the mailing labels for the few newsletters that get mailed. All this is largely because I have all the members' details and it has been as much work to pass them on as to do it myself.

Over the break, I will be setting up a system which will enable multiple people to easily access the information. As well, it will automatically download the bank statements, so I won't have to enter everything. This is why it is important to pay your fees online or directly into the bank account.

So what I am now looking for is:

- A Membership Secretary, who will manage the membership payments and bank any cash or cheques received.
- A Petty Cash assistant who will look after the payments to members to reimburse expenses.
- A Communications Officer who will send out any emails.
- Someone to produce the mailing labels as needed.

If this can be achieved, I may be able to continue as Treasurer in a supervisory role.

Pastel's Christmas Party

Mark in your diary the 2011 Christmas Party to be held on 5th December at 7pm at Mildenhall centre. Members are asked to nominate a choice of sweet or savoury food to bring to share. Please bring your own alcohol. There will be party games and a painting competition as usual. Please bring along a painting you have completed this year to enter into the competition." This year the \$10 Kris Kringle present is optional. Those wishing to participate will bring in their present.

Website Upgrade

We are updating our website www.pastelsocietywa.org.au. It is being upgraded to new technology which will enable us to do monthly updates at a reasonable price.

Part of the upgrade will include updating the picture galleries. We would like to refresh them with new artwork photos, as well as removing those of people who are no longer members. If you want to be included, you need to send 4 images to Julie Silvester at juliesilvesterart@gmail.com.

Name the image with the title of the piece. Like: "A Day at the Beach" is named "A Day at the Beach.jpg" and not "dsc0001.jpg". Images that are sent should be 1024 pixels at their longest side.

If you want to have your own personal page, they cost \$50 and include 18 images, Biography, contact details and free tutor pages. You can include a link to your own website. See the existing site for ideas and direct all enquiries to Julie Silvester.

The other major part of the upgrade is the "Payment Gateway". This will allow people to pay for their membership online with credit or debit card. The option to pay directly into the bank account will also be available. All members are encouraged to use these facilities as it will greatly reduce the Treasurer's workload.

Painting Classes with Rayma Reany

Rayma invites you to join in her friendly, relaxed class. Beginners and experienced artists are welcome.

One to One tuition given. Limit of 6 per class.

\$25 per two & half hour lesson for an 8 week course. (10% discount if paid in full = \$180)

PASTEL CLASS: TUESDAY'S 9.30AM - 12NOON

ACRYLIC CLASS: THURSDAY'S 1.30PM - 4.00PM

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CLASSES RESUME - **FEBRUARY, 7TH, 2012.**

AT: 1 NORBURY WAY,
GREENWOOD.

Anyone interested can contact Rayma on **9343 2486** or **0400 511584**

A Note from the Editor

We hope to see you at the Christmas party. Wishing everyone a happy and safe Christmas break. Please, if you have any suggestions or contributions to make to the next newsletter please email me at kpl90005@bigpond.net.au, speak to me in person on a Monday evening or call me on 9444 9328.

Karyn Platt

Favourite Links

- <http://www.pastelsocietywa.org.au/>
- <http://pastelpointersblog.artistsnetwork.com/>
- <http://www.pastelsandpencils.com/>
- <http://www.wetcanvas.com>