

BEA ART

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LAUNCESTONARTSOCIETY



Vision Statement

A northern Tasmania where art enriches every life. Where creativity is valued, practised, and celebrated across our community, and where the Launceston Art Society continues to inspire artists and art lovers for generations to come.

Mission Statement

The Launceston Art Society exists to encourage, support and celebrate the visual arts in northern Tasmania. We welcome artists of all levels, from beginners to professionals. We foster and promote a creative community through exhibitions, workshops, and arts education. We uphold a legacy of artistic excellence that has enriched our region since 1891.



President's Report

Can you believe it's November already? Where did 2026 go? I hope the year has been full of creativity.

It has been a busy and rewarding year for the Society, and we aren't finished yet. By now you may have seen our first call for Echoes of the Year, which runs from 4 to 13 December at our Wellington Street Studio & Headquarters. This will be our third exhibition of 2026, following the success of 5 Days in April and Earth and Community: A Living Canvas in June. I hope Echoes of the Year will be every bit as successful as those two, and with your support I'm confident it will be.

I encourage you to look back over your work from this year and submit an entry. Whether it's a piece you're proud of, a work that marks a turning point, or something that simply captures the year for you, we'd love to see it on the walls. I also hope you'll join us for the exhibition opening and Christmas celebration on the evening of Friday 4 December. It will be a wonderful chance to celebrate the year, and each other's work, together.

Thank you to everyone who completed our 2026 Member Survey. Your feedback has been shared with the committee and will help shape our future decisions. Congratulations to Vicki Jordan, who won the random draw for a Workshop Voucher! Vicki, we'll be in touch soon.

As this is the last edition of ArtBeat for the year, I'd like to thank you all for being part of the Society in 2026, and to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous, creative new year.

