

Annual general meeting of the Arts Association of Bellville

Chairman's report for the year ending February 2018

Hugo de Villiers

Welcome and thank you for attending the 61TH Annual General meeting of the Bellville Arts Association.

Staff and Management

Art.b current gallery manager, Elzke Badenhorst, replaced Lindi Barnard on 1 March 2018. Lindi served Artb impeccably since June 2017, but sadly had to resign due to moving of residence.

The **City of Cape Town** is still supplying us with one staff member: Daleen Louw helps with administrative work in the gallery. Jeanine Laban is tasked with cleaning the gallery twice a week. Their contracts end in June 2018.

Marguerite Craill is on duty Saturday mornings from 10am – 1pm.

Exhibitions & Events: April 2017 – March 2018

2017

19 April: *Artb Members Exhibition* opening coincided with **AGM**.

The AGM was scheduled for 6pm and the opening of the Members Exhibition followed at 7pm. No new Committee Member nominations were put forward and all the committee members agreed to serve for the next year term.

Honorary Artb Member **Johan Coetzee** was the special guest for the evening.

Sixty artists in total participated in the exhibition.

10 May: *Vice-Versa*

Group exhibition, various media. Artists paired and encouraged to portray each other. Displayed together it encouraged discourse. Participating artists were **Adrian Owen & Sue Conradie, Jakobus Kloppers & Alet Swarts; André Naude & Collen Maswanganyi; Anne Wells & Helen Wells; Brahm van Zyl & Juria le Roux; Clare Menck & Heidi Fourie; Cobus van Bosch & Mary-Rose Hendrikse; Johan Coetzee & Theo Paul Vorster; Johan Steyn & Jenny Reyneke; Johan van Zyl & Michelle Aucamp; Jan Barend Wolmarans & Fawa Conradie; Jeanine Bresler & Annette Klinger; Johannes S. Bam & Truda Bam; Juhlene Moller & MiKo; Ingrid Winterbach & Andries Gouws; Ilse Nieman & Hugo de Villiers; Lisa-Marie Myburgh & Jackson Frost; Luan Nel & Jacques du Toit; Marinda du Toit & Tessa Louw; Mzimasi Funo & Mandisi Mncela; Philip de Vos & David Griessel; Theo Kleyhans &**

Chris Brunette; Theo Kleynhans & Hennie Meyer; Themba Sam Mkhangelisi & Fanie Scholtz; Victor Harley & Monique Day-Wilde; Weyers du Toit & Leon Vermeulen; Elizabeth Gunter & Wilma Cruise.

Curated by **Juria le Roux** and **Brahm van Zyl** and opened by renowned actor **Andre Jacobs**.

14 June: *Tiny Treasures IV*

Our biggest annual fundraiser. Capped at R1800 per artwork and at strictly 20 x 20cm format (2 - 10 works entered per artist), many bargains were on sale and sold. Event was opened by Chair **Anne Wells**.

117 artists entered and a total of 602 artworks were entered.

110 artworks were sold – total profit amounted to R42 580.

12 July: *Clare, Theo, Johann & Friends*

Clare Menck (Curator), **Theo Paul Vorster**, **Jonann Booyens** and each hosted a mono or lino workshop for 12 invited artists specialising in non-printmaking disciplines. In addition to the 40 prints, three cameo solo shows by Clare, Theo and Johann decorated the gallery walls. The logistics and co-ordination of the workshops, framing and exhibition was a huge undertaking, but proved worth it. The exhibition was opened by **Adel van Heerden**.

16 August: *Vuleka*

Our prestige annual competition, open to all artists who have not had a solo in the past three years. The judges were **Willie Bester**, **Theo Kleynhans** and **Ellene Louw**. The opening address was given by distinguished art critic **Melvyn Minnaar**.

- 178 entries by 87 artists
- 42 artworks displayed

1st "Conrad Theys" prize: **Rian Oliver** for his sculpture, 'Missing Link'

2nd prize: **Hugo van Schalkwyk** for his sculpture, 'Toshiba Laptop'

3rd prize: **Janette Wright** for her mixed media work on canvas, 'Listen'

20 September: *Re(union)*

Young artists group exhibition. Pop-up curated by **Lindi Barnard** with very little warning since scheduled renovations were delayed at the last minute.

17 October: Landscapes of the Mind

Photographic group exhibition.

Exhibition showcasing the 1st & 2nd year students work from locally based **Prestige Academy**.

8 November: Andre Naude – New Work

Selection of recent paintings by established South African artist **Andre Naude** curated by **Lindi Barnard**. Opened by highly entertaining **Jan Barend Wolmarans**. A special Closing Event and walk-about, screened live for Facebook, was held on 17 January.

Koos van Bergen kindly sponsored R1000 of Facebook marketing for the walk-about, but no direct results were noticed. Undoubtedly it will have a positive impact in the long run. The plan is to utilize Facebook and Instagram as a platform to call for entries and participating in the **Vuleka 2018** competition.

The Bellville Library building foyer required emergency renovations and as a result the gallery had to be closed down from 20th of November 2017 until 12th of December 2017. The gallery luckily capitalized from it and received a brand new tiled floor and a new carpet in the office area.

19th Dec – 5 January: Emerging Artist programme

This was an initiative by the **City of Cape Town** to give unknown aspiring artist a chance to exhibit in public spaces.

