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# **June 2024**

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#### Dear Members,

Thank you all for your amazing efforts - painting for exhibition - attending - spreading the word and generally making our exhibition one long celebration of our fabulous society and the watercolour medium. The Gala opening was attended by more than 200 people who enjoyed Tony Smibert's opening address. A real chance to catch up with lots of people sharing our passion for watercolour. Attendances at all events were well above expectations and most importantly not just the usual crowd. We have more than 40 new members who have joined as a result of this show. A big Welcome to you all. We sold more paintings than we expected and reached the general public through the efforts of all with social media, radio, TV and those who were painting on location. The exhibition visibly demonstrated the breadth and depth of our group and those involved in our wider network. I think all who attended went away with a sense of pride at being part of this association.

So thank you to all who have participated in any way towards making this event such a success.

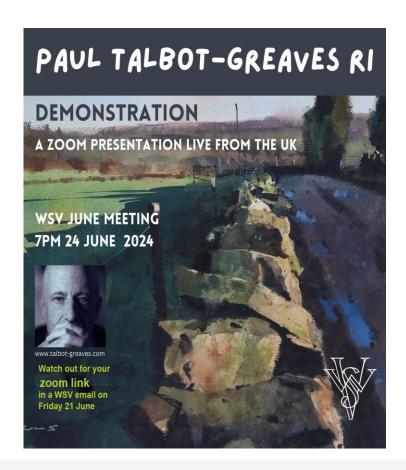
i am running behind schedule with the 4 demonstrations that took place, to amazing crowds during the show. I have video footage of these demonstrations and will edit when I get a moment. We also have photographs of the opening which we will put together so you can view some of the happenings. If any of you have special pictures that might be included please send them to me.

The catalogue was a huge success and has sold out and we are doing a short reprint so if you missed out you can fill in an order or pick one up at any of our meetings.

Check out - 5. Edinburgh Gardens below to see a special event to encourage our new members to meet some of the gang to be held on Sunday 30th June.

#### Ev Hales President

"Focus on the journey, not the destination. Joy is found not in finishing an activity but in doing it." Greg Anderson



### 2. June 24th This is a ZOOM meeting.

#### Paul Talbot Greaves is our guest demonstrator.

June, has become a regular zoom meeting because we cannot use the rooms at VAS. You will be able to join us in your own home on this night to see a fabulous contemporary landscape artist from the UK share his work with us. His style is truly different.

You will receive a special email on Friday 21st with the Zoom link for this meeting.

Alison, our VP has met Paul several times whilst overseas and is most impressed with his work and we all have a chance to learn more about him.

Find out more <u>here</u>



#### 3. Luminous: A Festival of Watercolour

What a fabulous 10 days! The finale with the Marc Folly demonstration was a superb way to finish the celebrations. Watching his unique style of painting was inspiring.

We need to organize a review of the event to share with you all but this will take a little planning. We have just completed the return of unsold interstate and international works and will take a few moments to absorb what occurred during the Exhibition. Suffice to say that it exceeded all expectations.

There will be a report in the July - September Watermark.





# 4. Marc Folly videos are now on the website for you to view

# **Marc Folly Part 1**

# **Marc Folly Part 2**

and a short WSV You tube clip is on the WSV You Tube Channel



# **5. Edinburgh Gardens Community Centre.** ( adjacent to the old Fitzroy Football Club Grandstand .)

A special afternoon is planned for all, but especially our new members - as we do not have a physical meeting this month we thought a special afternoon paint in, or out, or just a chance to come and meet some of our members might be in order. Sunday 30th June. 12.30 - 4.30 pm - at the Edinburgh Gardens Community Room. Come along we will provide afternoon tea - in between creating something marvelous. The venue will be suitable for inclement or beautiful weather. This is a great chance to introduce yourself and meet others in the group in an informal setting. Bring your paints, photos, questions or feedback from the show. Withers Grant recipients - it is a great chance for you to let us know more about what you want your Grant time to look like. Regular members you are an important part of this event so please come along and welcome our newest members.

# The Edinburgh Gardens Community Room Brunswick Street Fitzroy from 12.30 - 4.30 pm

**Sunday 30th June** 

Bring a mug / paints ... and join the fun



#### 5. Eudes Correia is visiting in July 2024

These two workshops have only 4 places left. Just one in Workshop 2 and a few in the Workshop 1.

