The Pastel Society of Western Australia

Newsletter

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Message from the President

Happy New Year to all! I wish each of you has a healthy and successful painting year!

After a successful 2014, we start the New Year with a reasonably healthy bank balance to take us forward to new events in 2015. A huge thank you is due to our Vice President Rayma who worked constantly throughout the year to organise the Unframed Sale, numerous raffles and of course our Annual Exhibition. Being a small society, every little bit counts and your contributions have been very important. The sales of your unframed paintings and raffle contributions, for example, brought in almost $1000.00 last year, a very useful addition to our finances. Our Christmas Party provided a very happy and joyful ending to the year, and was the largest ever, with over 60 people attending. Our website has been improved and now presents a clean and professional face to the public. I would encourage those of you who aren't represented in the web gallery to think about choosing three of your best paintings to exhibit here.

Your committee has already begun work, and our exhibition will be held at Sorrento again, on 21 - 23 August. This year we have been careful to choose dates that hopefully do not conflict with exhibitions of other art societies. And don't forget the Unframed Sale at Floreat Forum on Saturday 9th May (the day before Mother's Day). Definitely time to dust off the pastels, if you haven't already, and join us on Monday evenings.

More immediately - an important event is coming up for all members - t**he AGM on the 16th February!** It is important that as many members as possible attend, and it is your opportunity to input your ideas and have your say about what you would like for the society for 2015. It is also an opportunity to nominate someone for office, or for the committee. Why not "kill two birds with one stone" and pay your membership dues at the same time! These are due in February and it does help us if dues are paid as soon as possible. You will find renewal forms with bank details (if using direct debit) and nomination forms in this newsletter, as well as some inportant dates for this year.

Happy Painting!

Adrianne Kinnear

Pastel's Christmas Party- Mildenhall 1st December, 2014

Santa's wardrobe malfunction!

Santa (Dave Conlin) Have you been a good girl Julie?

Kisses from Ken Roberts.

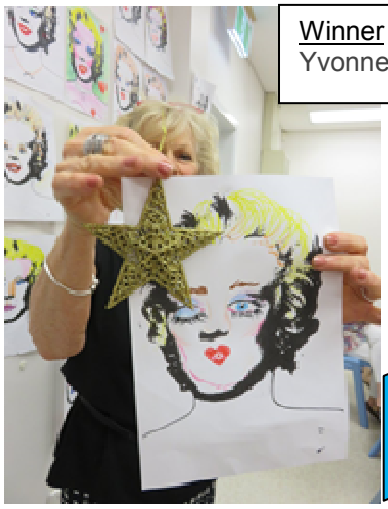
Hugs by Linda O'Brien.

Santa visited

Peta Garnaut receiving her gift.

Drawing Christmas Tree on Head.

Painting 'Marilyn'.



Winner Marilyn Competition. - Yvonne Ward

Fun Activities

Art Competition

Winners Painting Competition: (left to right)

- Glenis Dolbear - The Peace Painting: *A powerful peace painting to give any world leader to redirect their thoughts from war, power, wealth, consumption to peace, love and tranquillity*
- Josephine Douglas - The Painting that Tells a Story: *Captures a story in one scene.*
- Peta Garnaut – The D.....Painting: *The painting that used a delightful use of colour*

& Entertainment!

Black & White Dancers.

(Left-Right)
Jill DeLeo, Karyn Platt, Betty McLean, Celestine Dyson, Warren Smith, Yvonne Smith, Robyn Every, Nira Roberts

A Special Thanks

A ***special thanks*** to the following Members who contributed and gave their time in 2014 to help make our Society tick along like clock-work. Proving that one person can make a difference!

THANK YOU TO:-

Adrianne Kinnear, President.	For her leadership and organizing Grants.
Lee Calley, Secretary	For keeping us informed and her assisting me.
Mark Thornton, Treasurer	For his fine Accounting and keeping us in the black.
Karyn Platt, Editor	For producing fantastic Newsletters.
Avis Clements, Committee	Doing a brilliant job with our Exhibition Floor Plan.
Val Brooks, Committee	Another brilliant job as Exhibition Curator. Floral Display.
Nira Roberts, Committee	For her expertise in organizing Advertising
Robyn Every, Committee	For organizing platters. Also for surprising us all with her fantastic Black & White Act at our Christmas Party.
Julie Silvester, Committee	Looking after the Web Site and new contacts.
Betty McLean, Committee	For her assistance, wisdom and being peace-maker.
Celestine Dyson, Committee	For collecting & returning Display Stands and equipment for Exhibition on her trailer, helping set up. Taking photos.
Bruno Lamberti,	For collecting & returning Display Stands and equipment for Exhibition on Graham's trailer & helping set up.
Graham Dowley	Organizing all the lighting on the Exhibition Display Stands and setting up.
Clive Jarman	Designing gutters on Display Stands for lighting cables For donating a painting for Door Prize.
Yvonne Smith	For beautiful calligraphy on our Exhibition Certificates. Also for being MC and a fantastic job in organizing our Christmas Party.
Jean Trew	Doing a great job with the Exhibition Plant Display Arrangements.
Dave Conlin	As Santa at our Christmas Party- and making us all laugh!
All Members	Who helped, assisted and gave their time to work Rosters over the Exhibition Weekend. To the ladies who volunteer tea duties on a Monday night at Pastels.

