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Dear Members

I am settling back after a manic, marvellous month of intense creativity in Japan and realizing that 2023 is rapidly drawing to a close for our WSV events. (I will bring some pieces to show you what happened in Japan to the meeting). I was sorry to miss the October talk as I was aware that Beverley Castleman's health was fragile and that this would possibly be the last time she would be able to share her collection in public. I hope you have had time to peruse [The Hermannsburg School website](#) for more of the fascinating works that are part of Bev Castleman's collection. Bev's rapidly deteriorating health reinforces awareness of the fragility of our lives and the need to think about what we want to happen to work, or projects that we have undertaken during our lifetime. If we have created something special, and unique do we want to pass that knowledge / product on? If so how to we facilitate that process? Bev Castleman has preserved her knowledge about the Hermannsburg School on her comprehensive website for any one to discover.

What are you doing with your unique collection?
Have you thought about ways to share it?

At the other end of the life process our guest for November is Nina Volk a relatively new member who is going to share how she is shaping her art career. Nina will reveal how she is structuring her life as an artist and a mum of 4 young children. She is a fabulous artist but she is also thinking strategically about how to be a successful artist in 2023.

This will be the last formal meeting for our group for 2023 and we finish the meeting with our Christmas supper and a chance to socialize.

Your task taking you through to Feb 2024 is to paint a stellar work to enter into our Luminous Exhibition.

Ev Hales President

*Creativity combines playfulness and discipline, or irresponsibility and responsibility.
Lateral thinking and openness to new opportunities needs discipline, determination,
endurance and energy to fulfill the total process of creativity.*



2. WSV Meeting November 27th Introducing Nina Volk

Nina is a talented artist who is setting up her artistic career using the many tools available to artists today.

She is innovative, energetic and willing to explore anything and everything. Come and be inspired and learn about another member of our group who is making a name for herself in our art world.

[Nina Volk Fine Art Studio](#)

[Nina Volk You Tube](#)



3. The Ardency Kennedy Place paint out was a huge success.

Twenty members joined us for 4 hours of painting and fellowship. The brushes ran hot as we soaked up the amazing views from the Ardency rooftop looking over Melbourne skyline. The weather was perfect, despite a little early drizzle, and 2 pieces were chosen (rewarding Rob Candy and Denise Nethercote with a \$200 bonus) and allowing Ardency to use the images in their magazine and Christmas message. They

have also supported our exhibition with a \$500 donation. Support like this gives our members a reward and allows WSV to add to our activities.

As well as this financial support we were treated to a delicious lunch. We welcomed 2 new members - Colin Bellingham and Simon Whitehead and it was great to introduce them to other members of the group. It was also lovely to see Carol Millton and Velda Ellis joining us for this event, along with our regular attendees.

Watch out for the WSV You Tube clip of this event ... it will be loaded next week. The Ardency team has invited anyone who missed out and would like to see their venue to their Gin Hour on 23rd November 2.30 - 4 pm, see below

There was a very positive vibe all around from this event as is the case with all our paint out episodes. Make sure you do not miss the next opportunity to join a paint out in 2024.



ARDENCY
KENNEDY PLACE | RICHMOND

JOIN US FOR GIN HOUR
AND EMBARK ON A
SPECIAL TOUR OF OUR
PRECINCT

Thursday 23 November 2:30 - 4pm
1 Khartoum Street, Richmond
RSVP to ardency.kennedy.place@keyton.com.au

**LUMINOUS:
A FESTIVAL OF WATERCOLOUR**


Watercolour Society of Victoria
Celebrates 50 years

MAY 17 - 27 2024

Victorian Artists
Society
430 Albert Street
East Melbourne



Joseph Zbukvic



4. Luminous: Celebrating 50 years

You should have all checked out the website for full details and information about the exhibition to be held in May 2024.

Everything you need to know about:

- What size to paint if you wish to enter a piece is there.
- All the key dates are there.
- The terms and conditions are there.
- The entry forms are there.

All you need to do is paint at this point.

