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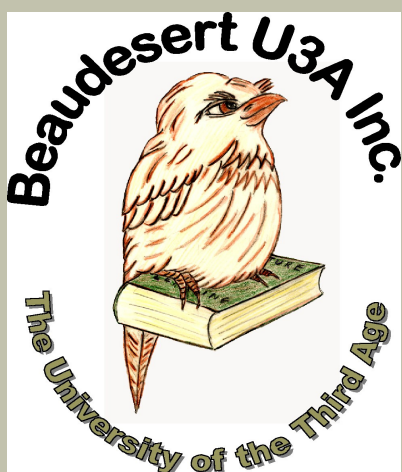
Beaudesert U3A Inc. Newsletter

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Welcome to New Members

The Management and Membership of the Beaudesert U3A extend a big welcome to the following new member:

Alan Rowe

We hope your association with the Beaudesert U3A will be a long and fruitful one for both you and the group.



Date Claimers

Recipe Club: Friday, 22nd June, 12.00pm

Art Appreciation Group: Wednesday, 20th June

Management Committee: Friday, 29 June, 10am



Editorial

It has been a busy time for Beaudesert U3A over the past month. The staging of the Art Exhibition has taken a lot of effort from many members. The Gala Opening of the Art Exhibition has occurred and was very successful. At the same time preparations were in hand for our participation in the Health and Active Expo at Wyaralong. It was unfortunate that the weather spoiled this event and we were unable to participate. Many thanks to all those who contributed to both these events.

Winter has arrived very suddenly and we're all inclined to stay indoors and hibernate. This is an excellent opportunity to check out the U3A Beaudesert website at <http://beaudesertu3a.com> and to peruse the range of available activities for our members. If you find an activity takes your interest, join in. Participation will help to dispel those winter blues. If you are hard to please and are not attracted to any of the available activities, please consider beginning a new activity for U3A members. I am sure that many of our members have interests and skills which other members would love to share. Or is there a subject or interest which has been gnawing

away at the back of your mind and you would like to try it with other members? You could all learn together. In this regard there is a whole range of potted courses available from U3A online, <http://www.u3aonline.org.au/>, which you can run as a group under the auspices of the Beaudesert U3a membership of U3A Online. Talk to Margaret about how to become a tutor.

My apologies for the lack of activity on the Wisdom of the Elders blog. It has been a very busy month or so, but I will attend to it soon.



Art Appreciation Group

The May meeting of the Art Appreciation Group was held at Centacare on Wednesday 16th May when we spent a delightful couple of hours availing ourselves of the Google Art Project site.

The U3A computer was attached to the large television screen enabling us to look at art galleries from around the world. Some of the sites were a little slow to download and Jean must be congratulated on her patience. We quickly formed the opinion that the Australian Galleries gave better and quicker results. We could scroll through the paintings, enlarge them and choose particular sections of the paintings to enlarge to a size enabling us to see the brush strokes.

All in all it was a great experience giving those who attended a glimpse at what is achievable with a bit of patience.

Tricia Edward



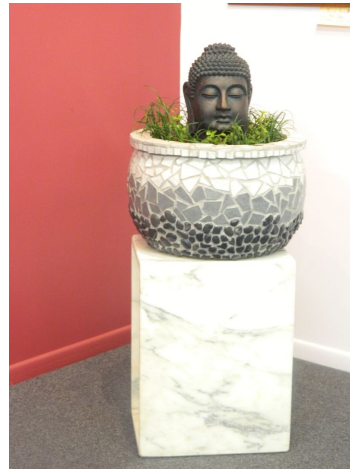
Members of the Art Appreciation Group sampling the Google Art Project



Art Exhibition Opening Night

What a great night!

The day started at 9am with a group of enthusiastic U3A members and friends plus volunteers from the Art and Information Centre gathering to hang and display the many varied exhibits. Climbing up a ladder became the order of the morning as the walls of the Lyrebird Gallery were covered with many beautiful works of art. Our particular thanks to Stuart who proved very nimble on a ladder, especially when hanging the higher paintings. We couldn't have done it without him.



The art quality was excellent

Sanders of the Scenic Rim Regional Council, who spoke beautifully and encouraged the Beaudesert U3A to continue their efforts to reinvigorate our Senior Citizens.

Finger Food, provided by members and friends, was served by volunteer members of the Arts and Information Centre throughout the evening. Due to the hour being when those attending would normally be home having dinner, this food was most enjoyable.



Hennie and Jennifer Sanders at the opening.

