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ART THEME

The **August** COVID project subject is '**CHARACTERS**' ...as in people.

They come in all sizes and shapes and demeanour.

This should be an easy one, because there were few entries for 'Solitude'.

Too hard..? I'm even still working mine!

Contact Don to email your image and title by the last week of August...

kibbleart@optusnet.com.au



Jean retires as President and is presented with her Life Membership and a bouquet by the incoming President Jim West.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE – AUGUST

Greetings to you all.

After many months of isolation during the COVID 19 lockdown and restrictions, it was good to finally have the chance to get together again in July, even though it was a little different to what we are used to.

SketchAbility started up again in the Kogarah School of Arts, as did the daytime Life Drawing, both of which were well attended. A new venue was trialled for our evening sessions, at the Georges River 16ft Sailing Club and although there was not the usual Critique and Demonstration in July, we did have two very

MEETINGS FOR AUGUST

You will see in our calendar that we have a Critique and Demonstration planned for August, both at the Georges River Sailing Club. Given the renewed restrictions on group gatherings and the continued need for social distancing, the committee deliberated on whether to proceed with these meetings as planned.

Understandably, some felt we should cancel the activities while others felt we should continue to provide an outlet for those who wanted to come. Our Critic and Demonstrator are both still available and so it was decided to go ahead as planned.

However, the Club has a limit of 15 people for the Spinnaker Room where we meet, so that will be 14 members plus our guest Critic/Demonstrator. So if you wish to attend either function, it is essential that you book your place.

The Sailing Club is a great venue for ease of parking and lends itself to a more social atmosphere – a group of us had an excellent dinner there and afterwards made use of the café/bar for a drink and chat.

Please contact Jim on 0458 156 072 if you wish to attend Critique with Joe Bezzina on 6th August or the Demonstration with John Perkins on 20th August .

If you are unable to attend the Critique, don't feel that you have missed out. We would all still like to see your artworks and encourage you to send images so that they can be added to our website.

Send images to Don at kibbleart@optusnet.com.au

*Daytime activities of **SketchAbility & Life Drawing** will continue in August at the Kogarah School of Arts.*

Note that there is no evening Life Drawing until further notice.

New Venue ...

Social distancing requirements at Georges River 16ft Sailing Club limit number of participants at our activities.

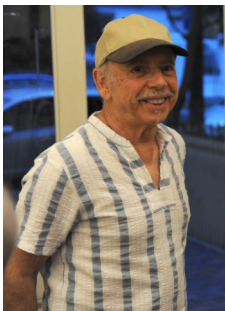
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July Display/Critique Night

The first Thursday in July was an informal display/critique night without judging or awards, but one where we displayed all the artworks, discussed them, then each artist said a few words about each one. There was an encouraging roll up of 16 and it was wonderful to catch up with friends again and chat about the art we had created during lockdown.



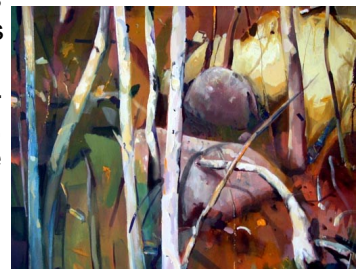
Graciela shares her watercolour at the July Critique explaining about 'members being the best ones to tell us how we might move forward with completing our work.'



August Critique by Joe Bezzina

Joe Bezzina is well known to St George members through critiques, demonstrations and workshops. He lives locally in the Sutherland Shire and teaches at the Royal Art Society. Joe has also won many major art prizes and exhibits extensively.

Joe explains: "My attachment with the landscape has always presented me with a rich source of subject matter. What has changed with my artwork over the years is more about the isolation, colour and the underlying lines and shapes that run through our landscape. When I paint en plein air, it reinvigorates the mind to see and capture, in a more fleeting way, the light, atmosphere and movement in the land before me. What art means to me can best be summed up by Piet Mondrian who said, "The position of the artist is humble. He is essentially a channel."



Think Tank

We met at the Sailing Club on July 16th for a "Think Tank", the idea being for members to raise any issues, comments, suggestions which will help the committee plan for the year ahead. I was extremely happy with the contributions and I thank everyone for their participation and enthusiasm.

We started discussion by looking at the SGAS motto "For the Encouragement of Art". It was generally felt that it is a good motto and we should keep it. The question then was WHAT, HOW and WHO should we be encouraging. Some topics suggested for discussion were VENUE, ACTIVITIES, PROMOTION, AAS, and MEMBERSHIP. Discussion was very encouraging and members were keen to bring forward their suggestions and ideas. There seemed to be a general mood of "we need to embrace change".

All the ideas are now being collated by the committee and when formulated into an Action Plan, will be circulated to all members. For those who were unable to attend, we would still love to hear from you, so please send any thoughts you have to either

Jim at jimlarry49@gmail.com or our Secretary Col at fam_parker@bigpond.com

Some idea starters...

WHAT ARE OUR GOALS ?
WHAT ARE WE DOING WELL?
HOW CAN WE IMPROVE?

HOW DO WE BEST ACHIEVE OUR GOALS?
WHAT SHOULD WE CHANGE?
HOW CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE?

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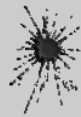
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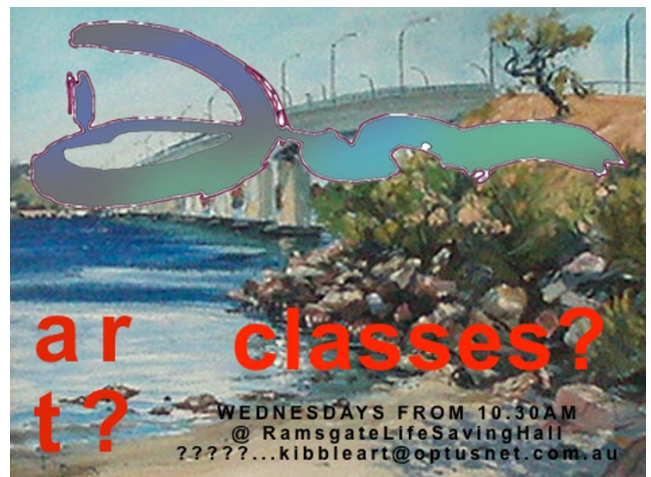
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