We as a committee are excited about the plans for this event. More details will follow in the new year but all the important details can be accessed on the website

Event Information



5. Members on Display

Victorian Artist Society:

Several members are on show in the **Artist of the Year Exhibition** at the Victorian Artists Society - **Julian Bruere, Louise Foletta** (see image above) , **It Hao Peh, Nina Volk, Clive Sinclair, Anne Melloy** are all part of this exhibition.

Gillian Carpenter and Bruce Hargrave 27th Dec - 14th January
ArtworkStudio Gallery at the Hub Fish Creek (0400 414 547)

David Pincus 13 - 15 January 2024
"Lorne and Beyond"
Lorne Community Connect Gallery

David Taylor 30th Dec - 28th January

“Good Vibrations”

Iluka Studio Gallery 28 Settlement Rd Silverleaves Phillip Island



6. We had some fabulous international guests during 2023 and just to whet your appetite for more we will announce our special guest artist for 2024 at our 27th November meeting.

This guest will be at our the finale of our Luminous Exhibition at the May 27th meeting, and will be offering 2 x 2 day workshops for members. Bookings for these workshops will open in February 2024.



7. Volunteer Coordinator

WSV is seeking expressions of interest for a Volunteer Coordinator for our Luminous Anniversary Exhibition.

We are looking for someone who enjoys working with people and has good organisational skills. This is a short term voluntary role with the WSV Committee to

assist in the coordination of all the wonderful members who will be putting up their hand to help out.
Your job will be to take the names of volunteers, work with the committee to create a list of jobs/tasks and do the match making. You will need to be good with email, relish logistics and have a knack with assisting other people to do get a job done.

Hit the button below if you're interested or would like to know more.

Expression of Interest

BEN WINSPEAR
Artist

Paint in the **FLINDERS RANGES** with award winning artist

BEN WINSPEAR

- Two weeks of plein air painting, tuition, meals, fun, camaraderie and sightseeing
- Staying at the spectacular Willow Springs Station
- All mediums welcome: oil, pastel, watercolour ect...with tuition for your chosen medium
- Private Art tour of Hans Heysen Studio, Hahndorf

29th April - 11th May 2024

ALL TUITION * MEALS TOGETHER * PAINTING AT BUNTERDOO & BRACHINA GORGE * WILPENIA POUND * PICNIC AT HISTORIC BLUNHEIM TOWNSHIP * TWO NIGHTS IN HISTORIC HAHNDORF * PRIVATE TOUR OF HANS HEYSENS HOUSE AND STUDIO * PAINT IN HANS HEYSENS GARDEN * DINNER AT PRAIRIE HOTEL... & MUCH MORE

To make a booking or for more information:
<https://benwinspearart.com.au/event/flinders-ranges-painting-trip-2024>

Scan here

JAPAN SKETCHBOOK 2 ROB CANDY

Sketch and paint the wonders of Japan
14 days tour 8 -22 June 2024

*Artistically capture the ancient capital Kyoto *Sketch in the beautiful Japanese mountains
*Explore the bustling city of Tokyo *Experience a Japanese tea ceremony
*Shop in the markets of Osaka *Paint the magic of rural Japan
*Visit the home of a shogun*Be mesmerised by the beauty of the Japanese gardens
*Fill your sketchbook and paint to your hearts content

Tour includes
* airfares from Syd,Melb,Bris, * twin share 4 star hotel accommodation
*Daily breakfast and dinner *Fully inclusive tour with English speaking guide and local guides, air-conditioned coach, train travel entrance fees, and tipping *Rob Candy your art tutor

\$7910
twin share

For further details contact Eric Wang Chinabestours 92621555

8. Two exciting new Painting tours for 2024 Flinders Ranges 29th April - 11th May 2024 Ben Winspear [More information](#)

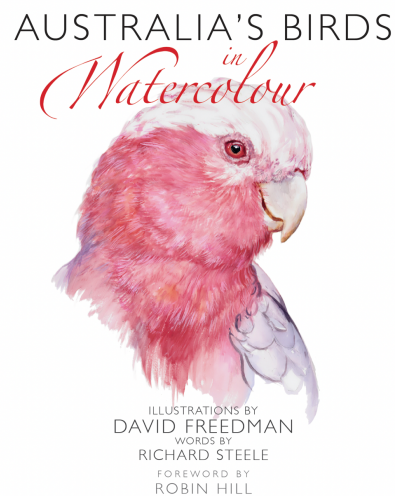
Japan 8 - 22 June 2024

Japan Sketchbook with Rob Candy

Phone for information: Eric Wang Chinabestours 92126555

Full details on the website as well as other tours previously announced.

