

D.T.A.S. NEWS

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December 2025

Note from the President

And suddenly it is the end of the year. Just a couple of things.

There is the Xmas breakup followed by a demo from Cathy Van Ee

Thel will be doing an Oils demonstration on 25 January 2026 from 1 to 4 pm

And there will be a Working Bee to clean and tidy DTAS Building on 28 January 2026 at 10am to start the year.

Annual fee will be due in February \$55

Wishing you all the best for the festive season

Geoff Clift

XMAS Luncheon December 7th. **Noon**. Bring a plate. DTAS providing drinks. Followed by Cathy Van Ee pastel demo at 1:00PM. The demo is free of charge and part of our Xmas celebration.

Mayoral Painting Challenge

The Mayor's portrait painting was a fantastic success with 13 budding John Singer Sargent Portrait Artists impressing Dierdre with their efforts. The Mayor returned on Thursday 20th November to select the winner. The standard was excellent. Her top three selections were:



Winner: Jan Wheeler



Geoffrey Clift



Dianne Toone

Featured Artist of the Month

- Ann Tamm will display her children's work in Dec.

DTAS Workshops

Congratulations to Pam Ziedas for being successful in gaining a grant from Manningham council to support our workshops. The following 12 workshops have been scheduled.

To see the flyers click on link https://doncastertemplestowartistsociety.org.au/?page_id=36

- December 7th Cathy Van Ee-Pastel Demo
- January 25th Thelma Cardwell – OIL **More participants required**
- February 22nd Annee Kelly- Watercolour **Note date change**
- March 15th Ev Hales-Watercolour
- April 18th Deb Gidley – Mixed Media
- May 24th Linda Finch- Pastel
- June 21st John Orlando Birt - Watercolour
- July 19th Ellen Jenkins – Clay Modelling

Workshops are proudly supported by Manningham Council's Community Grants Program



Award winning tutors: John Orlando Birt and Thel Cardwell



John Orlando Birt

Pellestrina, Venice by John Orlando Birt won the Whitehorse Art Show 2025 - Best in Show, McCubbin Award Prize - \$3000



Thel Cardwell

Thel received the Margaret Lourey Award for her pastel 'Autumn Light' from the Pastel Society of Victoria in their recent Annual exhibition

Julian Bruere Workshop



Julian is a talented artist and a great communicator. He is enthusiastic and offers helpful hints as he is painting. His workshop involved two paintings. The morning session was a full sheet seascape scene of a large rock reflected in the wet beach. Julian was able to provide half sheets for artists who did not have any.

The work was done in three stages. Stage 1.

Draw the outline of the rock. Masking tape was run across the sheet at the horizon. Dampen the sky and then the board was rotated 180 degrees to paint the sky with a single cloud. The class then followed suit. Stage 2 consists of the sea at the horizon and setting up the line for the wet sand and also painting the sand. The reflections of the rock were painted in even though the rock does not yet exist. Stage 3 The rock has sunlight on top and dark rocks and shadow on the water. Thick paint Ultramarine/BS/Violet/Raw umber were put onto the rock and then a credit card was used to scrape back portions and reveal lights on the rocks. Sounds easy but the skill and dexterity required is not for the faint hearted. The darks in the rock have to line up with the reflections.

A short lunch break and cup of tea set us up for part two.



The afternoon painting was on a quarter sheet. Julian was keen to try and avoid defining the right side of the building and wanted it to merge with the background. The scene was used to explore setting up puddles and water run off.

Several greens were explored and adjusted on the paper to achieve a mood.