**BOOK HERE FOR** - Eudes Workshop 1 July 22, 23 and 24

**BOOK HERE FOR - Eudes Workshop 2 July 26, 27 and 28** 

The workshops will be held at: The Jack Dyer Community Room

Corner Gleadell and Highett Streets, Richmond

(This venue is great. Parking is restricted to 2 hours but there are plenty of spots to swap the car when you need to change. There is also a cafe opposite for lunch if needed.)

Cost: \$800 for the 3 days Limited to WSV members

Eudes will be demonstrating for all WSV Members at the July 29th Meeting.

#### 7. Watermark

Deadline 22 June - July - September Edition We all love receiving the magazine.

II think Brenda is full to overflowing with material for this issue so any contributions will be used in the Oct / Dec issue.

Keep writing and share your discoveries/ experiences with others by photographing or writing about it.

Material for the Magazine



DISAPPEARING LANDSCAPES

GREENLAND

WATERCOLOURS
OF SOUTH EAST GREENLAND
BY MARGARET EDWARDS

The magnificent 50 m high Thrym Glacier in Skjoldungen Fjord

#### 8. Members Events

**Margaret Edwards** Disappearing Landscapes Greenland is on until **17 th June** at the Cato Gallery at VAS. Inspirational works.

I cannot publish what I do not know. please send information of events and awards.



# 9. The Luminous Catalogue

The catalogue was a sell out and we are in the process of catching up with the postal orders, so please be patient. We have ordered a reprint and they will be here shortly. These will be available at future meetings, especially the July meeting and can be ordered for posting.

The postage cost within Australia \$12.50 P&H plus \$20 for the catalogue. This can be paid through the normal D D account or payment can be made at events by visa card.

Catalogue please send

#### 10. Artists / Authors

I am in the research and sourcing phase for our August meeting.

This meeting is about **artists who publish books**. Many of our members have ventured down this path whether it is with a publisher or as a self published production. Today there are so many options - print on demand publishing, digital publishing as well as the usual channels. Artists can use this as part of their arts practice.

We will reveal some of our authors, explore some of the options and identify some of the challenges for an artist who wants to pursue such a venture.

If you have published a book, share why you went through this process, what you gained from it, what positives and negatives were part of the process.

You may be asked to share on the night or let us share the information with members if you cannot attend or if we have too many involved.

If you have a favourite artist / author tell us what you love about their publication If you are an author please send me info about your books. This could form a page on the website. Include Title, brief synopsis, cost, contact for purchases.

.Tell Ev if you have something to share for this meeting.

11. Camberwell Rotary Show is on again and our members are starring.

Stefan Gevers, Ted Dansey, Lisa Wang, Yesim Gosukara, Nina Volk, Ben Winspear and Julian Bruere are demonstrating over the course of the CAS Show.

22nd June to Sunday 30th June at Swinburne at 427 Burwood Hwy Hawthorn.

Check out the Demonstration Program HERE.

## **WEBSITE link**

# 12. The Wednesday Wanderers Zoom Paint in Every Second Wednesday - next one May 29th,

What is it?

- Starts at 10 am every second Wednesday
- Ends at 11 am
- In between we paint from a common reference photo for about 45 minutes.

- BE WARNED....we chat! And laugh. And swap stories and tips.
- Then we show each other our work on screen. Critique is gentle and kind.
- We spin the wheel to see who provides the next photo.
- We share any awards or other triumphs we have achieved or shows we are in.
- And that's it.

#### **EMAIL JANE TO BE ADDED TO THE LIST**

#### 13. FACEBOOK

You all did such a fabulous job over the exhibition with Lyn's leadership. Do not stop - keep the momentum - share what is happening in your painting world.

#### 14. Into the studio

We will be announcing the program for the rest of the year next month including proposed dates for a paint away in November so you can keep the diary free.

But for now head into your studio and make the most of the winter chills by not being tempted by other distractions. Winter is a great time to consolidate ideas.

"When the world moves too fast and you lose yourself in the chaos, introduce yourself to each color of the sunset. Reacquaint yourself with the earth beneath your feet.

Thank the air that surrounds you with every breath you take. Find yourself in the appreciation of life."

— Christy Ann Martine

Ev Hales









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