



DUNSBOROUGH ART SOCIETY

Newsletter March/April 2023 Issue 2

Message from the editor

One thing is inevitable and that is change. So sadly we have to farewell some of our committee members. We thank them for all the hard work they have put in over the years to keep DAS and all its events running smoothly.

A huge thank you to Alan Morgan and Liz Noordhoek, you will be greatly missed but wish you well in your new endeavours. However we are happily retaining the stalwarts Pat Pomeroy, Gail Lovelady, Liz MacLeay and Jo Fazakerley who have also given hours of their time and expertise in making DAS events successful.

We welcome our new President Allan Kay and I know as a society we will support him in this new role.

Thank you to Liz Noordhoek who has organised new name badges for DAS members, they should be arriving soon and they will make it much easier for identifying and locating members at our exhibitions and workshops.

Just a reminder that things do not just happen but require hours of planning and coordination to be successful and the more members who can give their time to share the load will prevent burnout of those who do so much. There are still vacancies: a committee position of Secretary and several supporting roles ie Curator, Librarian, Exhibition Co-ordinator and Principal Hanger. If you feel you can offer a couple of hours a month please get in touch with Allan Kay or Pat Pomeroy.

Dates for your Diary

Liz MacLeay's Farm in Vasse
en plein air

Tuesday 11th April 3.30 - 6pm

Collie Art Prize - Exhibition theme *Identity*
Opened 4th March until 30th April
Exhibition open 7 days a week 10am - 4pm

Collie Art Gallery Art Meets Science in Immerse
An exhibition by Perth based artists
6th May until 11th June
Thursday to Monday 10am to 4pm

Bunbury Regional Art Gallery
The Lester Prize: Regional Tour
25th March - 28th May
Wednesday to Sunday 10am to 4pm

2023 Bunbury Biennale
2nd April to 5th June
Wednesday to Sunday 10am to 4pm

FUTURE WORKSHOPS

The last three workshops have been very successful.

Pat Pomeroy and Gail Lovelady have taken on the job of planning and securing teachers for future workshops. If you have any ideas or know of interesting and available teachers please contact Pat or Gail. Any members who have always wanted to gain extra skills or knowledge about a particular aspect of art let Pat or Gail know, this will help them in planning future workshops.

INTRODUCING DAS NEW PRESIDENT ALLAN KAY

Dear Members

I have just been elected President of DAS and would like to introduce myself to the members.

Unlike most members I have had very little experience with art, so any artistic skills I have are due to Jo Fazakerley and Flo Clements in their Friday morning sessions. I joined this session two years ago and have found it to be a fun group and I really appreciate the patience and efforts that they have put into me.

Fortunately, I have other skills and experience that I feel I can bring to the organisation. My career spans 20 years in electronics with the RAN, 10 years at Woodside running the Remotely Operated Vehicles, then a change to Sales and Sales Management at the end of my career.

My wife Isobel and I retired to Dunsborough eight years ago and have been involved in the community since then.

I would like to thank Alan and the previous team for their hard work and tireless commitment. As Alan has said there is an urgency to try to attract new, younger members to the Society to ensure continuity. This will have a high priority with the new team. If you have any ideas to achieve this, I would certainly be pleased to hear them.

It's very important for everyone involved with DAS to work as a team to achieve success, and I am really looking forward to the coming year and to be working with you all.

Thank you for the opportunity and should you wish to contact me, my mobile number 0435 833465.

Allan Kay



TUESDAY EVENING ART SESSIONS

These sessions have been very popular and are continuing.

Phyllis Hill has kindly been giving her time teaching the tips of successful landscapes.

This was followed by three weeks of portraits.

Then two *en plein air* sessions one in Phyllis and John Hill's garden. The second one to be at Liz MacLeays Farm - how lovely is that!

If anyone would like to do a one-off demo on a Tuesday evening please contact Pauline she would love to hear from you. This would keep the Tuesday evening sessions fresh and exciting.