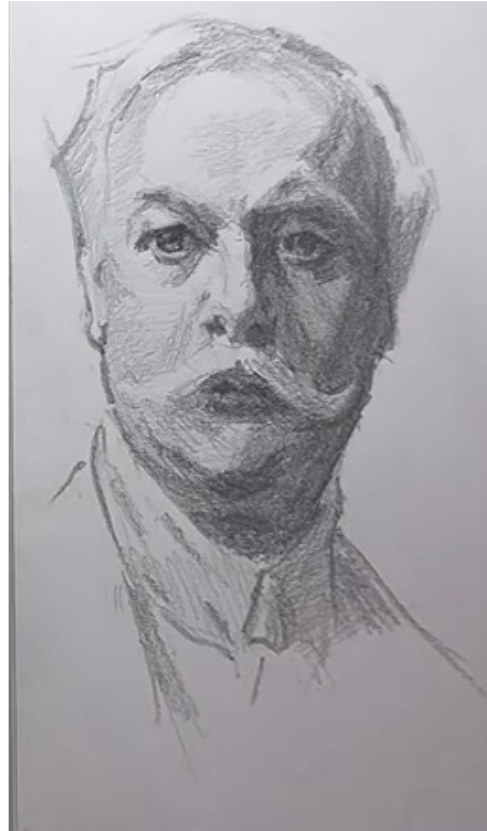
Burnt sienna was used for the rust. Julian used fresh paint from the tube and put it on the roof as dollops and later on used water to reactivate

it into the rust you see. A totally a fascinating workshop.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yqK4Gp6U_VI

Demo of Sargent's Techniques: Likeness and Style

Chad Jacobs



Term 1 Classes 2026

Old Shire Hall, Cnr Council Street & Doncaster Road, Doncaster

(Enquiries Pam Ziedas: 0438 450 519)

Website: Doncastertemplestoweartistsociety.org.au

Open to Public: Monday 1-4, Tuesday 10-2, Saturday 9.30-12.30

*Pastel / Oil: Shirley Straford Monday 10.00 am to 12.30 pm- 2nd February to 2nd April
(8 weeks= \$200) (or \$240. for non- members)*

*Oil / Pastel: Thel Cardwell Wednesday 1.00 pm to 3.30 pm- 28th January to 1st April
& Acrylic (10 Weeks= \$ 275) (or \$300. for non- members)*

*Watercolour: John Orlando Birt Thursday 1 pm to 3.30 pm – 29th January to 2nd April
(10 Weeks = \$ 250) (or \$300. for non-members)*

2026 Annual Fees due by end Feb 26: Single \$55, Family \$70

Commonwealth Bank BSB 063494 Account No. 10037684

Electronic makes the treasurer’s job easier.

Payment is now also available by Direct Debit or EFTPOS/Credit Card Direct Credit – Doncaster Templestowe Artists Society Inc
New Members please include name in payment reference details.

EFTPOS or Credit Card – payment can be made at the Gallery on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays after 1:00 pm or by phone (0438 450 519).

Please send new details to Pam Ziedas s.ziedas1@bigpond.com

Name/s

AddressPhone.....

.....Mobile

Email

Please note: Class enrolments must be paid separately from Membership fees- Enquiries to Pam Ziedas 0438450519(classes) Jean Sturrock 0419518345 (membership)

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Founding Members	Faye Erwin, Frank Jolly and John O'Beirne
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	Jeff Byrne	0419 529 390

Gallery Co-ordinators

Saturday	Wendy Harpham	0439 308 544
Monday	Pam Ziedas/Jean Sturrock	0419 518 345
Tuesday	Laurie Bicknell	9842 4115

Self-help Groups for Members - \$5.00 per session

All enquiries : Wendy Harpham 0439 308 544

Saturday – 10.00 to 1.00pm

Tuesday – 10.00 to 2.00pm

2nd Saturday each month : Portraits 1.30 to 4.00pm. Enquiries: Laurie Bicknell - 9842 4115

FEES Annual Membership: Single \$55 Family \$70

Classes (full term only): Members \$25 per session Non Members \$30.00

Workshops and Demonstrations to be advised

PUBLIC OPENING HOURS

Saturday 10.00 to 1.00pm Monday 1.00 to 4.00pm Tuesday 10.00 to 2.00pm

Classes and workshops – www.doncastertemplestowartistsociety.org.au