

ArtsNational NOOSA Newsletter Number 28 – March 2024

Your committee is delighted to present this lecture to commence our 2024 program:

**“THAT WOMAN” or
“THE DUCHESS OF
STYLE” –
TIME TO REASSESS
WALLIS SIMPSON**

**presented by
Anne Sebba**



**‘Saturday 9th March 2024 at 4:00 pm
(please be seated by 3:45 pm)**

This presentation will be held at the usual venue, St Mary’s Church, 17 William Street Tewanin. Please arrive early, between 3.30 and 3.45, to enable registration before the 4:00 pm start of the lecture. Additional parking is available in Butler Street.

This lecture, illustrated with pictures of Wallis Simpson, the Duchess of Windsor, and her clothes, jewellery, and homes she lived in will explore the power she had over a King. Accused of being a spy, a prostitute, and a Nazi sympathiser, yet she turned her exile into a platform from which to become regarded as the world’s best dressed woman. Was she simply a clothes horse, or did she have a heart that was misunderstood? Why was she unacceptable as Queen? After three years of research and eighty-eight years since the 1936 Abdication, it is time to reassess ‘That Woman’.

Anne Sebba (biographer, historian, and author of eleven books) lectures in the UK (to the National Trust, British Library, and Imperial War Museum) and in the USA. Formerly a Reuters foreign correspondent, Anne presents on BBC Radio and television talking about her books, including biographies on Jennie Churchill, Laura Ashley, Wallis Simpson and (her latest) Ethel Rosenberg, *A Cold War Tragedy* published in 2021.

Members. please wear your badge to ADFAS lectures and functions and complete the ICE section on the reverse of the badge with contact details of your next of kin. Paid-up members who have not already received their 2024 badges will be able to collect them after registration.

If you haven't already done so you can renew your Membership for 2024 (single \$160, couple \$275) at the March lecture, or alternatively prior to the talk by Direct Debit to Suncorp Bank, Account Name Australian Decorative and Fine Arts Society Noosa Inc (BSB 484 799, Account 004 003 055); for "reference", provide your name.

Young Arts Update:

Yamina Yehoshua. Yamina is continuing her ballet studies in Melbourne. ArtsNational Yarra has donated towards her tuition fees.

Bjorn Weedbrook. Bjorn has completed his first year of study at Griffith University in the Bachelor of Film and Screen Media Production program. Attached is a link to some of his study projects:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/12uDWxnsCFJ4xtlw9CKxuJC2DkSKY6MMc?usp=sharing>

Dance Centre Showcase. Deborah Preece-Brocksom has invited all ArtsNational Noosa members to a one-hour Showcase Performance by the students at the church hall at 5 Moorindil St, Tewantin at 5:30 PM on Friday 8th March 2024.

Special General Meeting (SGM) 20th April 2024

An SGM will be held on Saturday 20th April 2024 immediately before the ArtsNational Noosa lecture at St Mary's Church, 17 William Street Tewantin. The SGM will start at 3:45 PM.

ArtsNational Noosa members will be asked to consider and vote on the following two resolutions:

RESOLUTION 1: In accordance with Clause 38(1) of the Australian Decorative Fine Arts Society Noosa Inc Constitution:

- fifty percent (50%) of the net raffle income be allocated to meeting the operating expenses of the Society
- fifty percent (50%) to be used for funding Young Arts awards.

RESOLUTION 2: In accordance with Clause 38(1) of the Australian Decorative Fine Arts Society Noosa Inc Constitution:

- All net profit arising from events and excursions held by the Society be totally offset against the operating expenses of the Society.

An SGM Newsletter will be sent out to ArtsNational Noosa members in late March 2024 explaining the background to and rationale behind the above resolutions.