We were all back again at 6pm, looking considerably less dishevelled, to add the finishing touches to the evening. By the time of the Official Opening at 7pm a large number of people (approximately 60) had gathered to enjoy the occasion. After a welcome to all by our President, Hennie, the Official Opening was performed by Councillor Jennifer

After the Official Opening guests were able to continue to peruse and appreciate the fine display of artistic talent. A number of items were purchased during the evening which caused great excitement. To the utter, but delighted, surprise of the artist, Jo Weymouth, her

painting "The Enchanted Pond" was voted by those present as "The Most Popular Artwork". I have been told that she was still on a high the next morning! A number of donated prizes were raffled and the evening concluded around 8.30pm.

Any members who could not make it to the Opening missed a great night. I thoroughly recommend you go along to the Lyrebird Gallery before the 15th June to have a look. It's worth it!

Peter Chapman



Patrons enjoy a visual feast at the exhibition.

Comments by Lynn and Terry O'Connor About the Gala Day Opening of Our Art Exhibition

As an occasional visitor to the Beaudesert U3A to give talks to the computer group, I was invited to the Opening Night for the Inaugural Art Show.

I must pass on my congratulations to the committee and volunteers for a job very well done. It was a pleasure to view the paintings, photos, mosaics and jewellery on display and for sale. The night was a great success and I wish all exhibitors well for the following 2 weeks of the exhibition.

Lynn O'Connor

Friday the 3rd of June saw the opening of the Beaudesert U3A Art Show. What a pleasure it was to be present at this event as both a visitor and as a tutor. I was indeed, very surprised by the standard of artwork on display, and the number of people in attendance considering the very unfavourable weather conditions. Events such as this always remind me of just how much talent there is within our communities and how very important it is to support and encourage all forms of endeavour. Congratulations to the organizers of the event and especially to the exhibitors in the various forms of work, I wish them all the best for the remainder of the exhibition. Keep up the good

work and always strive just that little bit harder and you will always succeed.

Terry O'Connor

Thank You From Jennifer Sanders

I had a great time and I was pleased to meet so many interesting people from our community.

Please invite me to more of your events.

Thank you again

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Discussion Group

One of the long running and successful groups is our Tuesday Morning Discussion Group. We have no set agenda except that have a "cuppa" at 10.30am. On a typical morning a wide range of topics are discussed ranging from politics to euthanasia and many others in-between both amusing and serious. One topic of great importance we discussed was the problem of "Belly Button Fluff" which had us all doubled up with laughter for most of the morning. We do not always agree but it is refreshing to look at a subject or problem from someone else's point of view. We have never got "stropky" with each other but agreed to disagree on occasions.

Not only are our meetings informative but are also very sociably enjoyable, we have all formed new friendships.

Any U3A member who is looking to get together and "Solve the World's problems" would find this group entertaining and enjoyable.

Anyone wanting more information give Peter a call on Ph. 5541 3660.

Recipe Club

The June Get-together of the Recipe Club will be held on Friday 22nd June at the home of Val and Peter Chapman, 1/17A Albert St., Beaudesert commencing at 12pm. The theme for this Month will be "Italian". Bring along a plate for all to share and a few copies of the recipe. All members wishing to come please RSVP to Val or Peter on Ph. 5541 3660.

Art Appreciation Trip Wednesday 20th June

We are planning a trip to the Queensland Museum to see the Egyptian Exhibition.
If you want to car pool contact Jean on 55413706 or email "harrynjean@bigpond.com". Otherwise we will see you at the museum about 10.30.

Self-Publishing

Joy Drescher has completed her book of poetry and it was launched last weekend. Well done Joy.



Practical Collaborative Consumerism

Many of us in the U3A have items that are currently not being used, even though we may not wish to dispose of them. Similarly, we may have a need to access other items for a short period of time, but do not want to spend a great deal of money on them. Collaborative consumerism is a way in which we could make our own goods available to others - for agreed periods of time, while asking if goods we need on a temporary basis may be available for our own use.

In the simplest instance, I borrowed a book from a fellow member, enjoyed my read, and handed the book back. A much more significant offer from Val is to make available a wheelchair for loan on a short-time basis. People may be temporarily disabled. Or need a wheelchair for a visitor. Obviously arrangements must be made to pick up and return such items.

If you think this form of service to members of the U3A is a good idea, look around for suitable items that you might be able to loan to others. If you have a need for something let us know. We can facilitate a loan scheme. Talk it over with a tutor or member of the Management Committee.

Jean



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