



ARTIE FACTS #35

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The newsletter of the Bairnsdale & District Arts Society
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Christmas Ornaments – Andy Warhol, 1950s

From the President

Following my appointment as President of the Bairnsdale and District Arts Society, it has been a bit of a whirlwind. Right off the bat we had the Art Show which was an enormous success, mainly due to the hard work put in by the Sub Committee very ably led by Jenni Staniforth. A huge thank you to Jenni and the Team that worked so hard with her.

As President I am very conscious of the very capable people before me who have held this role. There is a strong history in this Art Society and the reputation as a teaching organisation has filtered to other art groups that I have had the pleasure to meet and swap ideas with. Many groups are purely social, which there is absolutely nothing wrong with but what I love about our Art Society is the eagerness for members to want to learn how to improve their art and are not afraid to try new things. The Tutors who run classes each week really enjoy teaching and the number of members attending each week prove that many are just as eager to learn. The artwork at the recent Art Show was excellent and many people commented on the high quality of the art on display. It was so pleasing to see so many people sell paintings and congratulations to all the winners of the Awards. Very deserved.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Committee members who have committed to another year of dedication to the development of the Art Society.

As we move forward into the future, I would like to encourage all members to be as involved as much as possible in activities, classes, art shows, workshops, seminars, plein air groups etc. Members are always welcome to approach myself or any committee member with suggestions, comments or asking ways that they can be involved.

We look forward to this coming year with great anticipation.

Barbara Jones

President

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Spring Art Show Report

The Spring Art show was a great success, and the committee received many compliments from the public and members regarding the high standard of the exhibits and the show itself. Thank you to everyone who helped. Our judge, Cynthia Boyle had a challenging task in selecting the winners due to the large number of worthy exhibits.

Number of exhibiting artists	42
Number of paintings entered	130
Number of paintings sold	22
Attendance takings – donated to View	\$400
Opening night attendance takings	\$430
Raffle ticket sales	\$764



BEST IN SHOW

Congratulations

Best in Show winner Laima Gascoigne with Tim Bull MP who opened the Art Show and judge Cynthia Boyle.

42 GLACIAL DREAMS ~ acrylic

The strong design of this landscape is enhanced by the strong tonal contrast and limited palette. The viewer is led into the picture. Bold mark marking and limited detail ask the viewer to enter the subject. CB

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD



Congratulations to Peoples' Choice [in memory of Deb Gray] winner Rod Cross, by a large majority.

NO. 21 "AN EYE ON THE WEATHER" reflects Rod's great affinity with the Gippsland Lakes and his ability to portray their sparkling surface and serenity and engage the viewer with their beauty JS

TED BERRY ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD



Congratulations to winner Wendy Cruickshank.

< 23 DEEP WATER ~ ink

Vibrant colour, movement and fresh loose technique invite the viewer to look into the painting and discover more. CB

BEST OIL/ACRYLIC

Congratulations to winner John Griffiths.



46 NEAR STRATHFIELDSAYE ~ Oil>

This is tonal painting at its best. Strong contrasts and subtle colours combine in a classic landscape inviting the viewer to stroll up the lane. CB



BEST WATERCOLOUR

Congratulations to winner Oi Lin Bould

<NO 13 GATE LOCKS – watercolour

A series of simple shapes in a strong design resolve themselves into a collection of padlocks. Loose technique with lost and found edges and strong tonal contrasts within a limited palette. CB



BEST OTHER WORKS ON PAPER

Congratulations to winner Carolyn Corr

19 THE SHEARER ~ Graphite

Excellent depiction of the subject. Good design and technique. The drawing exudes warmth and confidence. CB

BEST MIXED MEDIA



Congratulations to winner Libby Witchell.