Will Cassidy
President



Echoes of the Year

Last LAS Members Exhibition for 2026

Launceston RSL

December 4 - 13

10 am - 3 pm



Opening Night +

LAS Xmas Party

Friday Dec 4

5:30 - 8 pm

Entries Close: Nov 27

Drop off: Dec 3, 9 - 11 am

Pick Up: Sunday Dec 13

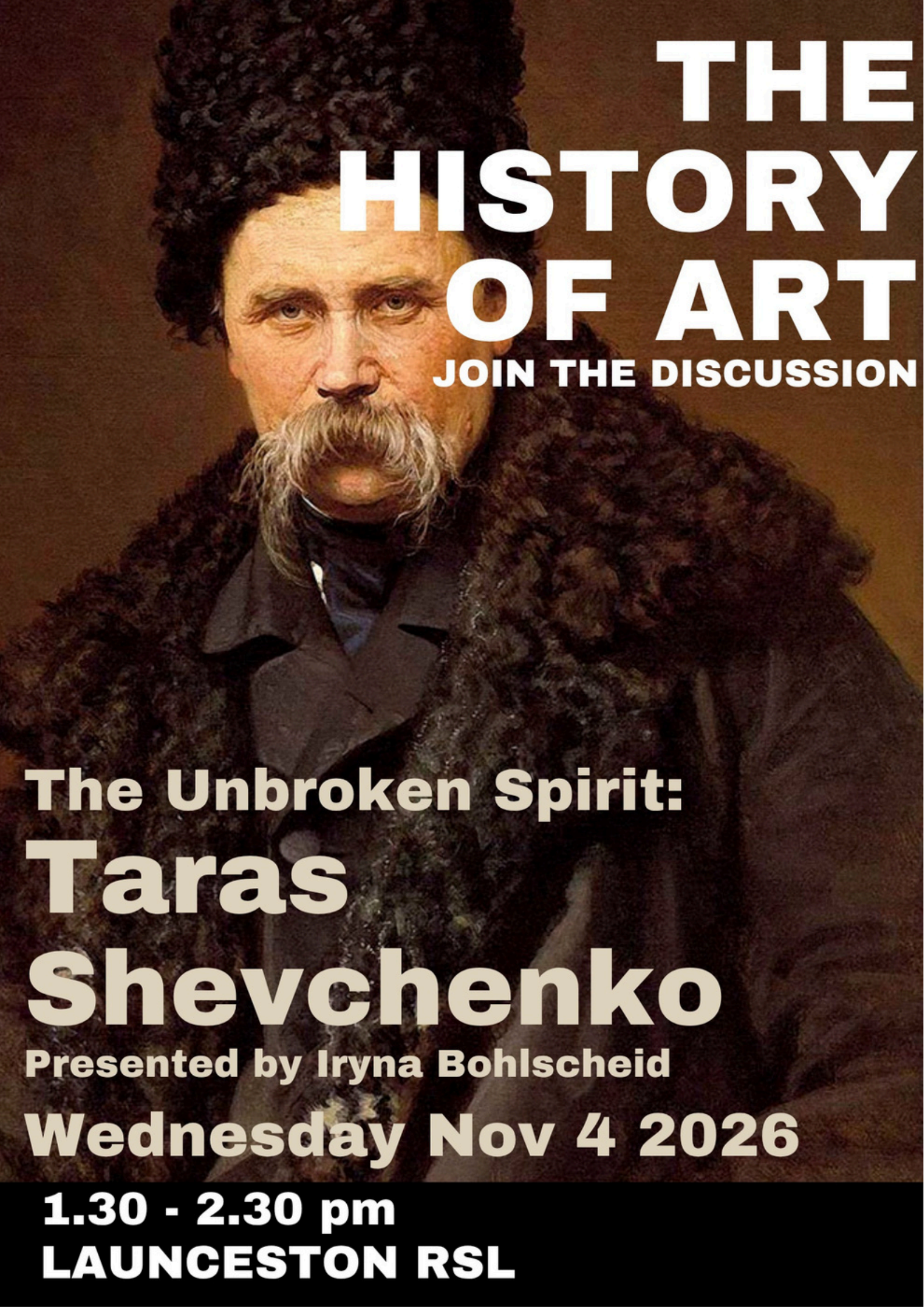
after the People's Choice Award annoucement!

Click here for more info

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For Entry Forms + Conditions

visit www.artlas.org.au



THE HISTORY OF ART

JOIN THE DISCUSSION

The Unbroken Spirit:

Taras Shevchenko

Presented by Iryna Bohlscheid

Wednesday Nov 4 2026

1.30 - 2.30 pm

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Contact: 0466 991 178
Iryna • Workshop Coordinator

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STEPHEN MYERS
WORKSHOP
Oils and Seascape Waves

Join acclaimed oil painter **Stephen Myers** for a full-day workshop focusing on light and motion in waves. **"Light and motion: a study of the breaking wave".** Working on a larger canvas, participants will learn to build the structure of a wave, capture translucent colour, and express the energy of moving water. All levels welcome.



Be inspired.
Learn new techniques.
Paint with confidence

PRICE
$130 MEMBER
$150 NON-MEMBER

WORKSHOP DETAILS

Date:
Saturday,
28 November 2026

Time:
10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Location:
RSL Studio,
313 Wellington Street,
Launceston TAS 7250



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SOCIAL ART GROUPS



Wednesday painting in our studio
at the LAS Studio
at the Launceston RSL
10am – 2.30pm.

A new time slot for painters
every second Saturday
10.30 am to 3pm
commencing 2 May

Art n' About
a sketching group visiting various places in Launceston and its environs.

Art History
a monthly presentation by members on various aspects of art throughout history.

A new event!
Artists' talks, sessions and demonstrations.

Visit artlas.org.au for more details
or register your interest by contacting Shirley at lasinternetter@gmail.org

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STUDIO NEWS

All members are welcome to make use of our Art Studio days. These are held on Wednesdays, from 10am to 2.30 pm, and every Saturday, from 11am to 2pm. We aim to provide a warm, welcoming space for artists to come and paint, and meet like minded people. For members, this facility is free, and is $20 for non-members. If you'd like to attend, email our social activities co-ordinator pittshirley21@gmail.com to confirm your attendance.

