

President's Letter

Hello Members. Christmas is rushing toward us and our Christmas Sale of Work is near with clean-up on 3 December and set-up on the fourth. Also our end of year dinner is on Sunday 6 December. I look forward to meeting you on both these occasions.



Both these events and many more during the year have been planned and organised by CAG Committee members, many of who have served on the committee for numerous years. This does not mean that the committee is an exclusive club. On the contrary it is made up of ordinary CAG members who have given their time and energy to ensure CAG runs smoothly. The fact that many committee members have served over several years is often not by choice but because no one else volunteers to serve.

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I regret to tell you that several of these long standing committee members have signalled that they are not willing to stand in 2010 and if they are not replaced by new members CAG's activities will be seriously compromised which could result in CAG changing from what we have today into something much less significant. I don't want to be the messenger of gloom and doom but unfortunately this is what is likely to happen unless members volunteer to act on the committee. But not just act on the committee attending meetings but by being physically involved in running CAG's activities.

So it is important that you offer your service to CAG by emailing or phoning the office. At this point in time you do not need to have a proposer and seconder, just express an interest to act on the committee in 2010, leaving your name and contact details.

I wish you and your family a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

Best regards

David Bindley
CAG President

From the vice president



Hello Members

As the year draws to its close it seems a good time for a few thoughts on our achievements this year and our way ahead for the next. For those who may not know, Canning Arts Group is non-profit self-funded community based organisation. Our funding comes from our courses, commissions on sales of artworks and a contribution from the City of Canning towards our Coordinator's salary. The committee, as well as working on our own art, puts a lot of time and energy into organising various functions for the benefit of members of Canning Arts Group.

A huge amount of energy was expended in organising the Gala Day, which was a terrific event and a credit to all who took part. It was necessary to apply for a grant from Healthways; request council approval for use of the reserve, parking, signage, etc; organise marquees, stallholders, caterers, tutors for the free workshop for adults and children, musicians, parking, art competition for children and adults, and on and on.

We had hoped to stage a similar event in March next year but unfortunately that will not be possible. The City of Canning is extremely keen for budgetary reasons to hold the Canning Art Award before the end of the next financial year so it is necessary to devote all our energies to that end. Because we have insufficient man/women-power we simply do not have the resources to stage both events within a few months of each other. So for the present the committee and sub-committee will concentrate on organising the Canning Art Award for April/May next year.

Other events organised this year include the Christmas Dinner, Christmas Sale, Shopping Centre Sales, Gallery openings on some Sundays, themed exhibitions and demonstration evenings. The committee is also involved in some aspects of the administration of CAG and assisting the Coordinator. On the downside, one shopping centre sale had to be cancelled because there were insufficient people to staff the stalls for the relevant period.

As David says in his President's Letter, several members of the existing committee will not be seeking re-election. The events we can stage next year will depend on other members coming and making a contribution. Without a good working committee there can be no Canning Art Award, no shopping centre sales, no Christmas Sale, no Christmas dinner and no Gala Day. Of course, it may be that people just want to take part in classes and have no other activities, but it's so much more fun to have the other events too, isn't it? It's a great chance to make a contribution, be a volunteer, perhaps sell some work, make new friends, and be part of the community.

You often hear the phrase "Are you a passenger or a driver in life?" If being driven is not enough, why not come along and be a driver. If you want to relax in 2010 be a passenger and enjoy the ride. You can only hope the driver takes you where you want to go or you can be part of the team that decides where you go.

So, in conclusion, it's always good to have new blood on a committee - people with fresh ideas and enthusiasm - so please consider being part of the running of our lovely group and moving forward into the next year and the next decade.

Maggie

**Melbourne Cup Luncheon
at CAG Hobby Day**



Hobby Day All members welcome

Well what a busy November we had a great Melbourne Cup luncheon and lucky me won the sweep. (It wasn't rigged either) There were some great hats worn by members and a wonderful lunch, and thank you Gwen for my special cake and everyone for a special day. I really appreciate it.