Well done to all of you!

Rayma Reany,
Vice President

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Information Sheet

What is the Pastel Society and what does it do?

The Society was formed in 1983 to cater to the needs of pastel artists of all levels of ability and to promote the medium to the public at large.

The Society host one Exhibition each year to offer artwork for sale by members and regularly invites experienced pastel artists to demonstrate their skills to members.

The Pastel Society meets every Monday 7.30pm - 9.30pm at Mildenhall, 49 Beddi Road, Duncraig, except public holidays and the Christmas school holidays. We bring our art materials and paint together, with experienced members offering help and advice. Meetings are free to attend except when there is a demonstrator. New members and visitors are always welcome.

How does Pastel differ from other art mediums?

Dry Pastels come in hard or soft varieties. There are also Oil Pastels. Unlike other media, such as oil, watercolours or acrylics, pastels cannot be premixed by the artist to obtain a required colour prior to being applied to the art surface. To overcome this, Pastel manufacturers offer a range of pastels in many colours with each colour having 5 or more different tints or shades. As a consequence, there is a vast range of hues to tempt the pastelist.

The pigments used in pastels are exactly the same as those found in other fine art media. The difference between the media is simply the various binders which hold the pigments together. Distinct from Pastels, most other media require some preparation or mixing prior to use. The great joy of painting with Pastels is that they are ready for use immediately and there is no waiting around for the painting to dry.

Application for Membership Form *(membership year runs from 1 Feb. - 31 Jan.)*

Name .....

Address..... ***Postcode***.....

Email .....

Phone ..... ***Mob*** .....

Year of Birth .....*(Note: We provide your name, suburb and year of birth to City of Joondalup in order to receive a significant discount on the cost of our meeting hall hire)*

Membership fees current as of 1 February, 2015 (new members pay joining fee and appropriate membership fee)

Joining Fee	**$10**	**DIRECT DEBIT BANK A/C. DETAILS**
Membership	**$50**	**A/c. Name:** The Pastel Society of Western Australia

To all existing Members, who cannot pay their $50 Subscription in person by 16th February, 2015. Direct Banking details are as follows:-

A/C. NAME: The Pastel Society of Western Australia

BANK: COMMONWEALTH

BSB: 066166

A/C NO: 10265909

(Please put your name as reference so payment can be identified)

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NOMINATION FORM - AGM 16TH FEBRUARY, 2015

I wish to nominate .....

to the position of.....

Signature of Nominee _____ *Seconded by (Signature)* _____

(PS You may nominate yourself and have it seconded by another member of the Society)

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Let's keep it clean for 2015!

Our Monday evening meetings have had a wonderful buzz about them at times and we all enjoy the interaction with colleagues and the wise counsel of our professional artists.

But - we do need to keep the hall clean and absolutely clear of any pastel for all the groups that utilise the same space during the week.

So - just a reminder to please clean your space at the end of the evening - table and floor! We will make sure that cloths and mop are always available. The floor in particular is easy to forget. Just remember to look down before you head out!

Thanks

Adrianne

Dates to remember

MONDAY 2ND FEB, 2015.	PASTELS RESUMES
MONDAY 7.30PM SHARP 16TH FEBRUARY, 2015	AGM AT MILDENHALL TO VOTE IN 2015 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & 5 OR MORE COMMITTEE MEMBERS. SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE. COLLECT JACKSON'S DISCOUNT CARDS.
SATURDAY 9TH MAY, 2015. (Day before Mother's Day)	UNFRAMED EXHIBITION AT FLOREAT FORUM SHOPPING CENTRE (OPP. COLES)
FRI. 21ST, SAT. 22ND & SUN. 23RD AUGUST, 2015.	ANNUAL EXHIBITION & SALE SORRENTO SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB.

We could learn a lot from Pastels:-

SOME ARE SHARP
SOME ARE SOFT
SOME ARE PRETTY
SOME ARE BROKEN
SOME ARE DULL
SOME ARE BRIGHT
SOME HAVE WIERD NAMES
AND ALL ARE DIFFERENT COLOURS

..... BUT THEY ALL EXIST VERY NICELY IN THE SAME BOX!

A Note from the editor

I hope that you have all enjoyed the Christmas and New Year break and are all enthused to return to Pastels in February to continue your various pursuits.

Please 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 .

Karyn Platt
Newsletter Editor

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