

HAS News



Newsletter of the Hornsby Art Society

Supporting the visual arts in Hornsby Shire since 1963

OCTOBER 2011

UNLIMITED EXPRESSIONS

by Beverly Beck

“Art evokes and emanates from emotions that are challenging to explain or describe. Light playing through broken glass; the swirly grain of old wood; the tiny precision of lizard scales—these are some of the things that motivate me to experiment and play artistically.

I am unable to limit myself to one media—even though each provides endless possibilities for expression, I prefer to work with a variety of media. With clay, paint, paper, watch gears, glass beads, fabric, glass, shells, wood, metal, packing foam, sequins, and anything else I can find, I can explore in any way I choose.

I hope you enjoy my work.”



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Our Patrons – Kasey Sealey, Margaret Woodward, Kevin Best OAM, Peter Laverty & the Mayor of Hornsby

Unlimited Expressions by Beverly Beck

Friday 30 September at 7pm sees the opening of our third exhibition in the Verandah Gallery at Wallarobba – Unlimited Expressions by Beverly Beck.

Beverly burst onto the local art scene in Hornsby as a two time winner in the Returned to Glory Exhibition.

We became more aware of the range of her skills with the ceramic and stained glass displayed at the HAS Members Exhibition

Now we can experience the extraordinary talent of this gifted artist with a full range of the media used (so far) to express her emotions.

Linda Baranov, (another artist restless in her media choices) will open the exhibition and all are most welcome and encouraged to attend.

We hope that all members will take the opportunity to view Beverly's works during the exhibition period.

Exhibition Dates:

Tuesday 27 September – Saturday 8 October 2011.

9am - 5pm weekdays; 10am - 4pm Weekends.



Mixed Pots – Ceramic



Leafy Sea Dragon - Watercolour on paper



*Popcorn the Lamb - Packing foam, old table legs & other recycled items.
2010 Returned to Glory Prize Winner*

HAS Arts Market & Wallarobba Official Opening

SUNDAY 9 OCTOBER

We are fast approaching the date for the first ever HAS Arts Market & the Official Opening of Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre.

GRAND OPENING EVENT

Wallarobba will be officially opened by the Mayor, with a range of activities to take place throughout the afternoon. Activities will include live music in the garden, hands-on activities for young people & opportunities to get creative in the Community Arts Studio with workshops led by Printmaker John Crawford, Portrait demonstrations led by Sydney Art School and a Watercolour Demonstration led by our own Bea Roche. In the Artist's Lounge there will be talks led by our Patron Peter Laverty; Ulrich Steiner; Chris Tobin; and our own Linda Baranov & Janelle McIntosh.

HAS ARTS MARKET

To coincide with this important day for the Arts in Hornsby we are planning to make sure Hornsby Art Society is out in force. We are conducting our Arts Market from 10am – 4pm to coincide with the Official Opening and to showcase the incredible talents of our members.

Our office will be open throughout the day to promote our exhibitions, workshops and services for members.

We want to ensure that all members have the opportunity to display and sell their works – there are still spaces available for the Arts Market and there is space (both hanging & display space) available within the office/gallery. If you would like to add your works to this exciting day – please make contact with the President as soon as possible.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers to assist on Opening Day – to promote Hornsby Art Society, assist with the Market Operations & the sale of items. If you have time available, either morning or afternoon on Sunday 9 October – please contact Janelle on 9940 3914 or 0432 619 966 or via email.

President's Report

Greetings to all HAS members and friends.

MEMBERS' SURVEY

Thanks to all of our members for the strong response to our survey. At the time of preparing this newsletter we have had in excess of 70 responses to our survey – more than 50% of the membership, in the first week, with more still coming in. This is a great response and I thank you for the great feedback, suggestions and offers of support. If you have not responded to the survey as yet, there is still time. There has been a delay in the setup of the on-line survey and so **we are taking the opportunity to extend the Survey deadline until Monday 10 October**. We will be drawing the winner of the 2012 Free Membership at our next General Meeting on that date.

We will prepare a comprehensive report examining all of the information provided in the Survey by our members. Over the course of the forthcoming newsletters and at the Annual General Meeting we will provide you with all of the results. It should make for very informative reading.

Following the Annual General Meeting in November, the incoming Management Committee will meet to formalise the program of activities for 2012. These Survey Results will be a vital primary source of information to inform this planning.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF 2011 FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS – SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER

Council's Community & Cultural Facilities staff has advised Council will be officially opening the 2011 Festival of the Arts in Hornsby Mall, on Saturday 22 October with a great day of activities planned from 10am – 2pm.

HAS will have a stall in the Mall on this day, promoting the work of our organisation and the talents of our artists. There is a great opportunity for everyone to be involved: there will be places in the Mall where artists can set up to paint and to promote their works. If you need an easel, we can assist with this. We can also display and sell some works at our stand. Does this sound like you? Would you be able to assist us on the day as a volunteer? If you are interested, please make contact with me via email or phone.

