

Our club rooms are at the Woodend Railway Station. All welcome!

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www.woodendartgroup.org.au



One of our young members, Tian, displaying a wonderful portrait of her sister. Completed at Daniel Butterworth's workshop in March.

OUR MISSION

The Woodend Art Group aims to advance the arts and crafts practiced by its members and stimulate the interest of the community in the arts and crafts.

This is done in several ways.

- Painting Classes in oils, acrylic, watercolour, encaustic and print making
- Drawing Classes
- Classes catering for beginners and experienced artists
- Children's Folio Club - After School Classes
- Weekend Workshops for both members and non members
- Life Drawing and Painting Group meets monthly
- Tuesday morning social groups
- Excursions, Weekend Painting Trips and Gallery Visits
- Quarterly Newsletter to Members.
- Reference Library
- Public Exhibitions

FROM THE PRESIDENT

For the time being we will stick with the name, "willy WAG tales" for our newsletter.

Easter Show

Thanks to our tireless secretary, we have the following statistics available:

Participants.....	24
Entry money.....	\$325
Cash Sales	\$1,163.00
Eftpos Sales.....	\$2,235
Eftpos New Member	\$50
Eftpos Renewed Members.....	\$150
Raffle	\$270
Grand Total	\$4,193.00

The exhibition looked great with a diverse selection of mediums by our talented members. Our thanks once again to Keri Adcock for her donations towards the door prizes. Many thanks to those members (and a husband) who prepared the rooms beforehand and those who stayed on after collecting their unsold work to clean and bring the rooms back ready for classes. Your efforts were much appreciated.

Could members think about donating a door prize for the forthcoming Winter Arts Exhibition June 10th - 12th.

All members are invited to provide suggestions for improving our exhibitions to make them as rewarding for our artists as they can be. I encourage you all to come to the general meetings four times a year to keep the conversation going.

Daniel Butterworth

The first of Daniel's classes presented a real challenge to the ten participants. We were presented with 100 x 120cm mdf boards and (I think I speak for everyone) were immediately intimidated and rather apprehensive. However, Daniel's easy going and motivational attitude soon enthused us and we set to work. We were absolutely delighted with our collective results. Check out the photos page three.

Di Fitt
 President



"Keep your mind open; challenge yourself before you challenge others."

Debasish Mridha

As a creative person there are many qualities or attributes within our character that can be tremendous assets to our growth and the enjoyment we take in our creativity and artistic endeavours. Perhaps none is so important, though, as our ability to stay open.

So, what is this openness of which I speak? What do we want to remain open to...

- seeing the beauty in the world around us, being open to nature and all her majesty
- acknowledging the beauty within ourselves – even as we realize our failings or imperfections
- learning and how that learning might challenge us on many levels – intellectually, physically, spiritually, emotionally and even financially!
- creating lots of exciting plans and then dancing with the inevitable changes that will take place (both with our art and our lives)
- being willing to fail and fail openly realizing that our successes will be built on a strong foundation of attempts
- working with radical new ideas...even when they scare us!

I wish you hours of joyous creating!

Nancy Crawford

About the Author

I'm an artist and creativity coach who loves the arts, travel, a great read, tasty food and time spent in nature. I share what I learn about art and life through my art, teaching, writing and speaking engagements and I hope to inspire you to explore your own creative process.

More from Nancy at The Creative Commitment

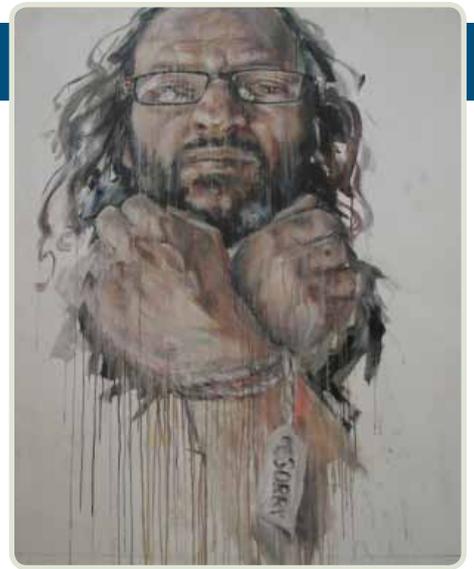
Expressions of Interest Wanted

- **Watercolour workshop with Helen Cottle on Sat, 13 May**
- **Daniel Butterworth, Workshop 28 May, 2017.**

Register your interest, contact Sue Lanchester on 5427 1668 or 0457 111 869



A workshop with Daniel



Wanted for art classes.

Plastic or polystyrene meat trays (great paint palettes) and yoghurt jars.





The Term begins with Daniel



CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Folio Club

Folio Club for 7-14 yo students and some seniors after school resume on 18th April.

