

BRAIDWOOD REGIONAL ARTS GROUP

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This Issue of the Newsletter has been distributed to Members of BRAG as well as throughout the broader Braidwood community who might like to join BRAG or are interested in knowing what's happening. *If you do not wish to be on our mailing list, please send an email with "unsubscribe" in the subject line.*

Management Committee 2009/10

President: Judit Kovacs

Vice-President/Minute Secretary: Jill McLeod

Treasurer: Alison Smith

Committee Members:

Gill Burke (Special Projects & Fundraising)

Susie Edmonds

Sandra Fisher

Sam Maher

The positions of **Secretary and Minute Secretary** remain open. Also, the Committee has the ability to co-opt Members, and given the tasks we might set for BRAG for the coming year, any extra pair of hands will be welcome.

If you would like to put up your hand for the position of Secretary, please contact me by email or phone: 4842 1119.

Contact: mail@bragart.com.au

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Welcome to 2009/10

Your new Management Committee is all fired up, ready to roll up their sleeves, and has a lot of ideas for the coming year about what BRAG could do, should do or wants to do to maximise its members' exposure as well as putting BRAG on the map as a most desirable organisation to be a member of.

I have listed some of the ideas that Committee Members will take to the first Committee meeting scheduled for 10th of November. But primarily, we would like to consider your views as we are sure that you would have good ideas that could guide the Committee in developing a 'business plan' for 2009/10, being mindful that BRAG aspires to become a body that truly encompasses and nurtures all forms of creative arts – visual, literary, musical or performing arts.

Some of our ideas include:

- Create a **BRAG-Y** – a new arm of BRAG with the objective of enlisting the young people from Primary to Secondary school age, and beyond, with BRAG initiated and/or auspiced programs, competitions, workshops, activities and the like,
- BRAG to actively research and disseminate information on available grants our members might benefit from, with assistance to applying for them, and information on available competitions, art prizes and awards that members might be interested in
- BRAG to organise a number of activities so there is something "on" in every month
- Continue with the annual exhibition – in 2010 it is scheduled for the Easter weekend – mark it in your calendar and remember it is never too early to start preparing.

- Initiate a whole week of activities, possibly in alternate years to “Two Fires”, or maybe every year, with a catchy title like “Arty Gras” or “Arti Gras” that we can advertise well in advance and which could provide a vast range of activities for visitors and participants that would also produce exposure and income to members as well as BRAG; we could also co-opt other organisations to work with us
- Create a quality publication that could be distributed Australia wide with publication backed by sponsor/advertiser funding; this would give benefits of exposure to our members as well as BRAG as an entity.

This is just a short list of ideas, but before we could think about them, we need your input about these and need your ideas as well.

Please take a little time and let us know what you think. A simple email would be much appreciated.

Did You Know?

Regional Arts NSW lists opportunities, events, workshops etc.

http://www.regionalartsnsw.com.au/ebulletin/ebulletin_latest.html

Canberra Arts Marketing, lists events, etc in the ACT

<http://www.canberraarts.com.au/index.php>

Arts Primary Guide: lists organizations etc. in the ACR region

http://www.canberraarts.com.au/files/primary_guide0809.pdf

STARTS latest e-bulletin

<http://site.starts.com.au/e-bulletins/STARTSe-BulletinSept09-3.pdf>

ACT Writers Centre

<http://www.actwriters.org.au>

Screen Australia Calendar of Events

http://www.screenaustralia.gov.au/news_and_events/Events/sa_supt_events_oct09.asp

Screen NSW events and deadlines

http://screen.nsw.gov.au/index.php?page_id=4

ACT Filmmakers Network what's on in Canberra and surrounding areas

<http://www.actfilmnet.org.au/>

Grants Link listings of grants and funding available

<http://www.grantslink.gov.au/>

NGA calendar of events (to end of November)

<http://nga.gov.au/WhatsOn/calendar.pdf>

Coming Events and Activities by Members (that we know of)

It is not easy to run an events calendar – if you do not tell us what your plans are or what is happening or what event is coming up for you, we can't advertise them whether in print or on our web site (which, by the way, I am about to re-jig and renew – info further down).

