

2009 was a big year at A.G.R.A. with excellent exhibitions and events. Photos of the Summer opening, Christmas party & bargain sale are on the third page – thanks Sue for the happy snapping!

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.AGRA's first exhibition in 2010

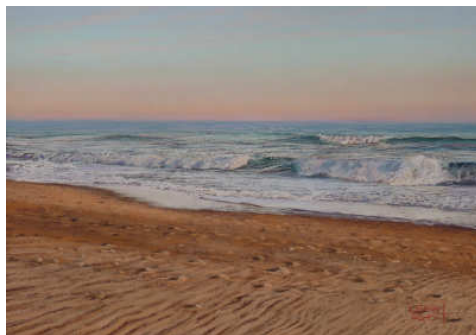
"New Members" 17th – 28th February

For all who joined AGRA in the past three years this is a good opportunity to have your artwork on the gallery walls in a non-competitive event. The 2009 event was well received by gallery visitors and those who participated enjoyed it thoroughly. If you'd like to be involved in the hanging and learn how AGRA hangs an exhibition please telephone Brenda after 1st February to signal your interest.

There will be a Viewers Choice announcement and entry forms will be in the next Hues magazine.

Leigh Rust holds **pastel** masterclasses in Pakenham and starting January 2010 also in Mornington. Leigh's own artwork usually focuses on wildlife. His classes look at the media using a variety of subjects, concentrating on colour theory, composition and design.

Bookings are essential – contact via <http://www.leighrust.com/>



Tide's In by Leigh Rust

"Rock Stars with Attitude & Images of Album Covers"

An exhibition of small & miniature paintings by Linda Simpson
Frankston Arts Centre 19th Jan – 14th Feb
Enquiries – ph Linda on 0438.776.314

50% discount on gallery hire at AGRA For 1st – 14th March 2010 only

Be quick to take advantage of this opportunity for one or all of the galleries.

Autumn Exhibition

entries close 3rd. March so start thinking about your entry

Watercolour Special Interest Group

Next meets January 20th at 7pm

Topics will include technique demonstrations & discussion.

Gold coin to cover tea/coffee – contact Kris for queries

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MICHAEL WILCOX: A DAY OF COLOUR

March 20th and 21st 2010 – entry form in Dec/Jan Hues and on the AGRA website. If your booking was held over from November please confirm during February with the gallery.



Maritime Special Interest Group

First meeting March 3rd at 7.30pm.

Gold coin to cover tea/coffee.

"Boats at Rest, San Remo" by Adrian Johnson

AGRA GALLERY RE-OPENS

27th January 2010

MEET THE AGRA COUNCILLORS

at AGRA Feb 19th, 6.30pm

This is a good time to have a chat about your guild, meet the people working hard to keep AGRA growing and for you to offer your thoughts and ideas.

SUMMER EXHIBITION & BARGAIN SALE

December 2009



The bargain sale brought into the gallery quite a numbers of passers-by and sales on the day were good. Prices were at studio clearance levels and most sold well. The activity out the front



of the gallery (especially the balloons & second flag) drew extra



visitors, some purchased Summer exhibition paintings and unframed paintings from the rack inside as well. Next time AGRA has such an event I encourage you to enter

some paintings – some folk sold most of their submitted work and we had fun. Thanks Serge, Sue, Ian and all who lent a hand.

Members B B Q



We were lucky with the weather and that new councillor Rob Knight kept any eye on cooking the sausages.

About 60 folk came along who enjoyed meeting other members and partners. Thanks to everyone who brought salads, chairs, tables, helped set-up, clean & wash-up . Especially thanks to the person who brought the BBQ – how did you fit it in the car ?

UP-COMING EVENTS :

February

10th – Watercolour S I G

17th – 28th New Members Exhibition

19th Meet the Council 6.30pm

20th Reflecting on Water

26th Evening at Bridget McDonnell Gallery

March : Artscapade - The Grampians

Michael Wilcox : A Day of Colour

Maritime S I G

Jazz in the Gardens 6th Feb. outdoor event in Canterbury Gardens. AGRA members are welcome to go along unofficially to sketch and sell their paintings at a low-key level on Sat. 6th Feb. 5-8pm. AGRA is not officially involved in this event.

Reflecting on Water 20th Feb at South Surrey Park - a musical evening/concert held by City of Boroondara 5-8pm. A marquee & stands to hang artworks based on the theme of water. This can include beach, river, seascapes, drought etc. Ph / email the gallery for details

ON-LINE HINTS :

I started to read the website **Creativity Pro** and confess I ran out of time. I think there's bound to be something of interest - have a read and see what you think. I've bookmarked it to look at later.

<http://creativitypro.com/>

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Sue Bayre's supplied a few website addresses for devout **pastellists** to enjoy.

www.mckinleystudio.com

www.julenebaker.artspan.com

www.larkinstudio.com

www.parduestudio.com

www.sallystrand.com

AAL is AGRA artists on-line

View all the paintings at <http://www.agra.org.au>

No wrapping or despatch of paintings, instead an emailed image – how easy !

Start thinking about your entries for the 2010 series of AAL.



I've enjoyed doing E Hues and am sure the councillor taking over this role will welcome your news and input – whatever you may have, please send it along. Regards to all and many thanks for your emails and very kind messages

Kris Peter