



Montague Art & Craft Society Inc.

MACS NEWS

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From the President

I have more exciting news for members. Narooma Police & Citizens Youth Club (PCYC) will be running children's art and craft classes at the cottage studio and they have invited MACS members to volunteer as tutors. The classes will be one-hour, and the PCYC tutor will always be in attendance. Times are 10am, 4.15pm, and 5.20pm on a week day that has yet to be settled, because the upstairs cottage studio is almost fully booked. Please register your interest as a tutor by email to macsartnarooma@gmail.com.

The big Cottage clean-up and painting starts on Friday 23 June. Members please take all art and craft from the cottage on or before 22 June.

If you have anything at the cottage that normally stays there (e.g. Life Drawing paper), please label it clearly. The clean up will start in the gallery, progress to the studios, and there will be a big clean out under the house. Please try to give some time as many volunteers will make the job so much easier.



There is a new Alan Slade Oil Painting Workshop on offer, as well as the highly anticipated Margaret Moran Acrylic Painting Course now open for registration.

I am satisfied MACS is meeting its promise to members with these quality workshops, a wide range of creative groups and classes, and several venues for members to exhibit their work. Also the studios are available for members to use when there are no groups working on weekends.

*Irene Berry
President*

From the Committee

Welcome to new members:

Dorothy Allan, Erika Conkey, Robert Conkey, Sally Veer, Anne Reggiani

Nomination Forms have been sent out for the Annual General Meeting in August.



Off-season opening hours at Narooma Visitor centre are 9am to 4pm. There is always one trained staff member on duty but volunteers for meet-and-greet are always welcome.

And a brief reminder to the few members who have not renewed for 2017.

With four MACS exhibition sites, it has become complex and time-consuming to administer exhibition changeovers, rosters, and commissions. The committee has therefore decided:

- (1) all member sales will be at 20% commission, including distance members;
- (2) members may exhibit in any of the four MACS exhibition sites whether they do roster duty or not.

The committee hopes this will not deter members from doing roster duty at the cottage studio to keep it open to the public, especially at times when there are no groups meeting there.

Criteria for exhibiting at the Visitor Centre are still: smallish, local theme, saleable. Members wishing to exhibit at the Centre should talk with the Managers Kris Macauley or Colin Berry.

Volunteers needed for these MACS Tasks

Secretary	clear MACS email, prepare agenda, send out group emails
Assistant Secretary	Assist the Secretary, or do the job in the Secretary's absence
Membership	Process membership applications and maintain gmail mailing list
Newsletter	Produce a Newsletter each month
Boats Afloat	Coordinate exhibition - set up/take down, entry forms, roster, etc
Easter Exhibition	Co-ordinate all the tasks and volunteers for this event in 2018
Workshops	Arrange skills workshops as required; see approved procedure
Cottage bookings	Update studio bookings, email and put a copy at the cottage
Cottage cleaning	Clean and tidy as needed; remove unused/unneeded stuff
Cottage yard	Book lawn mower, tidy yard, bins out/in,

We encourage new members to volunteer for jobs. It is a great way to become involved and there will be plenty of guidance from experienced members. If you are considering volunteering for the 2017-2018 Committee, or for any of the above tasks, you are invited to the next Committee Meeting at 4.15pm on Tuesday 27 June to see how it works.

Oil Painting

a 2-day workshop with Alan Slade

at the Cottage Studio

9.30am to 4pm on the weekend 9 and 10 September 2017

Some experience will be helpful, but is not necessary.

The fee is \$100. Two prepared boards will be \$20 to be paid at the workshop.

A further materials list will be provided to participants.

The workshop will cover various techniques when using oil paints and mediums, hints, and practical suggestions for handling oil painting materials. The aim will be a hands-on experience and each student will complete a painting on both days. Each stage of the painting will be demonstrated and each student supervised and encouraged to achieve a satisfactory result.

*Registration forms have been emailed to members
and are available at the cottage and the centre.*

The Pastel Course with Margaret Moran is fully booked
and Registration Forms have now been sent out for

Term 4 - Acrylic

10 October until 14 November 2017 (six weeks)

Explore the endless possibilities that modern acrylic paints and mediums make possible.
Create spontaneous and more considered works using various techniques.

What's On

June	MACS members work at Narooma Library
June	Ro Farrell at the Library
June	The Visitor Centre Gallery is open every day from 9am to 4pm
June 1-13	Eccentric Accessories at SoArt Gallery
June 6	Watercolour Short Course ends
June 23	The Cottage Studio starts clean-up and painting
July	Robyn Woodward at Narooma Library
July 25	Pastel 6-week Short Course starts
August 8	MACS Annual General meeting
September 9-10	Oil Painting weekend with Alan Slade
September 21	Silk 'n' Stones at SoArt Gallery
September 28	Tony Higgins at SoArt Gallery
October 10	Acrylic 6-week Short Course starts

Regular groups and classes for MACS members

Visitors are welcome to attend twice before joining

*The fee for cottage usage and tea/coffee
is \$2 for members and \$5 for visitors.*

For most groups no other fee is payable.

Monday 10am	Monday 1pm
Studio is available for use by members	Knit-Wits Knit, crochet, sew, or chat
Tuesday 10am	Tuesday 1pm
Felting <i>Contact is Adrienne 0409 323 515</i>	Watercolour with Marg Moran <i>Contact is Margaret 0427 208 504</i>
Wednesday 10am	Wednesday 1pm
Plein air - weather permitting <i>Contact is Judy Gordon 4476 7512</i>	Mahjong <i>Contact is Chris Knox 4476 5584</i>
Thursday 10am	Thursday 1pm
Drawing and Painting with Ro Farrell - <u>weeks 1 and 3</u>	Watercolour and Pastel <u>each week except week 2</u>
Mosaics <u>weeks 2 and 4</u>	Chinese Brush <u>week 2</u>
Friday 10am	Friday 1pm
Life drawing \$10 for two hours	Studio is available for use by members

MACS offers:

- a place for members to work together in creative groups
- workshops for members to upgrade and diversify their skills
- opportunities for members to exhibit their work

MACS vision for the future

- to remain an independent organisation
- to maintain open studio space
- to maintain permanent exhibition space
- to provide storage space for assets and equipment
- to maintain financial independence
- to provide the arts community with a drop-in centre
- to provide unlimited member access to premises
- to have access to kitchen facilities
- to provide artists with independent studio space