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Dear Members

Spring time and the colours explode. Get your paints in sync with the natural world and splash some colour on your paper.

While you are out and about at this wonderful time of year, especially if painting on location, please talk about our group. Many in the community do not know we exist so be an ambassador and mention the society. Encourage them to look on Facebook, You tube and the web to find us. **You are the best advertisement** for our Society.

You may be about to join us for the Paint Out at the Museum. This is an iconic venue that features often in our local watercolour subjects. I guess many can

recall Bob Wade's version of the fountain against the Exhibition buildings and how it inspired us. The new architecture of the museum changes the area and it will be interesting to see how artists react to this place in 2023. I will have some images to show at the next meeting. There are several other paint out opportunities planned before the end of 2023.

We are surrounded by winners and masters of our art. Our local members keep winning awards and we are lucky to be able to watch another watercolour master interpret the world we live in when Thomas Schaller demonstrates at our September meeting.

Ev Hales President

Virgil A. Kraft

"Spring shows what God can do with a drab and dirty world."



2. WSV Meeting September 25th

Welcome Thomas Schaller:

" There is a universe of possibility that spans the distance between what we look at and what we see. And in that space is our experience of the world. This is what I try to paint - the experience of seeing my world - from perspectives both external and from within. And as such, dreams, memories, and pure imagination are every bit as valid as is anything that can be physically observed. "

Thomas Wells Schaller 2023
AWS NWS TWSA IMWA SCNY CAC ASAI

Join us, be inspired, catch up with colleagues as we share a love w=for the watercolour medium.

This meeting will be videod for those who cannot attend in person.

6.30 for 7 pm start at Victorian Artists Society 430 Albert St East Melbourne



3. Paint Out Tomorrow 16th September

It is going to be a perfect day - I suspect nothing indoors but an explore of the Exhibition buildings and gardens and perhaps the streetscape opposite with the line of iconic terraces.

Meet outside the museum at 10 am.

Bring sunblock, hat paints and lunch for a picnic - perhaps! Such perfect weather.

Tony Smibert's exhibition is opening just down the road on this afternoon.



4. Best Friend Challenge

This new challenge due October 24th is based around the concept of Friends. How you interpret this is up to you. People, animals, objects or activity any of these fit the concept of friendship. Some fabulous pieces came from the last challenge so take this challenge and show us your interpretation of “Friends”.

[Send Challenge Entry Here](#)

5. Facebook Report

We have had a lot of activity on the WSV Facebook page this past month. This includes terrific Posts, Comments and Likes. This activity keeps our page relevant and spreads the quality works from our society members locally and Internationally.

For your information in the last month:

--25 posts from members

--35 people have joined, this includes financial members of our society and non-financial members, ie state and international followers.

Note: Financial members can post up to 4 times a month, other members of Facebook can view and comment.

What can you do?

- Join up – this is a ‘semi’ private group, only those who have joined this group see the posts
- Post quality photos of your latest Plein Air, studio, workshop, holiday paintings
- Tell us about your latest gallery visit or about your upcoming exhibition
- Like and Comment on other members posts.

The Facebook team

Ebb & Flow
Watercolours by Patricia Mirabile
 October 2 - October 20
 Monday to Friday 10am - 3pm



Port Fairy Break (en plein air watercolour)

Opening night:
 Thursday October 5, 6 - 8 pm
 To be opened by artist Ben Winspear

Kinross Arts Centre
Part of Toorak Uniting Church

603 Toorak Rd, Toorak, VIC 3142
 (Rear of Toorak Uniting Church, opposite Irving Rd)
 Tram #58, Stop 39

6. Our members are on display again:
Trish Mirabile is having her first exhibition- Ebb and Flow
October 2 - 20th Kinross Art Centre Toorak.

The Brandon Circle In the Interests of representational Art
13 - 26 th September at VAS
 This group of 9 features three from our society,
Julian Bruere, Ted Dansey, Rob Candy.