Tim Jones will hold two consecutive classes on Tuesdays (4-6pm & 6:30-8:00pm) while Kathy Medbury will have her classes on Wednesdays and Thursdays, 4-6pm .

More details are on our website or ring Tim on 0417 587 278 or E: tim777@bigpond.com or Kathy on 0403 332 344, or E: medbury@aanet.com.au.

Portraiture with Daniel Butterworth

Places have been filled for Term 2 classes. However I'm sure we can coerce Daniel into coming back in

either Term 3 or 4 if the demand is there.

Printmaking

12 May—30 June, Fridays 9.30—12.30

Cost : \$180.00 + \$20.00 for materials

*Please note there is no class 9 June.

During second term the class will continue working on drypoint with emphasis on using different tools to screech metal plates.

For further information or to enrol please contact Marysia on 0422 397 247

Portrait Painting

Tuesdays 3pm-5pm with Guida Curry on 5426 2393.

WAG on Wheels

The enthusiastic plein air group will be taking a break during the colder months. Please contact Sue Lanchester for any enquiries on 0457 111 869.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Life Drawing

Life drawing is held on weekends as the numbers dictate. Please ring Amanda Candusio on 0419 116 922 to register interest.

Tuesday Social Group

Resumes 24 January. Come along and join our friendly social group which meets from 10am to 1pm. Various mediums are practiced; pencil drawing, watercolour and water soluble oils to name a few.



HOUSEKEEPING & OTHER STUFF

Building Maintenance

Victrack have performed some much needed maintenance on our lovely old building; the spouting which had rotten and fallen away on the eastern side has been replaced, the spouting all round cleaned out (some lovely pine trees were growing there!) and two windows at the front of the building were repaired.

As a voluntary group, all members and tutors are encouraged to keep the rooms in a clean and tidy condition. The following tasks should be considered when arriving or leaving the premises. If we all do what we can, when we can, it will make using the rooms much more pleasant and ease the burden of housekeeping.

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No experience necessary, all welcome. \$5 contribution. Contact Liz Preston on 5428 2634 or email: elizabethpreston737@hotmail.com for more information.

The Art Walk

The Art Walk is now 8 years old! WAG members have paintings hanging in The Hide Away Cafe and Holgates. If you haven't already done so, go and look at the current Art Walk exhibits - I'm sure it will encourage you to take part. If you have any queries, please telephone Pamela Simmons on 5427 1659 or Jenny Shaw on 0427 577 781.

Later in the year additional hangings will be at Il Cafe in Woodend and in the GREAT shop in Gisborne. Dates to be confirmed.

Tasks after Classes & Workshops

Kitchen:

- Wash, dry and put away any crockery and cutlery that has been used by your group.
- Clear table and bench.
- Put soiled tea towels and hand towels in the basket provided on top of the filing cabinet.
- Stack chairs.
- Check bins for litter and take bag home if required. Replace the liner.
- Note any supplies on the Admin whiteboard which need to be replaced.
- Sweep floor and mop if required.

Bathroom:

- Clean basin and toilet.
- Sweep.
- Check toilet paper supply and if low, note on the kitchen whiteboard.
- Check bins for litter and take bag home if required. Replace the liner.

Workrooms:

- Sweep and mop if necessary.
- Check bins for litter and take bag home if required. Replace the liner.
- Keep benches and tables clean. Protect with cloths (kitchen cupboard) when working on them.

Rubbish:

Rubbish needs to be cleared regularly. Ideally, those running workshops and classes will attend to the litter from their activities. As we don't have a rubbish collection it is everyone's responsibility to take home either a small bag from the rooms, or a large bag from the kitchen. Regular disposal is an ideal situation.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monthly meetings are usually held on the 2nd Saturday each month at 10am in the WAG rooms at the Woodend Railway Station. All welcome!

April 8, May 20, June 3, July 8, August 12, September 9, October 7, November 11, December 9.

Note: May 20th changed due to workshop on 13th and June 3 is a week early due to the Winter Exhibition.

Workshops

- Helen Cottle Sat, 13th June.
- Daniel Butterworth Sun 28th May.

Exhibitions

- Winter Art Exhibition - June 10-12
- Annual Art Exhibition - November 4th - 7th

School Holidays

- Term 2: Tue 18 Apr to Fri 30 Jun
- Term 3: Mon 17 Jul to Fri 22 Sept
- Term 4: Mon 9 Oct to Fri 22 Dec

Public Holidays

- Anzac Day: Tue 25 April
- Queen's Birthday: Mon 12 June
- Christmas Day: 25 December
- Boxing Day: 26 December

CONTACTS

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Committee

Sue Lanchester, Bev Maclean, Margaret Morgan Watkins, Pamela Simmons, Peter Turner & Jenny Shaw.

Have you paid your
Membership?