Our Raku and Pit firing day was fun, all our little bins were burning away pots glowing. Leah was first to get her pots fired and try out the method with horse hair (thanks to Narelle's horse). It was great with strands of hair fizza on the pots and making interesting markings .

Carole, Henna and Gwen had some lovely glazes happening. Then we were down the back colouring our pots and putting them in the pit. We soon had a roaring fire with pots burning away in the pit and we were all smelling terrible. It was a busy day with lots of laughs , " who said you haveto be crazy to be a potter." Even if you don't get the effects you want with your pots, the fun of the firings and experiencing the hands on instant results is great fun.

Well another year has flown bye I hope everyone has enjoyed Hobby day as much as I have socializing with members and learning from each other.

Hope to see everyone next year.

We will commence again on Tuesday 2nd February 2010.

I wish everyone a Happy Christmas enjoy and keep safe love and best wishes

Jill

**Raku & Pit Fire
at CAG Hobby Day**



Shop Spot & Gallery News

Hello Members,

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

As I write this I'm getting ready for a really busy time at CAG. We've done heaps to advertise our Christmas Sale of Work. There will be ads over 2 or more weeks in Fridays' West Australian, the Sunday Times, and also the Canning Times. We also still have flyers in the office for you to distribute as you see fit (letterbox drops or giving to friends and family). Don't forget that we are open until the 20th Dec. so its not to late to let all your contacts know about our Sale of Work.

Please remember these dates for Christmas Sale

CLEAN UP is Thurs. 3rd Dec 8 a.m. til about 12.

SET UP is Fri. 4th Dec. from about 11 to 1 p.m.

DISMANTLE from 4 p.m Sun. 20th Dec. - hopefully finishing by 5.30.

By the time you read Newsletter we might already be set up but - PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE PUT YOU NAME ON THE ROSTER LIST. IF YOU ARE SELLING, YOU ARE OBLIGED TO WORK AT LEAST ONE ROSTER.

The Leisureplex Sale of Work did not eventuate due to lack of members wishing to sell, or pulling out at the last minute. This was very disappointing and time consuming as we were hoping to advertise our Christmas Sale of Work there, not to mention the inconvenience of having to contact everyone to cancel the event.

Once again have a HAPPY CHRISTMAS, and I'll see you at the Christmas Sale of Work.

Cheers
Irene Perry
SHOP TREASURER

A sincere artist is not one who makes a faithful attempt to put on to canvas what is in front of him, but one who tries to create something which is, in itself, a living thing.

::: William Dobell

People's Choice Award

Forms from Nature



Photo: Margaret Drummond

The winner of this year's last Members' Exhibition:

Christine Ross
for her painting
In the Pink

Penni's Ponderings

Hello,

The year is close to the end but there is still so much going on at Cag. Firstly we have the Christmas Clean and Sale of Work. Volunteers are required Thursday 3rd December from 8am onwards. Then we have the setup of the displays on Friday 4th with the Opening on the 5th. The roster is on the Gallery door for members to write their names on.



The Christmas Party will be Sunday 6th December at 6pm. There are still spaces available. Last years dinner was delicious and we have been able to secure the caterers again. Set up for this event is Saturday 5th between 2 and 4pm. All helpers welcome.

The Class List showing all classes and workshops planned for Term1 is located around the Cag Centre and also is on the web for those who would like to see what we have planned. Please call the office to confirm your spots in the calsses and workshops.

I have had enquiries for Life Classes- any time, Pottery Adult Beg- day time slot and Acrylic Class- probably Monady Evening. Please let me know if you would be interested in these classes. Feel free to let family and friends know that these classes may be happening and we are looking for students to fill the spots.

Don't forget to let us know what things interest you and what you think would be interesting to have as an evening demonstration. This is your club and your input is valuable. We are currently starting to put together next years exhibition and evening demonstration timetable and are always looking for items of interest.

I am currently playing with our web page and would very much like to include links to web pages of our members and other helpful, useful, informative sites that our viewers may find interesting. So if you have a web page or know of a member who has one please let me know so they can be included in this useful information sharing opportunity.