ACAE Gallery invites you to

Tony Smibert: Tao Sublime

Opening: Saturday 16 September, 3.00pm

Exhibition dates: Saturday 16 September – Sunday 22 October

Where: ACAE Gallery, 82a Wellington Street, Collingwood VIC 3066

Following on from the major survey exhibition Tony Smibert: Tao Sublime, at Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery (QVMAG), in Lancelton Tasmania, ACAE Gallery is excited to present selected works from Tony's Tasmanian studio.

"A singular voice in traditional, minimal and abstract art - a painter whose work blends eastern and western traditions."

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Tony Smibert, Great Wave, 2017, acrylic on canvas, 1210 x 1830 mm

7. Tony Smibert Exhibition - in Melbourne

When: September 16th - 22nd October

Where: ACAE Gallery 82a Wellington St Collingwood

Tony Smibert, from Tasmania has an international reputation as an artist and academic author related to studies of the watercolour medium especially Turner.

This exhibition reflects his fascination with the oriental influence on art and his intrigue with the watercolour and the acrylic mediums.

Tony has presented to our members and run workshops for us in the past. You will enjoy this show of iconic works.



Julian Bruere -above and Nina Volk - right

8. Winning Awards

Julian Bruere Best Watercolour Eltham Art Show

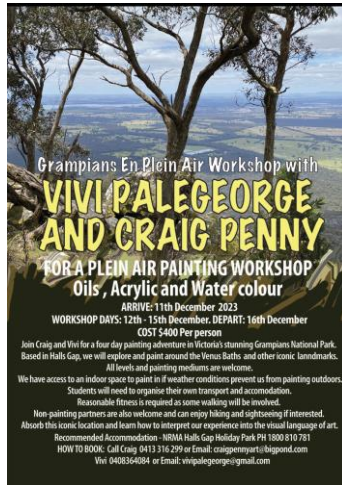
Nina Volk En Plein air challenge winner Eltham



9. Workshop:

Thomas Schaller's workshop for September is fully booked and participants are coming from near and far to participate.

If you want to register in case of a last minute cancellation. **Put me on Waiting List**



Grampians En Plein Air Workshop with
VIVI PALEGEORGE AND CRAIG PENNY
 FOR A PLEIN AIR PAINTING WORKSHOP
 Oils, Acrylic and Water colour

ARRIVE: 11th December 2023
 WORKSHOP DAYS: 12th - 15th December, DEPART: 16th December
 COST \$400 Per person

Join Craig and Vivi for a four day painting adventure in Victoria's stunning Grampians National Park. Based in Halls Gap, we will explore and paint around the Venus Baths and other iconic landmarks. All levels and painting mediums are welcome.

We have access to an indoor space to paint in if weather conditions prevent us from painting outdoors. Students will need to organise their own transport and accommodation. Reasonable fitness is required as some walking will be involved.

Non-painting partners are also welcome and can enjoy hiking and sightseeing if interested. Absorb this iconic location and learn how to interpret our experience into the visual language of art.

Recommended Accommodation: NORMA Halls Gap Holiday Park PH 1800 810 721

HOW TO BOOK: Call Craig 0413 16 299 or Email: craigpenneyart@bigpond.com
 Vivi 040834-084 or Email: vivipalegeorge@gmail.com



PAINTING TOUR
Nepal

12 days: 5-16 April, 2024
 16 days: 19 April - 4 May, 2024

Marvel at the Himalayan peaks, flora and fauna, and different species of wildlife in Chitwan. This is not only a painting trip to enhance your painting skills, but to acquire insights into the philosophy of spirituality and taste the magnificent cuisine of the monks.

Includes accommodation, tuition, experienced tour guides and all meals.