So these are some of the known events:

November Sat 14 to Mon 16 – Music at the Creek

The Braidwood Folk Music Club
 Venue: Rec ground Major's Creek
 Contact: 4842 2889

November Sat 28 – Sun 29 – Braidwood Quilt Event

Airing of the Quilts (Sat 28 only)
 Two-day Indoor Exhibition/Competition plus Fringe Festival (28–29)
 Venue: Braidwood and the National Theatre.
 Contact: June Weatherstone
 p: 48422355

Riffs & Rants News & Events

Contact: 4842 2100

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| End-of-Year Concert All welcome | Riffs & Rants Music Students Showcase 2009 Sunday 6 December Braidwood Servicemen's Club Morning Session 11.00 am BBQ lunch 12.30 pm–1.30 pm Afternoon Session 1.30 pm |
| Term-long Classes | Individual tuition in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guitar • Bass Guitar • Piano • Keyboard • Vocal • Ukulele • Preliminary Music • Drawing (Dare to Draw) • AMEB programs available |
| Groups in Term 4 2009 | Life Drawing – 9 weeks untutored life drawing group Still Life – 9 weeks untutored still life group Squeak Speak – a group for writers writing for children Jam Circle – untutored Jam groups for children and teenagers meeting monthly |
| Workshops still to come in 2009 | Slide Guitar with Richard Steele Blues Guitar with Richard Steele Animal Portraits with Trudy Weer Get Writing with Harry Laing |
| The Jam Jar | 3 pm every 2nd Sunday Braidwood Hotel: October 18, November 1 |
| NEW Groups in 2010 | Plein Air Art Group 10 locations in and around Braidwood over 10 weeks, untutored art group Braidwood Toastmasters Braidwood Youth Choir (re-launch) |

Competitions and awards

2010 Art Show, The Rotary Club of Victor Harbour Inc

Total prize value: \$36,675

Entries close 20 November 2009; Receiving date 11 January 2010

Collection of paintings 24 January 2010

Please contact for entry form that includes list of prizes and entry conditions.

Hill End Artists in Residence Program 2010

Bathurst Regional Art Gallery

Applications close Friday 11 December 2009

DATES: Each residency runs for 4 weeks during the period March 2010 to March 2011. Residencies can either be undertaken at Murrays Cottage or Haefligers Cottage.

FUNDING: In order to maintain the program, a rental fee of \$200 per week applies (total rental fee of \$800). A limited number of funded residencies are available.

Please contact for entry form that includes conditions.

Membership and other matters

Membership

If you're fired up as much as we are and would like to renew your membership, or would like to join BRAG, the application form is available for download on the BRAG web site (click on the link in the left panel), also from Samantha at Riffs & Rants or Jill at the McLeod Gallery, or simply email me for a copy. We are also thinking of issuing receipts electronically in the future, however, if you have paid already, your receipt is available for pickup at Alison's, or let me know how to get it to you.

Web site

I am about to redesign our web site to bring it to a modern state. It contains a lot of information about our members (most has a page) that needs reviewing and updating. It will also need new sections on the members of BRAG-Y (have you got a better name?) and may even think about selling members' items online and showcasing a member each month. ***Neither of these, however, can be done without your participation.***

The BRAG logo

Perhaps it is time to design a logo that carries a complete message and represents BRAG as a serious body with its rich and diverse membership. We might be able to offer a prize and open it to competition for our members. ***What do you think?***

BRAG newsletter

Let me know what you would like to have included in our newsletter and how often should we issue one.

In summary, new contact for email: mail@bragart.com.au

- Send your membership form to Alison Smith and email me if you would like to participate in the Management Committee
- Let us have your ideas about what BRAG should do – let any of the Committee Members know or simply email me
- Let me know what you like/dislike about the current web site before I re-design it, and let me know if you have an idea about what we should include/drop off
- Let me know your views about the logo.