



"Misty Morning" Jenny Lawther



President's message

Hello fellow artists and artisans of *Glenroy Art Group*.

Since our last newsletter in December lots of exciting things have happened within our group.

Jenny Lawther volunteered to open up our rooms during January which generated a lot of interest in our art group. Thank so much Jenny.

Our life drawing sessions recommenced in early March and continue to be popular.

We have welcomed quite a few new members this year. Welcome to Jenine Thomson, Keith Bell, Jocelyn (Jo) White, Cathy Shemansky, Cathy Edwards to *White Gum Potters*, Also Leah Koh and Philipa Nichols to *White Gum Potters*.

It is very pleasing to see new interest in our group and it shows that we will be around for a few years yet.

Our work-room looks a little different this year with the installation of new LED lights and a split system heating-cooling unit. We will all be warmer in winter and a lot cooler in summer now. We thank Merri-Bek council for these new items.

In all 2024 is looking to be a great year for creating new art.

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President of Glenroy Art Group

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Opening times

Glenroy Art Group is open for members on **Mondays and Wednesdays** from 10.30am until 3.00pm.

White Gum Potters

Wednesday 2.00pm until 5.00pm.

Thursday nights from

7.30pm until 9.30pm.

Saturdays 1st 3rd & 5th (TBC)

10.30am until 3.00pm (TBC)

Other sessions

- **Life Drawing** is held 10.30am until 1.00pm on the first Saturday of each month (Register for a session first).
- **First Monday** of each month includes a general meeting.
- Please come along to any session that works for you and enjoy our community of artists.

White Gum Potters

Hi, my name is John Elston and I am part of the White Gum Pottery group who meet at Glenroy Art Group on Wednesday 2.00 to 5.00 PM. I am writing to try to share with you why I create ceramic art. At any one time ceramics is by turns fascinating, frustrating and lots of other f-words! I generally make creatures like cats, dogs or more fantastic creatures such as dragons, gargoyles, trolls, pink elephants or anything else I can imagine.

There are a small number of things you need to get started in making ceramic artwork and lots of things that can go wrong while creating your piece. Basic things needed are clay and of course your hands!

BASICS:

1. Joining clay together

Just scratch and slip. Slip is clay with lots of water added. You scratch the surface of the clay in the area where you want to join it, slap a bit of slip on one of the scratch areas then push the two pieces together firmly with a little bit of a wiggle. Rinse and repeat for as many pieces you want to join together.

2. Creating Slabs

Take a lump of clay and roll it uniformly flat, cut it to size. It is that simple! However, you will need to roll your clay in different directions because the clay has a 'memory' and wants to shrink back into it's original position. Rolling in different directions confuses the clay.

3. Making coils

This is just a fancy word for a snake or sausage. Take your lump of clay and start by rolling it between flattened palms to form a crude cylinder. Place your clay on the table and continue rolling using your hands until you have a long snake form. Coil the clay into a shape or form of the object you want to create. That's it. All you need to get started.

