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Dear Members

Have you noticed the glorious wattles that are everywhere at the moment? A sure sign that winter is coming to an end. So check the painting bags and be prepared for the lure of warmer days and the colour this brings to our world.

Our guest for August is Fabio Cembranelli. This is his first trip to Australia. He is a Brazilian Artist who has lived and studied in Europe and US but is currently living in Sao Paulo. He studied Architecture at university and has explored photography, sculpture and drawing. He is perhaps best known for his unique and luminous floral watercolours. Perhaps our native floral specimens will excite him. Whatever he chooses I am sure we will enjoy his use of colour.

Several events are coming up, and exhibitions where members are involved as well as a couple of items for you to consider - so please read carefully.

Ev Hales President

"When you're in the great outdoors painting you are a magnet for onlookers. Just remember they are all envying what YOU are doing and wish they were doing it as well."



2 . WSV Meeting August 28th Welcome

Fabio Cembranelli:

Explaining why he has chosen transparent watercolour as his favorite medium, he says, *"What compels me to paint with this approach is the possibility of painting*

quickly. It suits my personality best -- the fluidity of the medium provides a unique sensation of unexpected colour mixing, particularly when I define only the main masses and allow the unpredictable to happen on the rest of the paper."

This is Fabio's first live demonstration to an art group in Australia. He has a strong online following. Some members will enjoy 2 days with him as a tutor sharing his skills.

This meeting will be videoed 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 day

Meeting **September 16th** at the **Melbourne Museum at 10 am** for our paint out session. There is no shortage of interesting subject matter here. The buildings, fountains, gardens or the terraces opposite are all very paintable subjects. If the weather is inclement we can always venture indoors.

Come along join the fun - there is a cafe in the museum or bring your lunch. These painting days are opportunities to meet others and reinforce friendships as well as paint some amazing pieces.

WSV Art Challenge
'Best Friend'

Entries close **October 24 2023**



'Person or animal especially cherished'

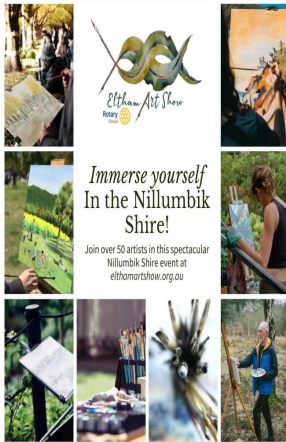
Winner receives a \$100 gift voucher
for Seniors Art Supplies

Email entries to:
admin@watercoloursocietyofvictoria.com.au

Members Only

4. New Challenge for you

This new challenge is due October 24th. How will you interpret this “Best Friend”? People, animals, objects or activity any of these fit the concept around friendship. Some fabulous pieces came from the last challenge so have a go and show us your interpretation of “Best Friend”.



5. Our members are on display again:

Eltham Art Show - 31st August - 3rd September 2D at the Eltham community Centre, 3D at Montsalvat. There is a lot going on - there are demonstrations, artists working and 500 amazing art works on display for purchasing opportunities.

www.elthamartshow.org.au

Twenty Melbourne Painters Society: 17th August - 3rd September at Glen Eira Gallery

Some great watercolourists in this group - 7 of them members of our society.

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.

The Australian Watercolour Muster

An International Festival of Watercolour

Cairns September 6 - 11 2023

Exhibition and Symposium

Digital exhibition 6 September - 28 October 2023

<https://australianwatercolourmuster.com>

6. Workshops:

Fabio Cembranelli's fully booked workshop is happening the weekend before the August meeting.

Thomas Schaller's workshop for September is fully booked but you can register interest if any last minute cancellations occur. [Put me on Waiting List](#)

Another workshop *for those visiting Queensland in October* is with

Susan Harrison-Tustain from New Zealand. 2 workshops are offered between 6th and 15th October. I became aware of Susan Harrison - Tustain's beautiful work years ago. She sent this notification of a workshop she is offering in Maroochydore In October. Check out her website : www.susanart.com
Perhaps next time she is in Australia she may be a guest artist for us.

Susan Harrison-Tustain
2023 WATERCOLOUR WORKSHOPS



WHERE: Maroochydore, Sunshine Coast, Queensland, AUSTRALIA
WHEN: Workshop 1: Fri 6th Oct to Sun 8th Oct 2023
Workshop 2: Fri 13th Oct to Sun 15th Oct 2023
SEE: www.susanart.com & click on 'Workshops' banner

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.

For more information, contact:
Alice Young (Melbourne, Australia)
P: +61 409 847 988
E: chesteryabigpond.com


Tutor: Annee Kelly

 WWW.HRTREKS.COM

7. Painting Tours:

- **Art Retreat Portarlington Sally Cant 6 - 8th October**
[Contact](#)
- **Rob Candy 14 - 21st October Fiji** [Contact](#)
- **Painting in Nepal with Annee Kelly April 2024** [Contact](#)

8. Tutor wanted:

Email: execofficer@camberwellcc.org.au

I am looking for a watercolour tutor for **Term 4 at Camberwell Community Centre**. Mike Kowalski (current teacher) is overseas and unable to take that term. One advanced class on Tuesday 1 - 3pm and one intermediate class on Wednesday 1 - 3pm. Term starts early October for 8 weeks. We have a lovely modern space with plenty of parking so if anyone is interested please can they contact me.

Thank you Liz.



9. Help for Meeting Nights:

This goes out to all those who love to come to the monthly meeting and enjoy the live talks and demonstrations. We always pull a crowd and part of the fun is hosting a get together with wine and yummy food. This last part of the evening is the special time just mingling with others and the chance to catch up.

We are seeking two volunteers to help out with catering to keep this social aspect for members going. It's a once a month commitment and you will be supported by a fabulous committee. We have a budget for food that needs spending and Lou brings the wine. We've tried rostering, however the logistics of getting things between people are a challenge.

Do you want to know more?

Are you thinking of doing it with a friend?

Come join the team and share your hospitality skills, your fellow members will thank you for it!

On that note...the committee know and value the skills that are in our membership, we are wanting to set up a 'volunteer list'. People we can call on every now and then to help out with something.

Can you help? [Contact EV](#)

10. Treasure the Treasurer

Louise Edgoose has been our Treasurer for almost a decade and she feels it is getting time to hang up the calculator. She will not be standing for this role next year and so we are looking for someone else to join our committee with the relevant skills. Is there anyone in our midst who is interested to take on this task?

Do you have a partner who may like to assist this way?

Is this something you would be able and enjoy doing for us?

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

Coming on board early as an assistant allows time to get to know what is involved.

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

11. Members' Gallery

We are always looking for top quality images and latest works from members for display on the website. Send images through and we will display when changing galleries on the website.

We are no longer running a show prior to meeting.

Send your contributions

LABELLED WITH YOUR NAME AND TITLE ON THE IMAGE FILE

this ensures that the correct information travels with the image.

[Submit to Members' Gallery](#)

12. Wednesday Wanderers

August 23rd and 6th September are the last two sessions for Term 3. Term 4 starts on October 18th. Jane is happily travelling in Europe so a longer break this time.

Contact Jane

13. 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



The poster features a watercolor illustration of a rainy city street with a tram and people. The text is overlaid on a dark grey vertical bar on the left side of the image.

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



14. Luminous - A Festival of Watercolour

WSV Celebrates 50 years.

We have plans for a big exhibition **May 17th - 27th 2024** to celebrate our 50th anniversary. More information re how this will work will be coming your way very soon. It will be a curated show with artists who have been involved with our group over the years as well as current members. 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. Entry forms will be out in October with entries due in February 2024

15. 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

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