The last studio opening before Christmas will be on 21st November.

MEMBERS' EXHIBITIONS

We are very happy to advertise members' exhibitions in our newsletter. We publish this every two months, and next year we anticipate that the newsletter will go out on 1st February, and will cover the period February – March. If you have any exhibitions during that period pleased email the details, together with any pictures/posters/graphics you may have, and we'll include then in that edition/

OPEN STUDIO

No prior experience necessary!



THINKING ABOUT ART BUT DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START?

Come, try something new in a relaxed and friendly space.

2ND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH
Starting 2 May

11:00AM – 2:30PM

LAUNCESTON RSL

LAS MEMBERS	NON-MEMBERS
FREE	$20

Booking essential

DM us

OR

Email us
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Join us for relaxed creative sessions designed to *inspire your creativity.*

Testimonials from Rod Gardner's Workshop



Thankyou for organising the Rod Gardner workshop. I learnt so much from Rod who was very attentive to the attendees, and generous with sharing his knowledge, I also enjoyed the class arrangement, where all the participants could clearly see the demonstrations on the screen, and everyone was very friendly. I was only in Launceston for two nights but I had a great time, it is a beautiful city.
Robert Preston

Thank you, thank you, thank you for today. Please tell Rod he was magnificent. He taught so much. I will definitely be at the next one. I personally, would love to buy one of Rod's paintings. He put himsef down saying people were only buying his because the others were too expensive. So wrong. He captures the city scape so well. I am loving my painting.
Vanessa Goodall

Thank you so much for making Alison and I so welcome today.
We so enjoyed Rob's workshop and congratulate you on your organization.
New friendships formed along with a most enjoyable day ending far too soon.
Well done and thank you.
Dona Bradley and Alison Taylor

Social Activities

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We are trialing the Saturday openings and would like to see a regular group develop and gauge what members would like us to focus on for them.

ART N ABOUT
Next year we are trying out a slightly different format from our Art n' About ventures. In 2027 we will be focussing on community art events such as open studios, exhibitions etc., and will organise ourselves as a group to attend. We're looking forward to an interesting and engaging series of events, and we hope you'll join us. Contact Shirley Pitt at lasinternetters@gmail.com if you'd like to information.

Library News

Book Review by Mary-Jean Wilson

ABSTRACT Painting

By Petra Tholken



This book was recently donated to the LAS Library by LAS member Greg Sulman. Originally published in Germany in 2021, two reprints followed in 2022.

The book is basically divided into two content areas. The first covers the basics such as paints, brushes, tools, canvases, spatula techniques, texture techniques, gold plating, colours and much more.

The next section is all about the projects such as Japanese Water Lilies, Sailing in a Storm or Dreamy Green. There are also projects to get things moving, like The Creative Board for a picture that can change each day according to your mood and ideas for when you don't have any ideas!

Each project has an instructional/ informative/inspirational blurb, the suggested palette of colour is shown, the support is suggested, the tools are listed, and a double page spread shows HOW TO DO IT in 4 or 5 easy steps. And there is a TIP on characteristics of paint or using metal leaf, or qualities of colour, etc.





This book is beautifully illustrated with quality colour photos throughout, and is formatted in an easy to access manner.

Thank you for your donation Greg, I'm looking forward to trying out some of the projects!



THE POATINA TREE ART GALLERY

presents

Darren Meader

RED COUNTRY, GOLDEN LIGHT

Luminous moments in time in the Australian outback, captured in watercolour and oils.

Sat 17 Oct - Sun 22 Nov 2026





Open in conjunction with the
Tiers Tea Lounge
Friday - Sunday
11:00 am - 4:00 p,m



OPENING &
ARTIST'S TALK

Sunday 18 Oct
2:00 pm

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Bridport Art Prize

Entries close 15 Dec 26

Exhibition 20-31 Jan 27

Proudly presented by Bridport Innovations Inc.



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LAS Committee

For privacy, please contact all committee members via lasinternetters@gmail.com

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