The Cag office will close on the 18th December and reopen on Wednesday 27th January 2010. Classes will commence at the end of the first week of school term, 4th Feb. The last day for Term 1 is 1st April. Please be aware that Term 2 starts 22 April and goes to 24 June 2010.

Finally I would like to thank all the members for their support they have shown me in my first 3 months as Coordinator.

I will wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

TTFN

Penni



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Federal Member for Tangney

Upcoming in 2010 Members' Exhibition in the CAG Gallery

The first themed Exhibition in the Gallery next year **Life's a Beach** will run from 5th February - 11th March

So when you are at the beach in December and January don't just get a sun tan — look for artistic inspiration to create a masterpiece for the first CAG themed exhibition in 2010.

NB
Paintings for this exhibition can be delivered to the office from Thursday 27th January until Thursday 4th February (or brought in on Feb 5)

Exhibition 2 is scheduled for 12th March - 22nd April

The theme will be related to the City of Canning - exact title to be announced later.

of interest...




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RSVP essential by Wednesday 2 December – 9432 9565
or email rsvp@fremantle.wa.gov.au

Bazaar continues 9am – 5pm
Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 December
Admission \$2 – Children under 12 free


Parking available at John Curtin College oval
& Fremantle Leisure Centre Car Park

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Showcasing new ceramic works by Clay Feet exhibiting group:
**Jillian Archibald, Elaine Bradley, Sheryl Chant, Alyson Hayes,
Veronica McGrath, Gill Treichel and Andrea Vinkovic.**
Exhibition runs from 14 November to 20 December 2009.

Heathcote Museum & Gallery • Heathcote Cultural Centre • Swan House • Duncraig Rd, Applecross
Gallery hours: Tuesday - Friday 10am - 3pm • Sat & Sun 11am - 3pm • T: 9364 5666



An exhibition of artworks by
Fran Mack
Maree Mack
and Lindy Gaisford

At **P.S. Studios & Gallery**
Cnr. Pakenham & Leake Sts.
Fremantle

Opening Saturday
December 5th from 4-7pm
Featuring a fashion parade by
Velvet Sushi

Exhibition runs 4th, 5th, 6th and
11th, 12th, 13th December 2009
11am-5pm

mackmarf@bigpond.com

The City of Melville would like to invite Western Australian artists to submit an application for the City of Melville Sculpture Walk 2010.

OVERVIEW

The 2010 Sculpture Walk will be the seventh year that the exhibition has taken place. The previous years have seen the Sculpture Walk hosted at Piney Lakes Reserve located in Winthrop. For the first time the exhibition will take place at Deepwater Point, a riverside reserve located on The Esplanade, Mount Pleasant.

Applications due by: **Monday 4 January 2010**

Further information and application form available from City of Melville, contact

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Advance Notice - Survey of members

At the beginning of next year the Committee will be distributing a Survey to ask members for their opinions on, and satisfaction with, the operation of Canning Arts Group in 2009 and asking for suggestions for 2010 and beyond. Responses will help the committee to plan for the future and provide members with the best possible artistic opportunities.

So start thinking- and be ready to have your say!

- What was your involvement this year?
- Were you happy with what was on offer in the way of classes, events, equipment/ facilities?
- Why or why not?
- What would you like to see happen at Cag in the future.
- What can you do to help Cag?

CAG Annual General Meeting will be held on 8th March 2010.

All members please note, the 28th February is the cut-off date for payment of membership fees in order to attend and vote at the AGM.

Use of CAG equipment

CAG equipment cannot be removed from the centre and members must use the equipment at the centre only.



From the Editor

Thank you to members who have put forward suggestions and articles for the newsletter throughout 2009. I look forward to hearing from you in 2010. Meanwhile take care & have a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

Best wishes, erica

DATES for your DIARY

CAG Committee Meeting

Monday 7th
December 2009

*All members
Welcome*

Members' Sale of Work

Annual Christmas
Sale of Work

5th - 20th
December
2009

2010 CAG AGM

Annual General
Meeting

Monday 8th
March 2010

CAG Office Closed

Monday
21st December
to
Tuesday
26th January
2010

Membership Renewal

Renewal due by the
28th February 2010