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Welcome to the October edition of the WSV eNewsletter

This month our president Ev Hales is away spending some quality painting time in Japan. Ev has travelled to Fukuoka for a four week artist in residence program and in her own words gets to 'paint my socks off'. Below is the poster for the event and you will see Ev is in good company with WSV members Colin Peel, Pat McKenzie and Lynn Kennedy also attending. Ev plans to immerse herself in the creative experience of being with multiple artists from a variety of countries, working in different disciplines.

Ev has to present a show at the end of the program. We wish her well, this is a well-deserved break from her WSV activities for this month.

We have now completed a very successful year of WSV Workshops. The final two events were given by international artist Fabio Cembranelli and Thomas Schaller, both sold out workshops. Fabio and Thomas were impressed with the standard of work of those attending and both expressed a desire to return in the future. We were also

able to enjoy demonstrations by them at our monthly meeting. These demos have been recorded and are an excellent resource for any level painter. They are available on the WSV website (members area: Meetings–Resources) for the next month. We're already planning for next year's workshops...there's a great line up in the wings so stay tuned!

Speaking of next year – celebrations are afoot. WSV turns 50 and we're celebrating with an anniversary exhibition in May 2024. You would have received the 'heads up' communication to start planning for the event. All members are welcome to enter so, as Thomas Schaller would say, start with the idea. Those members whose works are selected will be exhibiting alongside renowned national and international artist. Entry details, along with the Terms and Conditions will be published on the website at the end of the month. Rob Candy and Brenda Innes (curating committee members) will also be talking about the exhibition at this month's meeting. And in breaking news, we have just found out that we were successful with a grant from Melbourne City Council to support the running of this major event. Celebrations indeed.

So as your president would say, go paint your socks off.

Janit Gardner (on behalf of Ev Hales)



2. WSV Meeting Monday 30 October



WATERCOLOUR SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

THE HERMANSBURG SCHOOL

**Presented by
Beverley Castleman**

Stunning landscapes of Central Australia, by indigenous painters, illuminated the Australian art world during the 1940s, 50s and 60s.

At our October meeting, members will be privileged to listen to this wonderful presentation describing Dr Castleman's research into the luminous watercolour paintings of The Hermansberg School.

OCTOBER WSV MEETING:

October 30 2023, 6.30 for 7pm
Victorian Artists Society
430 Albert Street East Melbourne

<https://thehermannsburgschool.org>



3. Painting Challenge

Its the closing moments for the painting challenge, a reminder to send your paintings in now! Good luck and thank you to Seniors Art Supplies for sponsoring this latest challenge with a \$100 gift voucher.

WSV Art Challenge 'Best Friend'

Entries close October 24 2023



'Person or animal especially cherished'

Winner receives a \$100 gift voucher
for Seniors Art Supplies

Email entries to:
admin@watercoloursocietyofvictoria.com.au

Members Only

4. Paint Out

Our next paint out is Thursday 16 November, located at the newly opened over 55s community at Ardency Kennedy. Choose your own vista from the level 8 rooftop or garden area or from other vantage points within the complex. We suggest you arrive promptly at 10am to maximise the time on location to complete your painting which will be judged at 1pm with the winner announced at 1.30pm.

Light lunch and beverages are provided. The winner will receive a \$200 voucher and the opportunity for the image to be displayed on the Ardency Kennedy Place Christmas card.

Meeting point: Level 8, Ardency Kennedy Place, 1 Khartoum St Richmond.
There is 4 hour parking on Park Grove and Swan St, and four parking places available in the basement. The closest train Burnley station – 10-15 minutes walk.

WSV would also like to acknowledge the generous donation from Ardency of \$500 towards next years 50th anniversary exhibition: Luminous - A festival of Watercolour.



5. Wednesday Wanderers

Jane is back from her travels and Wednesday Wanderers has commenced again. The next zoom get together is Wednesday 1 November 2023.

