
JMGA WA Newsletter April 2016

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Dear Member,

Welcome to the April edition of JMGA WA e-news.

Do you have something to share in the next newsletter?

Please email newsletter@jmgawa.com.au and remember if sending photos, please use .jpg format. Unfortunately our newsletter system doesn't accept .PDF files.

The next newsletter deadline is the **9th May**.

Note: Your newsletter co-ordinator will be away, so next month's newsletter may look a bit different. Feel free to email president@jmgawa.com.au or newsletter@jmgawa.com.au to share your news.

Kind regards,

Hannah Jago

Newsletter Co-ordinator

Next JMGA WA General Meeting:

Tuesday 26th April 2016 - 6pm sharp

Crystal Universe, 205 Hay Street, Subiaco followed by dinner.

Members must be on time as the managers are opening their doors especially for JMGA WA members.

President Pete



Well, here I am with my first official report as President of JMGA (WA). Don't I feel like I've pulled on my big boy pants!!!

My name is Pete Hollings and I have been elected to the role of President of JMGA (WA) for a term of two years. I am a practicing artist working in a variety of media, including jewellery and metal smithing. As many of you are probably aware, I haven't been a member of JMGA

for very long but I have a passion for the work that the members do and that is primarily what drove me to nominate for the role of President.

It is my opinion that the work of the members of this group is inspired, imaginative, beautifully executed and world class. I see it as not only my desire but my duty to promote this work throughout the artistic and general community and get people to recognize the value of the work of artisans, not the mass produced dross that is saturating the market.

Enough about me, let's talk about the rest of the executive group. Sultana Shamshi was re-elected to the post of Vice President, Gloria Slinger was re-elected as Treasurer, Jacquie Sprogoe was re-elected as a Committee Member, Hannah Jago was elected as Committee Member and Evelien Martin was also elected as Committee Member. Thank God for these wonderful people, as I would be at a total loss without them.

You may have noticed that no-one was elected as Secretary and that would be because no-one nominated.

At our first executive meeting, held on Monday 11th April, we discussed ways in which we might be able to encourage a member to step up to the role of Secretary and we have a few ideas. One of which was to develop an actual job description for the role and perhaps alleviate any concerns regarding the mystique that surrounds it. This is what we have set about doing but in the interim, I'm going to get down on bended knee and ask if anyone would be interested in nominating. Rest assured I will do whatever it takes to make this role manageable for whoever takes it.

In the meantime, the great Betty Mckeough, has been helping us out but this isn't ideal and we can't expect her to continue to do that. Come on guys, pretty please.....

Thanks also to Annette Ellson for her continued support in my transition and for her usual exuberant input.

We're also discussing our meeting locations and whilst Sultana has been very generous in allowing our marauding herd into her home every month, the growing attendance and group numbers in general make it an untenable arrangement going forward.

The committee is scouting out a potential permanent home and also looking at alternative events/locations, such as the the upcoming April meeting.

We're also looking at what draws some people to attend the monthly meeting and deters others from doing so. We're looking to you for any suggestions about what we could do to make the meetings more attractive. Feel free to email me with your ideas.

Enough about all that stuff, let's talk about me again. I genuinely want

to get to know each and every one of you better, to see your work and understand your motivations and inspirations. It's not feasible for me to visit each of you in your homes or workshops (also a little creepy), so I'd like to hear from you and see some examples of your work. Let me have it!!!

Also, if there's anything you want to ask me, any suggestions you want to make, any wild and crazy ideas you want to float or any complaint you'd like to make, my email is always open.

JMGA WA Workshops



Image: Julie Blyfield

Paper Scissor Metal with Julie Blyfield

Immerse yourself in this 3 day Design & Creative workshop with Julie Blyfield 7th 8th 9th July 2016.

For more information please contact sultana.shamshi@gmail.com

Articles

Rare Colonial 'Bling' <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-04-15/colonial-bling-of-the-victorian-goldfields-on-display/7329254>

19th Century 'Bling'

video <http://www.abc.net.au/lateline/content/2015/s4444522.htm>



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