President's Report

OPEN STUDIO

We have been in discussions for some time now with Council regarding a partnership program designed to offer an Open Studio Program for artists. Hornsby Art Society will support the program through marketing, promotion and general support. Council will provide access to the space for free. We are interested in hearing from members who may be interested in volunteering as mentors within this program. Mentors work for 2-3 hours each week & would generally commit for a set time frame, such as one month or one term.

Mentoring is a great way of sharing your skills and looking at your own work in a new way: it encourages you to consider your inspiration and your own techniques in different ways. Mentors also gain access to services and resources not necessarily available to others. If you are interested in this opportunity or would like to discuss this further, please make contact with me via phone or email.

EXHIBITION PROGRAM 2012

We are taking bookings now for 2012 and already we have a lot of interest for specific dates. As well, Wallarobba is proving to be very

popular with newer artists, many of whom are becoming HAS Members. To all members, I urge you if you are considering an Exhibition in 2012, please make contact with Susan McLeod or myself as soon as possible. Don't miss out!

COMMITTEE FOR 2012

As indicated in last month's Newsletter, our HAS Annual General Meeting will soon be upon us in November. Last month I asked for support with some specific positions - Exhibitions Coordinator & Webmaster - and I am pleased to say I have had Members come forward and volunteer for these roles. Thanks so much to those who have stepped forward.

I would like to reiterate this general call for committee members. Our move to Wallarobba has opened up many opportunities and there are a number of ways members can participate in the Management Team. There are good opportunities to see your ideas for the Society translated into action. If you have an interest in our Society and you would like more information regarding joining the Committee for 2012, please give me a call.

My best wishes to all,
Janelle McIntosh - President

HAS Recent Visits & Coming Attractions-

CHRISTMAS PAPER WREATH WORKSHOP

SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER

**Cost: \$25 Members / \$30 Non
Members**

We have limited places left for the Christmas Wreath Workshop by local designer & photographer, Claire Miles. Claire is the owner of Frangipani Designs and she will show you how to make truly beautiful wreaths just like the ones shown here from paper. These are created from wrapping paper and paper doilies.

Participants need to bring their own paper and this could include recycled wrapping paper, handmade papers, old sheet music, vintage novels, paper doilies – the list is endless.

The workshop will start at 2pm, and participants are invited to join us from 1pm for lunch and to tour Linda Baranov's "Land Marks" Exhibition in the Verandah Gallery prior to the workshop.

You will leave the workshop with a completed wreath and a host of ideas for Christmas decorations you make yourself.



It promises to be an interesting and inspiring day - to book your place, call Janelle on 9940 3914 or contact via email.

HAS Recent Visits & Coming Attractions-

FLORENCE BROADHURST STUDIO VISIT

Thanks to the members and friends who participated in the visit to the Signature Prints Studio, the home of Florence Broadhurst Wallpaper designs.

We had a great afternoon, hearing the story of Florence Broadhurst, viewing the incredible collection of screens that make up the Broadhurst archive and having a go at screen printing ourselves. All of us walked away with our own 'limited edition' print.



Suzanne Moore printing

STUDIO VISIT – PATONGA

Our Program Coordinator, Jan Martin, is organising a Member's Studio Visit to Patonga for mid-October. The day will include a visit to the Gallery of renowned artist Jocelyn Maughan & the photographic gallery of Ken Duncan.

The visit will take place in mid October, with final details to be advised at the October Monthly Meeting. To assist with making bookings & organising transport we need an indication of members who would like to attend. Thanks to those who have already booked a place, if you are interested in participating, please indicate your interest by calling Janelle on 9940 3914 or via email.



Susan McLeod printing (above) & part of the Florence Broadhurst Archive (below)



HAS Members' Special Interest Groups

The NORTH PROMONTORY HAWKESBURY PLEIN AIR PAINTERS GROUP

This group has been operating for many years and may be the guardians of our society's best kept secret. Our Bushland Shire is idyllic!

I caught up with these intrepid landscape artists at Crosslands Reserve in Hornsby Heights on the upper tidal limit of Berowra Creek on a magnificent spring morning. The parkland next to the river was pristine in its natural state. Not much has changed here since the Darug people travelled through this wetland and mangrove on their way to the "through way" up on the ridge.

Dotted across the grass were five painters at their easels. With plenty of room to occupy their own space, they were intent of the scene before them.

The water's surface was like glass, reflecting the rocks and trees on the opposite bank.

Over the years they have located some of the very best spots in the Shire. Areas of Fagan Park, Berowra Heights and various special places in what may look like very ordinary parks. In the warmer summer months Brooklyn is a popular destination.



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From a high point they know, they enjoy the cool river breezes from three sides.

