

Welcome to our 2020 AGM and end-of-year break up.

This is a year that we would all like to eliminate from our empty calendars and here is a run through of the highlights of the year that we unfortunately missed.

The **International Flower and Garden Show** was cancelled, but take heart, it will proceed on 24-28 March 2021. Details will be forwarded in due course

The **Annual Exhibition** was another casualty of Covid 19. We have already booked a spot in the Box Hill Town Hall scheduled for September. We have also already booked the gallery space at the Arts Centre for our 2021 Mid-Year Exhibition

All Workshops with Paul Margogscy, Craig Penny and Catherine Hamilton, lost this year, will be featured in our 2021 program.

All of our **Scheduled Classes** were required to cease and although we could have resumed in the last few weeks of the year we have decided to start afresh with all of our regular classes firmly booked for 2021.

Two of our tutors (Jon and Marloes) will not be returning in 2021. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their invaluable contribution to the BHAG. Details of tutors and timetables will be announced in time for the 2021 enrolments.

Sketch days had to be abandoned although we have managed to run consecutive Sundays since the easing of restrictions

And a few highlights.....

Our Mid-Year Exhibition went online and was a great success. It was very well supported and it was fantastic to see that we had 31 Members and 2 Tutors entered with 89 artworks. All prize money was sourced from our own funds.

The Monday night Zoom opening hosted by Ray and Eric with Jacquie Nichols Reeves as the Exhibition judge, proved to be very popular.

Many thanks to Jacquie for her insightful remarks and selection.

1st prize Oil or acrylic – Harris Smith ‘Valley View Guilford’

2nd prize Oil or acrylic – Karen Van Ulsen – ‘Walking Through Green Light’

Works on Paper – Natalie Doubrovski – ‘How Much Of A Person Do You Need To See’

2nd prize Works on Paper – Bron Elmore – ‘Calendula Basket’

President’s award - Thilly McLean – ‘Sunflowers’

To keep members in touch during the “lockdown” we introduced **the Online Challenges**. To date we have offered an incredible 24 challenges. Many thanks to Kathy

for her hard work on the keyboard uploading and setting up the online gallery and her expertise with our Mid-Year Exhibition.

Membership Fees; The Box Hill Art Group will be offering substantial discounts for existing members as compensation for the disruption to our 2020 program due to Covid 19 pandemic.

Your **Committee** has held regular monthly zoom meetings to keep the show on the road and Eric has been in constant touch with the BHCAC management. Many thanks to Merry who has stepped in to take over the Treasurers position from Robyn.

I would like to encourage anyone who would like to nominate for a position on our committee. The committee meets once per month for about 2 hours.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our hard working Committee, in no particular order; Anne, Eric, Merry, Robyn, Rosemary, Jon, Karen and Jan

Best wishes and seasons greeting and we hope to see you all in a virus free 2021