2018

24 January: Introvert & Sheep Shepherd Services

Eris Silke & Fanie Scholtz - solo exhibitions. **Danny Shorkend** opened for Eris and **John Bauer** opened for Fanie.

A large crowd attended the opening event and a live video of the talks were streamed via Facebook.

14 February: Artb Members Exhibition & 60+ Exhibition

The two exhibitions were held at the same time with an opening address by **Lindi Barnard** the morning for the 60+ exhibition attendees and she served as the Special Guest for the evening opening.

Upcoming exhibitions:

March: Three Graces	Curators: Juria & Brahm
April: Geert Oliver Collective	Curators: Geert
May: 60x60 (Birthday exhibition)	Curators: Committee
June: Tiny Treasures V - our annual fundraiser	Curators: Committee
July: Printmaking month - TBC	
August: Vuleka - our annual competition	Curators: Committee
September: TBC	
October: Prestige Academy	
November: #paper	Curators: Hugo & Ilse
December: TBC	

Financial Report (Anne Wells - bursar)

Anne Wells is abroad and cannot attend tonight. I will read her report and anyone interested in more specific details will have to wait for Anne to return to provide those answers.

In a nutshell - NEW "things" to Artb in the last year:

- New tiles and office carpet and all gallery lights were replaced and re-fitted
- Financial statements 10 years behind with SARS. Was filed and Artb retains its PBO (Public Benefit Organization) status.
- Constitution 'tweaked' & employment contracts updated
- Website overall, Facebook link
 - Online application to exhibit
 - AGM reports – backdated serves as online archives
- New Instagram account: *Artblife*
- Portfolio work for sale – A3 & A2 size containers
- Updated email mailing list
- Electronic Credit Card machine
- New cost effective printer
- New cordless telephone set

Thank You's

A big thank you to all attending tonight and all signed up Artb members. Without you there cannot be a **Bellville Arts Association**.

Thank you to all the artists for your participation. Thank you to those who attend the openings and a very big thank you to those patrons who purchased work. The survival of the gallery depends on membership, hiring of the venue and the selling of art.

On behalf of Art.b gallery I thank the managers – Fanie Scholtz, Lindi Barnard and Elske Badenhorst, Daleen Louw from the office, Jeanine Laban for helping with the cleaning, Marguerite Craill for helping out on Saturdays in the gallery. Big thank you to the security personnel - Pikkie de Vries and Zinnia Poole always friendly, helpful and smiling.

Special thank you to the committee members who spend a vast amount of their private time and energy (and money) as volunteers in offering their skills and services to keep Artb running smoothly. A special mention must go to our bursar Anne, Juria as vice-chair having to edit all correspondence, evites and Facebook posts, Jeanine our photographer clicking away at every single exhibition and spending hours editing the pictures, to Shaun who manages the IT side – updating our Website - always quick to respond where ever in the world he finds himself. The amount of work behind the scenes is enormous.

Artb Constitution:

Before voting commences, I wish to present the following technical amendments to our outdated constitution:

- 2.1

The original Constitution of the Association was compiled and accepted during a Special Meeting on 27 January 1993 and accepted by the Department of Finance, Cape Town. An amended constitution was reviewed and accepted on 1 August 2006 **22 March 2018** to meet contemporary requirements.

- 2.2

The Association hereby accepts the constitution hereunder as its sole constitution with effect from **22 March 2018**.

- 4.2.3

Promoting an Arts Journal **the Arts via a Website and Social Media** and cultural activities locally and also in disadvantaged communities through outreach.

- 5.3

All candidates for membership shall apply in writing **via email and receive a membership card valid from January – December of the particular year.** If they are admitted to membership shall be bound by the Constitution and Rules and Bylaws of the Association.

- 5.6

Only fully paid up members shall have the right to vote at any meeting of the Association or the meeting of any of its committees, provided payment was made in full **at least two weeks prior to such meeting.** – **Propose we exclude that part of sentence. AGM and Members exhibition will coincide in April in the future. Members buy membership when they deliver work 5 days prior to opening.**

- 6.6.4

The duties of the Secretary, **in conjunction with the appointed Gallery Manager,** shall be to give notice of and attend and keep minutes of all meetings of the Committee and of meetings of members, to conduct correspondence and in general to conduct the business of the Association in accordance with the Constitution and rules and bylaws and as directed by the Committee when needed.

- 13.2

The contact details of the Association are:

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Instagram: **Artblife**

Voting for the
Artb Management Committee
2018-2019

Chair (Hugo), Vice-chair (.....), Bursar (Anne) and Secretary (.....) positions are elected during first committee meeting in April. Other portfolios are:

Photography & evites (Jeanine)

IT and Artb Website (Shaun.....)

Proof reader, editor, Social Media – FB & Instagram (.....)

Marketing (Koos.....)

Curating & Outreach (.....)

- 1. John Bauer**
- 2. Jeanine Bresler**
- 3. Hugo de Villiers**
- 4. Mzi Funo**
- 5. Themba Mkhangeli**
- 6. Juhlene Moller**
- 7. Geert Oliver**
- 8. Fanie Scholtz**
- 9. Koos van Bergen**
- 10. Adele van Heerden**
- 11. Zelda Weber**
- 12. Anne Wells**