



President Jim West



Paint 'n' Palette newsletter #420

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – DECEMBER

Seasonal Greetings to all our members,

This will be our last Newsletter for 2020 as we head into a break over the December/January holiday season.

2020 has been a difficult and challenging time for everyone. For SGAS members it has meant doing things a little differently but the important thing is that we carry on – that we find a way for our creativity to nurture and that we maintain our important social networks with our fellow artists.

I hope that SGAS has provided an avenue for our members to do that during 2020.

I would like to thank our committee and those other key helpers outside the committee for their commitment and dedication to make this happen, within the obvious constraints this year. We intend to introduce more activities next year including workshops, gallery visits and small exhibitions.

During the break, our committee will develop a full program up to the end of June 2021 which will be available on the website, so that you, our members, can always see what is happening and when.

I hope to see many of you over the next two weeks leading up to our Christmas party on 10th December but if not, I take this opportunity to wish you all a very **Happy Christmas full of joy**, and I'm sure we all hope for a much brighter 2021.



- * *President's Message*
- * *Calendar*
- * *Critique & Demonstration*
- * *Your Art Society*
- * *Christmas Fun*



DAY	DATE	ACTIVITY	VENUE	TIME
Tuesday	1st	SketchAbility	Kogarah School of Arts	2:00 pm
Thursday	3rd	CRITIQUE	GR 16ft Sailing Club	6:45 pm
Tuesday	8th	SketchAbility	Kogarah School of Arts	2:00 pm
Thursday	10th	CHRISTMAS PARTY	Orlandos Restaurant	6:30 pm

Please RSVP your attendance to Jim at E: jimlarry49@gmail.com M: 0458 156 072 or our Secretary Col at fam_parker@bigpond.com.

Venue ...

Social distancing requirement at Georges River 16ft Sailing Club in place.

DECEMBER CRITIQUE Show and Tell – “*Show us your Originals*”

You are invited to bring along your original paintings that you have submitted to the Online Exhibition. This gives members a chance to appreciate your artwork up close.

Members who have not entered the online exhibition are also encouraged to bring along their latest artworks for display and discussion.

This is a ‘friendly’ critique – no guest judge, no artwork of the month.

Artwork of the month for November



Our guest Critic was Dorne Nelson, who chose **Don Kibble’s** artwork “*The Path*” for Artwork of the Month.

Her comments were “*The piece is a wonderful representation of a corner of suburbia that is keenly observed and explored, yet maintains a freshness and spontaneity of ‘en-plein-air’ painting*”



November Demonstration by Dorne Nelson 2020

Dorne Nelson was also guest artist for the November Demo. Dorne believes in a ‘hands-on’ approach and involved members in creating a mixed media abstract artwork. Members learned a lot about using a variety of materials and textures to create their own artwork – and had a lot of fun in the process.



ONLINE EXHIBITION

Thank you to all members who entered. I know it has been a new, challenging experience for us all but I am confident that it will be worth it, with our members' artworks on show to an audience much broader than usual, and for a longer time.



This Online Exhibition was developed because we could not run our normal Annual Art Show this year. This does not mean that we are replacing our traditional show in the longer term. I am however hopeful that we will be able to have both the traditional and the online exhibitions in the future.

The judge for the Online Exhibition is Newcastle artist and tutor, Gwendolin Lewis. We cannot have the usual award categories however there will still be the award for Excellence and a number of other highly commended awards, in addition to a Peoples' Choice award and our SGAS Achievement award.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

You should have received the flyer from Jan Callus with the details of this year's party.

ORLANDO'S TRATTORIA

300 Rocky Point Rd. Ramsgate

Contact Jan Callus: 0410 690 607 to RSVP

jcart1969@gmail.com



MEMBERS WEBSITE GALLERY

A logical extension of the Online Exhibition is for members to exhibit a collection of your artworks in the **Members' Gallery** on the home page of our website. From December 1st, you are invited to send your images and a short artist statement, to karin@ozartfinder.com

We really do need more artists in the Gallery! If I may quote one of our most well-known and respected members, Salwa Woodroffe "it will show that SGAS is an active society and that the members have many different styles and beautifully variant work".

Please have look at the Members Gallery on our website to see the potential.



Award for Jean Harrow

Congratulations to our immediate Past President Jean Harrow, for receiving the 2020 Cook Community Award for her long-term volunteer work with the St. George Art Society. The award to be held on Saturday December 12th at Wanda Surf Club, Cronulla, was signed by the member for Cook, the Hon. Mr. Scott Morrison MP.



Christmas Fun

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