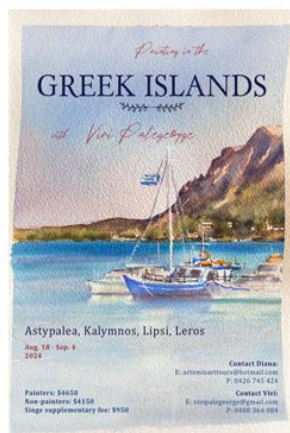
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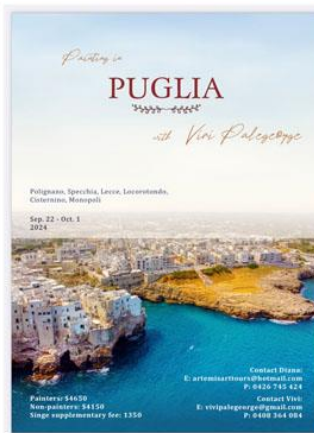
Painting in the
GREEK ISLANDS
 with Vivi Palegeorge

Astypalea, Kalymnos, Lipsi, Leros
 Aug. 18 - Sep. 4
 2024

Contact Diana:
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 P: 0420 747 424

Contact Vivi:
 E: vivipalegeorge@gmail.com
 P: 0400 344 004

Painters: \$4650
 Non-painters: \$4150
 Single supplementary fee: \$950



Painting in
PUGLIA
 with Vivi Palegeorge

Pulignano, Specchia, Lecce, Lecceoronda, Cutrano, Monopoli
 Sep. 22 - Oct. 1
 2024

Contact Diana:
 E: artemisarttime@bigpond.com
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Contact Vivi:
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 P: 0400 344 004

Painters: \$4650
 Non-painters: \$4150
 Single supplementary fee: \$350

10. Painting Tours:

Full details can be found on the website:

2023:

- Art Retreat **Sally Cant** 6 - 8th October [Contact](#)
- **Rob Candy** 14 - 21st October Fiji [Contact](#)
- **Vivi Palegeorge** 12 - 15th December **Grampians** [Contact](#)

2024:

- Painting in **Nepal** with **Annee Kelly** April 2024 [Contact](#)
 - Painting in **Greece** with **Vivi Palegeorge** August - October 2024 [Contact](#)
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11. We need your help:

Media experience?

With the plans for the exhibition next year well in hand we are looking for some help on the promotional side. Does this sound like your field of experience? Do you want to be part of this event?

I can assure you that involvement gives back more than it asks.

If interested please give me a call and have a chat 0400 560 156 or [Email_Ev](#)

12. Gallery - Prize Winners in 2023

We are looking to change the gallery on the public page of the website we would like to **feature artists who have won awards in 2023**. The works that display best are landscape format and we need Artist: Title, size and the Name of the prize. This will be updated towards the end of the year. SO if you have won a prize let us know by sending in the image and the details.

Send your award contributions

LABELLED WITH YOUR NAME AND TITLE ON THE IMAGE FILE also include the prize somewhere in your submission.

[Submit to Members' Gallery](#)

13. Wednesday Wanderers

The next WW is **18th October**.

Jane is happily travelling in Europe so a longer break this time.

[Contact Jane](#)

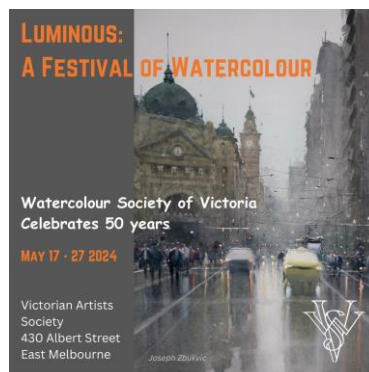
14. Watermark

Deadline for October - December issue is **September 22nd**. So get those pens moving.

Watermark: Articles, Exhibitions, Prizes, articles: Email [Brenda](#)

We are looking at possible changes for Watermark in 2024 so do not miss out.

[Contact Brenda](#)



15. Luminous - A Festival of Watercolour WSV Celebrates 50 years.

We have plans for a big exhibition In May 17th - 27th 2024 to celebrate our 50th anniversary. More information re how this will work will be coming your way very soon. Start thinking about that masterpiece that lurks on the next sheet of paper. Works of 1/4 and 1/2 sheet size will be required. Details will be out in October with entries due in February 2024.

16. Send Us Your News

Newsletter: [Email Ev](#)

Watermark: Articles, Exhibitions, Prizes, articles: Email [Brenda](#)

Exhibitions & Other News: Email [Ev](#)

Cartoons, remember we want to continue ending this Newsletter with a bit of humour Email [Lyn](#)



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