



Pastel Society of Western Australia Newsletter

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The Pastel Society of W.A.

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Yvonne Dec 2012

Presidents Message

The Christmas party on December 3rd was the best yet. Yvonne and her helpers provided a lot of challenges and fun. First we helped her to write the president's speech by providing all the adjectives, adverbs and some of the verbs – the result was hilarious. Then we each had to make a flower for our table centre from the bits and pieces that Yvonne had provided. These were judged by Gerry who made us laugh. Lastly, we had to find the forgeries by discovering the mistakes in three pictures and guess the artists too.

The food was varied and delicious as always, beautifully presented and with a minimum of fuss as we had disposable plates and our own cutlery. Rayma had prepared three raffle prizes gorgeously decorated in baskets. The goodies had been donated over the last few weeks by members. Mike drew the winning tickets and Rayma presented the prizes. Then Celestine became Santa for the handing out of the Kris Kringle presents. Finally we had the judging of all the members' pictures according to the three categories that Yvonne had prepared.

It was a wonderful wind-up to a fairly difficult year. I know I felt glad to belong to such a happy, friendly and creative bunch of people.

I was told that the gavel I need to bang every so often was turned by Max and is therefore especially valuable to us. We toasted him with much love and happy memories. Thank you cards were given to Karyn, for her work on the newsletters, and to Mike as secretary.

However, there are many members who haven't been mentioned individually who have generously given time, effort, ideas and quiet service to us all in the society and to whom we all owe a debt of gratitude. The Pastel Society provides much in the way of artistic and social richness and makes an important contribution to the cultural life of our community. I particularly wish to thank the committee members for their contributions.

I look forward to next year. In responding to the survey, we all chose some activities which will enliven our meetings and, I hope, motivate us to paint more and better. We'll be looking for lots of members to volunteer to run one or two of these events. The committee will be meeting in January to outline our calendar of events and plan the year ahead. I have the feeling that it's going to be a good one.

We'll meet again on 4th February 2013. Till then, have a good holiday.

Happy painting, Anne Rice, President.

Notice of the Pastel Society's A.G.M.

The pastel society's Annual General Meeting will be held at Mildren Hall at 7.20pm on Monday April 22nd. Please consider if you wish to join the committee or Exhibition sub-committee. The meeting will be followed by a session of sharing personal glimpses. Please bring a painting with a story; see calendar of events.

Annual Fees

Your annual fees of \$45 are due now, (the committee increased the fees last year to assist with rising costs). All members are requested to pay directly into the society's bank account, to reduce the Treasurer's workload.

Payments can be made via internet banking or by making a deposit at any Commonwealth Bank branch.

The bank account details are:

Account Name: The Pastel Society of WA Incorporated

Bank: Commonwealth

BSB: 066166

Account number: 10265909

Please make sure you put your name as a reference so your payment can be identified as yours.

Otherwise, cash or cheque payments will be accepted at Monday meetings, or you can send a cheque to:

The Treasurer,

The Pastel Society of WA

16A Birchwood Avenue

WOODLANDS WA 6018.

Thanks to those who have already paid via the bank account – it has made quite a difference.

Calendar of Events

February 4	Workshop: - <i>Get the year started: No Excuses. Bring your pastels and we will bring the photos to inspire you.</i>	
February 11	Normal evening	
February 18	Normal evening	
February 25	Workshop: - <i>Monochrome painting- bring in a black and white photo.</i>	
March 4	LABOR DAY Public Holiday	No Pastels
March 11	Normal evening	
March 18	Normal evening	
March 25	Demonstration: -	TBA
April 1	EASTER MONDAY	No Pastels
April 8	Normal evening	
April 15	Normal evening	
April 22	A.G.M. Personal glimpses. Bring a painting with a story. Each painting needs to be accompanied with a brief explanation (a paragraph)	
April 29	Normal evening	
May 6	Normal evening	
May 13	Normal evening	
May 20	Normal evening	
May 27	Workshop: - <i>birds and animals. Bring in a photo.</i>	TBA
June 3	FOUNDATION DAY Public Holiday	No Pastels
June 10	Normal evening	
June 17	Normal evening	
June 24	Demonstration: - Still-life	
July 22	Workshop: - <i>Christmas in July; red and green. Still-life featuring Caroline's knitted sculptures.</i>	
August 26	Demonstration: - <i>Mixed media and collage</i>	
September 2	Workshop: - <i>Follow-up mixed media and collage</i>	

September 23	Workshop:- Model drawing	Carmen
October	Exhibition	Dates to be
November	Exhibition	confirmed
December 2	Christmas Party	

Demonstrations:

I just thought you'd like to see, the completed piece I began as a demonstration in November. You will note that I altered the background from the one I was demonstrating as I felt the bird was lost against the greens. It isn't an outstanding piece, but reasonably adequate, I feel, and I always like to try and finish things.

Looking forward to seeing everyone again in 2013 and here's wishing you all a very happy and successful Pastel New Year.

Best Wishes

Gilly Huber



Gilly working on her Kingfisher pastel painting last November

A Note from the editor

Welcome to another year of creative expression at Pastels. The committee has taken the time to plan a number of interesting workshops and demonstrations for 2013. Further information regarding these will follow in upcoming newsletters. Remember if you have any suggestions for the newsletter or would like to promote any exhibitions, classes or any other event or item of interest to the members please contact me on Monday evenings at pastels or send me an e-mail at kpl90005@bigpond.net.au.

Cards:- Yvonne Ward would like to inform members that she is selling greeting cards that she has been creating. She will have a selection of cards at Pastels on Monday evenings for members to view.

Karyn Platt
Newsletter Editor

Favourite Links

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