These can be found in the Members area of the website under Members Events.



9. David Freedman New Book

David is publishing a second edition of his bird books.

“Australia’s Birds in Watercolour”

It is currently in production and will be released in March ‘24.

Another beautiful collectors edition for any who love birds.

David Freedman has illustrated this edition with 271 watercolours, the text by Richard Steele is informative and entertaining.

If you are interested contact David for more details. It could be a perfect pre-ordered Gift.

Contact David

10. Members’ News

I know we have had winners over the past month but you need to send images of your winning pieces so the prize can be promoted. These can then also be featured in the website gallery.

Please take the time to officially notify us of your success. Not just a facebook, post send to us admin@watercoloursocietyofvictoria.com.au.

If you send the information we know it is correct and if an image is attached we can use this to help promote your success..

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](#)

11. Wednesday Wanderers

Wednesday Morning Zoom painting challenge.

Only 2 sessions left for 2023

29th November and 13th December.

[Contact Jane](#)

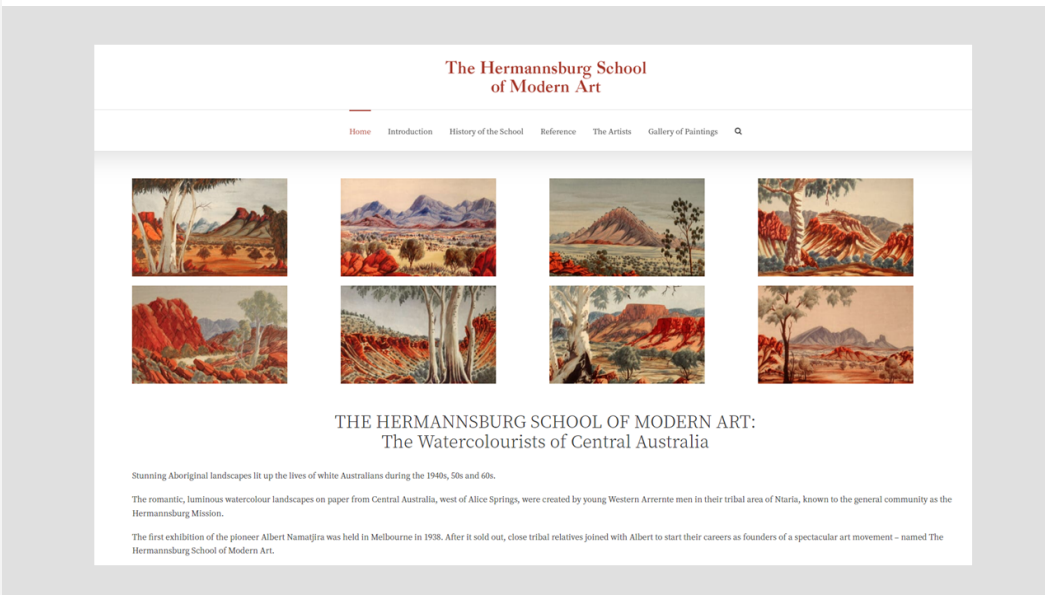
12. Watermark

Deadline for the first 2024 issue is December 22nd 2023.

Let us start our 50th year with another stunning issue. Get those pens moving and send in your news. Tell us what is exciting you.

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

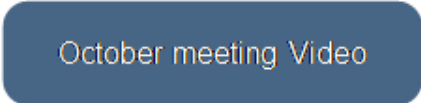
[Contact Brenda](#)



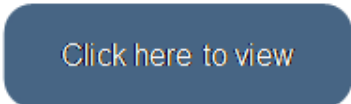
13. October meeting Link

Here is the link for Bev Castleman meeting video.

This is a little later than usual and as such will be open for viewing until middle of December. After this the video link for Nina's talk will be there to view over the holidays.



14. Last but definitely not least - you will enjoy this video and a fascinating glimpse into the Royal artistic history and private sketchbooks.





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