Every Wednesday morning (weather permitting) around eight regulars set out to an agreed location. They are often



joined by three or four others who cannot get there as often as they would like. What a great excuse to blend with the natural beauty of our particular part of the world.

I found the conversation to be limited to greetings and a brief catch up. It is then to work and the transition to becoming in tune with the surroundings.

At 12:10 exactly (but that is another story) they stop for lunch and enjoy each other's company. They are already in a great picnic

location so the lunch break becomes a bonus.

Usually the labours of the morning have produced an advanced landscape study so there is a subdued urgency in the early afternoon to complete it before the conditions change significantly.

Margaret only paints outdoors, so her art is totally linked to these outings.

Jason (who has been coming along for only five months) spent many years focused on landscape scenes, in his home studio from photographs. He found working outdoors overwhelming at first and has to work very hard to confine his field to the viewfinder. It has given him a completely new interest in his art and he sees all that has gone before as just a preparation for what he does now.

If you would like to be in on this secret, see the contact details in the "What On Calendar".

Tony Nesbitt - Editor

HAS Bulletin Board

A very warm welcome to our newest members: **Iona Willis** of Wahroonga and **Sigrid Wharton** of Hornsby.

WHEEL ‘N’ WEFT – Christmas Art & Craft Exhibition and Sale will be held at Thornleigh Community Centre on the corner of Phyllis and Central Avenues, Thornleigh on the last weekend in October. It will be open on Friday 28th. (1pm-7pm), Saturday 29th (9am-5pm) and Sunday 30th. (10am-4pm). Select the perfect Christmas gift from a wide range of handmade items. Admission is \$5 with light refreshments included. Proceeds support the State Emergency Services (SES) Hornsby Branch.

DERIVAN OPEN DAY. – This respected manufacturer of Matisse brand paints will open its doors at 4/23 Leeds Street, Rhodes on Saturday October 15 from 10am-2pm. Entry is free with artists demonstrating the product range, free workshops, a factory tour, art and craft sales, a sausage sizzle, prizes and giveaways throughout the day, live music and lots more. For details and workshop bookings visit www.derivan.com.au or phone 9736 2022.

SYDNEY ART SCHOOL WORKSHOPS Limited places are still available in workshops focusing on specific aspects of art led by experts in that field.

- **How to Draw the Human Figure with Nafisa**, Saturday October 8 and Sunday October 9,
- **How to Achieve Realism and Depth in a Still Life with Peter Smeeth**, Sunday November 20.
- **Colour Mixing Techniques for Portraiture with Cristina Aura**, Sunday November 27.
- **One Day Intensive Drawing or Painting Portraiture Workshop with Nafisa**, Sunday December 4.

All these workshops are at the Baulkham Hills campus. For more information visit www.sydneyartschool.com.au or phone 1300 278 252

SYDNEY ART SHOW – is on again from Friday November 14 to Sunday November 16 at the Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour 10:00am to 4:30pm daily. To book classes, workshops artist’s talk visit www.sydneyartshow.com.au or phone 9452 7575

HAS Monthly Demonstration

SEPTEMBER DEMONSTRATION Lorraine Best – Painting with Acrylics

You can never learn enough about your medium. Experience is the best teacher and Lorraine proved from the tips and techniques she shared with members that she has often learned these things the hard way.

While acrylics are very user-friendly and forgiving in many respects this flexibility often means that their full potential is sometimes difficult to achieve.

The use of various mediums can extend the range of effects. With some experimentation you can simulate not only many of the qualities of oil but also those of watercolours, gouache and pastels.



Questions from the audience were answered frankly and it was clear that this professional artist was still learning everyday how to expand the versatility of acrylics.

Acrylic paints and additives are being improved all the time. This workshop proved that artists can be innovative in their use of media.

OCTOBER DEMONSTRATOR – DOUG CAMERON PAINTING WITH OILS

Monday, October 10 at 7:30pm for 8:00pm start

Leisure and Learning Centre- Willow Park, (in the grounds of Wallarobba Art & Cultural Centre), 25 Edgeworth David Avenue, Hornsby

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Hornsby Art Society Inc.

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HAS MEETING SCHEDULE

General Meetings – held second Monday of each month (including Public Holidays).
 Wallarobba Arts & Cultural Centre (rear Annex – Hornsby Leisure & Learning Centre)
 25 Edgeworth David Avenue, Hornsby
 7:30pm for 8pm demonstration. Members \$3; Visitors & friends \$5.
 Light supper served; all welcome.

HAS MEMBERSHIP

Annual Membership fees are payable on 1st October each year: Individual \$40; Family \$55;
 Student* \$25 and pensioner \$25. (*Pensioner / Student No. and particulars must be provided
 with application.) Send application & cheque payable to the **Hornsby Art Society Inc.**,
 PO Box 642 Hornsby 2077 marked Attention: The Treasurer.

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