For more information call Pauline
0407779274

POP UP ART SALE

The long weekend Pop Up Art Sale held in the DAS hall in March was well attended. The Sculptures by the Bay exhibition attracted a lot of locals and out of town visitors. Our marquee at the Bay gave DAS very positive exposure with the local community. The children's art sessions were very popular and successful. A huge thank you to Vic and Alan for setting up. The DAS hall looked fabulous and there was a steady stream of visitors. Sales totalled \$2529 with a profit of \$146.27.



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

For a 2 day workshop with artist and teacher Gerald Ashcroft
Tuesdays 2nd and 9th May 9am to 3pm \$220 for 2 days

Gerald will be showing you how to:

- Do black and white exercises on paper to loosen up
- Look at the importance of values from light to dark to create depth and layers
- Develop simple techniques to apply and move paint
- Make marks and explore free form shapes
- Use warm and cool colour themes - 2 exercises
- Decide on colour theme: either warm or cool for major abstract on canvas
- Use techniques covered in the initial exercises to apply paint and develop shapes
- Layer and use brushes to develop and finalise the abstract
- Debrief and view gallery of works

Material supplies: Paper for exercises, blue tape for prepping sheets, artists quality acrylic paints. White plastic trays and pallet knives for mixing and applying paint.

Participants will need to bring: 1 x 50cm square canvas (or similar), brushes, water spray bottle, water container, cotton rag and toilet roll.

**Please advise either Pat Pomeroy or Gail Lovelady
you would like to be part of this exciting workshop**

DAS Web Page and Social Media

Alan Morgan reported at the recent general meeting that the DAS website is up and running so have a look.

<https://dunsboroughartsociety.com/>

It was also highlighted at the meeting that it is important for DAS to have exposure through Facebook and Instagram. This may help attract new members for DAS.

Katie van den Brand is setting up Facebook and Instagram for DAS and will be presenting a workshop in the near future. Jenny Taylor has taken on the role of keeping the Web page updated. A video tutorial will be available on how to run these.

For Sale or donate section

We are going to trial having a small space of the newsletter dedicated to a
“For Sale or Donation”

This is for DAS members only to sell or donate unwanted art materials that they have accumulated and no longer need.

It is strictly for art materials or art equipment NOT for art work.

If you wish to have an advert included in the next newsletter please contact the editor

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FRIDAY WORKSHOPS

Friday art recommenced the first week in February. Due to high demand and new members the morning sessions with Jo and Florence is capped at ten people. They have a reserve list so if someone can't attend they can contact people on the list and offer them a session.

They are also running a Friday afternoon session 1pm till 4pm to cope with the high demand by new members and these are capped at 5 students.
Cost of Friday sessions is \$30.

On Friday 10th March the group were treated to a three hour informative session on perspective from a former DAS member Adel Zoueki.

Members continue to explore different genres and mediums. Jo and Florence encourage their students "to get out of their comfort zone" inspired by the recent workshop facilitated by Cass Gartner.

Bereavement Notice

Dunsborough Art Society members wish to extend their condolences to Marcella Spolding whose husband Bob died recently and also Gemma Lybrand whose husband John recently died.

Next Newsletter May/June 2023

If you wish to submit any articles for the next newsletter please send to me

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or the secretary by 25th May 2023

COMMITTEE POSITIONS 2023

PRESIDENT	Allan Kay
VICE PRESIDENT	Pat Pomeroy
SECRETARY	Gail Lovelady (acting)
TREASURER	Gail Lovelady
In House Curator	Liz MacLeay
Curator	
Publicity Officer	Rhonda Jackson
Librarian	
Kitchen Manager	Gay Browne
Exhibition Coordinator	
Principal Hanger	
Newsletter Editor	Barbara Averill
FB and Webpage Editor	Jenny Taylor
Maintenance Officer	Liz MacLeay
Gardener	Ken Williams and Rob Williams
Community Centre Curator	Wendy Bramley