



# Nepean Art Society Inc.

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## November 2010 Newsletter



### Nepean Art Society *Christmas Party*

**to be held at 7pm on Thursday 2nd December at the Dynasty Restaurant - 71 Great Western Highway, Emu Plains**

**RSVP Edel Barth 0247352455 by Monday November 30**

*All Welcome*

### President's Patter

What a shock, Christmas is just around the corner and I don't know about you but I haven't even started getting organised. My husband on the other hand is hard at work turning our house into "The Griswalds" again. There have been lots of deliveries of even more lights, icicles, electronic reindeer etc than we had last year and they tell me that power bills are on the rise too. Each time I go out the front of my house I am horrified to find my husband hanging precariously off ladders, clambering over the rooftop or hanging out an upstairs window. I have attempted to tell him that he is now past middle age and quite breakable but does he listen? Of course he doesn't. Somehow none of that seems to matter too much when we see the faces of our grandchildren and the neighbourhood children as they come to gaze in wonder at our house all aglow. I love it!

### Westpac-Penrith Exhibition

You have by now delivered your paintings to the Westpac Bank. Pickup details are under "Upcoming Events". Good Luck! Hope we have lots of sales.

### Membership

Membership of NAS is from January to December of each year so it is now time to renew. The forms are included in this newsletter. Could you please include your email address if you have one, I am still trying to get a member's email mailout list together.

**CAS Art of Sydney Exhibition** Jan 22-27th —entries close 1st December. We'll need at least 8 volunteers to help with delivery to Bankstown, loading and unloading, unpacking/sorting and collection of unselected paintings on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th of January

### Art in Action 2011

Booking forms and details are available from "The Cottage". It looks like being a great event as usual so have a look at the schedule. Information available at "The Cottage" or by phoning CAS secretary 0425236926

### Castlereagh Artists Exhibition.

Julie Smmons and Frank Hodgert will be holding their annual exhibition at the Castlereagh Hall, Castlereagh Rd, Castlereagh on the weekend of the 27th and 28th November. Come along and see their years work.

### Member's Musings

Please send me some "Member's Musings" articles for the Newsletters. All articles need to be sent to the societies' email address by 15th of each month.

[info@nepeanartsociety.org](mailto:info@nepeanartsociety.org) *Cheers Di Walsh*

### Upcoming Events

#### **NAS Xmas Party 7pm Thursday Dec 2nd**

Please come along to our Christmas Party. Its always lots of fun, good company and the food is great.

There is no better way to round off the year than to spend time with good friends with the same interests. Everyone is welcome especially our many new members. Don't be shy you will all be made very welcome. Details above. Numbers are down at present so please get in contact with Edel and book a seat.

#### **Westpac Bank Exhibition**

22 November—13 December.

Don't forget your "Statement by Supplier" from ATO Website if **your painting sells**

#### **Pick up unsold paintings**

Monday December 13 between 8.30 and 9.15am from the Westpac Bank at Penrith.

#### **Watercolour workshops with Joe Cartwright**

1st. **Mon 10-Fri 14 Jan 2011**

2nd. **Mon 17-Fri 21 Jan 2011**

Ph 0298331772 or 0417424885

### NEW MEMBERS

**The Committee and members would like to welcome to the Nepean Art Society:-**

AriadneCarbanero; Maya Veloso; Jordan Podmore

**Member's Musings: DID YOU KNOW**

- a) The eye can recognise 7 million different colours
- b) There are 131 million "light receptors in the eye."

*Information from the program "Body in Numbers" on the Discovery Channel, 608.*

**"Under the Jacaranda"** by Australian Artist, Richard Godfrey Rivers was purchased by the Qld Art Gallery in 1903. The tree depicted was the first Jacaranda grown in Australia and came from a seed brought here from Brazil and planted in the Brisbane Botanical Gardens. It is described by Sarah Tiffin of The Australian as a carefully staged image that communicates 'ease, respectability and self assuredness.' The Curator of the Brisbane Art Gallery says "The painting is not only loved for its typical Queensland scene, but because the artists' use of colour and impressionist brushstrokes. .... shows the influence of Australian Impressionism with the use of free brushstrokes through the top section. Other sections are very formal, but the jacaranda is spilling out its flowers all over the ground in a body of beautiful bright colour."

"Under the Jacaranda" shows the artist and his wife, Selina 'taking tea' under the tree in the Brisbane Gardens, which at the time adjoined the Brisbane Technical College, where Rivers taught from 1891—1915. He first taught at Katoomba College, after his arrival in Australia in 1889. He then moved to Brisbane after being appointed art Master at Brisbane Tech College. He gained his position over 16 other artists- including Tom Roberts

Cheers July Joyce—*from an article by Bronwyn Watson—Weekend Australian*

Thanks to Judy for organising the wonderful demonstration by David Clarke at our last meeting. His interesting approach to his subject made for an exciting demonstration. Di

**Frank Hodgert's classes:** No field days until the new year. Thanks to those who participated during the year. Those who did enjoyed the experience.

Frank's classes will break up on the 14th and 15th December 2010 and will resume Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd February 2011. I would like to thank all those who attended my classes during the year. I hope you learnt something and enjoyed yourselves along the way.

There will be a Xmas get together and lunch after class on Tues 14 Dec, 12.30pm at the St Marys Leagues Club, cnr Dunheved and Forrester Rds, St Marys. All are invited class members or not. Please let me know if you are coming by either writing your name on the sheet in the cottage or ph me on 47761213. Thankyou Frank Hodgert.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Joe Cartwright  
H/C Watercolour— Parramatta Art Show. This painting was titled "The Rocks" and was sold at the exhibition  
3rd Open Category MTAS

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