White Gum Potters

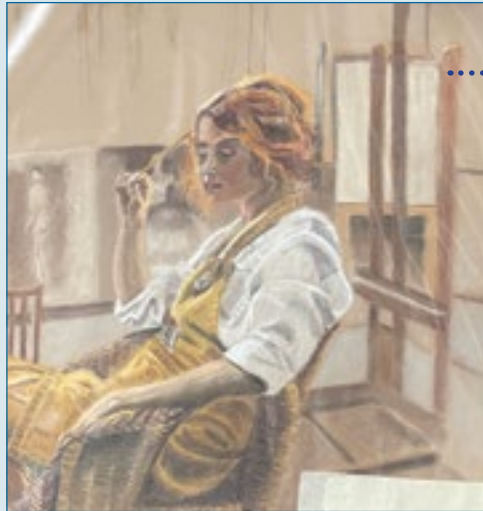


Painting of the Month

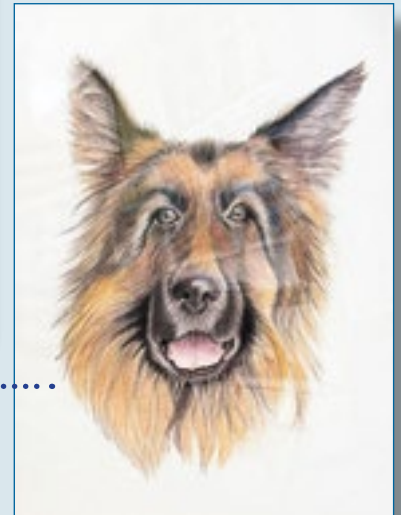
February 2024



FIRST PLACE:
"Misty Moment"
Jenny Lawther



SECOND PLACE:
"Artist Sitting Down"
Sue Parry



THIRD PLACE:
"A Happy Soul"
Susan Pellizzaro

March 2024



FIRST PLACE:
"Sun Reflection"
Ray Hehr



SECOND PLACE:
"Portrait Of Old man"
Susan Pallizzaro



THIRD PLACE:
"Motion Of The Ocean"
Jenny Lawther

Art Show 2024 – Wrap up report.

Our May art show for 2024 was a resounding success.

We had 119 entries and a dozen pieces by *White Gum Potters* on display.

A special thank you must go to Sue, Robin, Jenny and Tony for coming in on the Thursday night before to set up the hall for the following Friday display hanging. It made things so much easier. The hanging was beautifully done this year. The hall looked amazing when it was all finished.

The show was really well received by all who visited. I walked around speaking to many of our visitors and everyone I spoke to were very enthusiastic in their praise of the quality and depth of the work displayed. This was shown in the amount of work sold. We **sold 19 paintings**, so with our 15% commission that generated **\$409.50** to the group and with **donations of \$50** and **\$270 from the sales of Devonshire Teas** we have added a total of **\$729.50** to our healthy bank account.



The many artwork entries filled the walls of the hall.



President Lorraine Butler introduces Cr. Helen Davidson.



Glenroy Art Group President, Lorraine Butler (left) and Meribek Councillor, Helen Davidson (right) open the 2024 Art Show.

Our Friday night opening was a chance for everyone to “Glam Up” a bit and enjoy a nice evening with family, friends, and invited guests. The food was lovely, thank you to Wai and the very dapper Don McQueen for manning the bar.

Councillor Helen Davidson officially opened the show for us, and your President very nervously made her first public speech and didn’t “fluff” her lines too much.

The raffle over the week-end raised **\$426** for our charity **Food Bank** and we were informed that would provide 850 meals for those needing support. Fabulous effort. Also the raffle was won by Betty Maher and she took home a beautiful multi-media piece made by Robin Randell. Thank you Robin for so generously donating a piece of your work.

Carol Dunlops’ lovely piece was voted **Viewers Choice of the show.**

Congratulations Carol.

Lorraine Butler



Painting of the Month *April 2024*



FIRST PLACE:
"Still Life"
Wai Chun Lee



SECOND PLACE:
"All That Glitters"
Susan Pallizzaro



THIRD PLACE:
"Seen Better Days"
Val Bedame

May 2024



FIRST PLACE:
"The Dancer"
Joan Di Flora



SECOND PLACE:
"Powerful Owls"
Val Badome



THIRD PLACE:
"Deer"
Sue Parry

Joe Zapp - quick pastel demonstration



On the 15th April members and visitors were treated to an engaging demonstration by renowned speed portraiture artist Joe Zapp.

The morning began with each person receiving a numbered ticket, although we were not sure why. It quickly became evident that the owner of the winning number drawn was to become the subject for the portrait demonstration. Val Bedome was the rather surprised winner and, after a short consultation with Joe, he began a pastel portrait of her.

Interspersed with amusing anecdotes, jokes and technical explanations by Joe the face of Val began to emerge from the paper. Joe explained that he aims to not only capture the likeness of the subject but also, and equally as important, the essence of the subject as he perceives it.

Joe used a mixture of pan pastels and ordinary soft pastels to create a soft portrait in mauve and blue tones and lucky Val was able to take her portrait home at the end of the morning.

Jenny Lawther

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Dates to remember

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 12th August 11.30
please bring lunch to share

PAINTING OF THE MONTH

*Paintings must be in by 11:00am
on the Monday for judging.*

JUNE - Monday 24 June

JULY - Monday 29 July

August - Monday 26 August.

ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW 2024

Friday (set-up) to Sunday
22 - 24 November, 2024

ALSO, DON'T FORGET...

- *Life drawing classes* held first Saturday of each month. Please **REGISTER**.
- Group lunches held bi-monthly. Please check for dates and **REGISTER**.