<128 DEN OF NARGUN~ Mixed Media

Layer upon layer of drawing, painting and collage have built an image of magic. A small intimate invitation to look more deeply. CB

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Congratulations to award winner Margaret Lomas

69 NEW ZEALAND KAKA ~ Watercolour>

An exciting composition, beautifully rendered in watercolour. CB



41 VALLEY GLIMPSE ~ pastel

A classic composition with a rich build-up of colour upon colour in pastel. CB

Congratulations to award winner Jan Fregon. Sorry no photo available



<55 ROUGH SEAS~

Dramatic juxtaposition of warm/cool and light/dark. Excellent technique with a challenging subject. CB

Congratulations to award winner Barbara Jones

Our grateful thanks to the Dwyers Automotive group for their \$500 sponsorship of our art show and our gratitude to Connie Cunningham for obtaining this.



BADAS LIBRARY

Our underutilised resource



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- Books and CDs are just waiting for you to borrow them.
- Australian Artist magazines,
- Walter T Foster How to Draw series
- Books on every aspect of art:
- Australian Artists, Old Masters, Impressionists, History of Art, Coloured Pencil, Drawing, Painting, Oils, Pastels, Watercolour. Some old references and some of the latest.
- Please ask your class tutor how to go about borrowing them.
- Our librarian, Janet Borg, has spent a lot of time cataloguing and caring for our library which is hardly used.

Even if you don't attend classes why not call in one day and check out our library. I'm sure the tutor present will help you with the borrowing process.



Invitation to our **BADAS CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP**

Come along and celebrate the end of the year with your artist friends

Lunch at the Arts Society

12.30pm Saturday 6th December

Main course and drinks provided

Please bring desserts

Members free, Partners \$5

RSVP: 0418 972 382 by 1/12/25



Suggested desserts: Pavlova, fruit salad, trifle, Christmas pudding, cheesecake, chocolate ripple cake.

LATEST NEWS ON THE DISABLED TOILET PROJECT

East Gippsland Shire has the matter in hand and has been obtaining quotes for work to be done. Barbara and her team have cleaned out the storeroom ready for action. Hopefully work will commence in early 2026 and be completed by Easter.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Congratulations!



Anna Boek was awarded with the honour of Life Membership of the Arts Society at the recent AGM. We were pleased to be able to acknowledge Anna's long term membership and commitment to the Arts Society, hard work on the committee as Treasurer and ordinary member, as well as always being a willing helper and contributor to Art Shows and other events. Anna is an accomplished artist and has sold many paintings. Congratulations and thank you Anna.

Barbara Jones's PAINTING GLASS GALLERY



OCTOBER PLEIN AIR REPORT



Last Saturday a small group of BADAS PA artists ventured to Dargo ostensibly to meet up with the Wilderness Group from Orbost who were staying at the units in Dargo.

Unfortunately we didn't quite catch up as they seemed to head one way and us the other, next time.

A good drive up the mountain got us into Dargo just after 10 where we met up with Libby and headed over the bridge for a couple of old buildings along probably the narrowest "road" in the Shire, especially when encountering a large tractor and gear.



A nice lunch at the pub then we dispersed about for the afternoon challenge.
A great place to paint, heaps of subjects including the prolific ute full of dogs.
Thanks to the Wilderness Group for "trying" to accommodate us.
And today it's pouring rain, how lucky we were.

John Griffiths, Plein Air Convenor

CLASSES TIMETABLE		
CLASS	FINISHES	RECOMMENCES
Monday		
Open class	15 th December 25	12 th January 26
Kids' Art	15 th December 25	2 nd February 26
Tuesday		
Painting	23 rd December 25	11 th February 26
Watercolour	16 th December 25	3 rd February 26
Wednesday		
Contemporary Art		
Coloured Pencil	16 th December 25	4 th February 26
Thursday		
Open Class	18 th December 25	15 th January 26
Drawing	27 th November 25	13 th February 26
Friday		
Pastel	12 th December 25	16 th January 26
Saturday		
Plein Air		

CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP
Saturday 6th December,
12.30pm
At the Arts Centre

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LIFE MEMBERS	Audrey Taylor, Barry Doran [dec], Betty Du Ve, Julia Counsel, Carolyn Corr, Gael Rand, Margaret Lomas, Jenni Staniforth, Anna Boek		

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Best wishes to all our members for a wonderful Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year. Thank you for being part of our Art Society during 2025.