A little history for those who are new to the Society about Wednesday Wanderers. This group was born out of the COVID-19 pandemic and lockdowns. Three WSV committee members were feeling isolated and fed up with their own four walls. It's easy to forget that before COVID many people were unfamiliar Zoom. We used it to connect a diverse community of watercolorists interested in escaping from the pandemic blues once a week. We adopted a quirky "speed painting" format, all painting from the same image, that challenged our skills and worked with the time restrictions of the technology. Immediately it became apparent that there was a need for something like this and participation grew rapidly. It has enabled artists who could never have come to a real-world paint-out to spend some enjoyable time painting together. Time poor artists, artists who live far from Melbourne, housebound artists and those caring for family members. It's also just a great way to loosen up your watercolour as the aim is to complete the work in about 45 minutes.

We continue to meet fortnightly and have Wanderers in many parts of Victoria, New South Wales, Western Australia and Queensland. We are a warm welcoming group that is thriving long after the lockdowns have disappeared.

We meet at 10am for one hour every second Wednesday during school terms.
Contact Jane for more details.

Contact Jane

6. Member's news & Exhibitions

Alison Fincher

Alison's studio in Barwon Heads will be open as part of the Bellarine Arts Trail 4&5 November 2023, as well as open 6&7 November, from 10am – 4pm each day. Discover the art and meet the artists in their studios.

Painting primarily with watercolour and acrylics, on paper and on canvas, Alison uses watercolour painting techniques with both media to capture the unplanned, impromptu effects that characterise a loose watercolour style. Watercolours on paper in a variety of sizes, framed and unframed, and larger wateracrylics on canvas will be on display and available for purchase from Alison's studio, as well as a range of her art cards.

The Bellarine Arts Trail is a major annual event, more than 80 artists will be featured, showing their work at 44 different venues in Barwon Heads, Ocean Grove, Point Lonsdale and Queenscliff. The trail map can be downloaded at:
<https://www.bhac.org.au/>

Information about Alison's paintings and Open Studios can be accessed at:
W: <https://www.alisonfincher.com.au>
I: @alisonfincherart



Alison Fincher
Watercolour

OPEN STUDIO

November 4 - 7
10am - 4pm

21 River Parade
Barwon Heads

#bellarineartstrail2023

W: www.alisonfincher.com.au
I: @alisonfincherart

Stefan Gevers

Stefan Gevers has an exhibition running at The Art Room in Footscray. All watercolours are based on Stefan's recent residency in the Grampians.



A Message from the Melbourne Society of Women Painters and Sculptures

We, the MSWPS committee members, would like to invite members of the WSV who would like to celebrate Joan Richard's life and friendship to join us on the 26th October to plant a tree in Joan's memory. The ceremony will be followed by a Devonshire tea hence the need for an RSVP by Monday 23rd.

Joan always sat in the front row of the meetings and was very much part of any WSV and OWSC event, I find it strange not having her there nowadays. Back in the 1980s Joan was the secretary with me when I was president.

Louise Foletta - Vice President MSWPS (and WSV past president)



MELBOURNE SOCIETY OF WOMEN PAINTERS & SCULPTORS

*You are invited to join members of the
Melbourne Society of Women Painters & Sculptors
at a tree planting ceremony
in memory of esteemed MSWPS Life member, artist and friend
Joan Richard*



*on Thursday 26 October at 1:30 pm
at Ola Cohn's former home
43 Gipps Street East Melbourne
A Devonshire Tea will be served.*

*RSVP essential by Monday 23 October
E: mswps2023@gmail.com*

7. Watermark

The latest edition of Watermark, our very popular magazine, has just been sent. Look out for the surprise 'gift' included in this edition - your WSV name tag. Please keep it safe and remember to grab it before you go to the next WSV event, meeting, workshop, paint out, paint away etc. Everyone appreciates the helpful prompt of a name tag.

Watermark: Articles, Exhibitions, Prizes, articles: Email Brenda

[Contact Brenda](#)

Send Us Your News

Please email notifications about your awards, exhibitions, publications and events.

We are here to help spread the word and support your painting.
If you win a prize send a copy of the painting and details of the award.
If you are having an exhibition / workshop or studio opening, send us your flier.
All events received will be announced at meetings and will be published on the members pages of the website. If you send the information we know it is correct.

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

Cartoons, remember we want to continue ending this Newsletter with a bit of humour
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