



President Jim West

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – AUGUST 2021**

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Greetings to all SGAS members, I hope that you are keeping busy, staying safe and producing lots of wonderful artwork during this extended lockdown. Unfortunately, there were no SGAS activities in July and now we have had to cancel everything for August as well.

We are all therefore in a very strange situation, where we cannot, as an art society, meet with our colleagues and friends to share our art, and provide inspiration, encouragement, and support. It is so important then, that we can continue to communicate and keep in touch.

While we generally have more time for painting now, the problem for many is that we have run out of ideas. We need a bit of inspiration – we need a challenge!

**DON'S CHALLENGE**

In 2020 Don Kibble created themed artistic challenges for members and now, in 2021 he has set us another challenge; to create interpretations of the same subject in different ways. These artworks are shown on our website under **SGAS Artbank** – and we would love to have more!

**NEWS FROM OUR COMMITTEE**

**Annual General Meeting**

As you know, we were unable to have our AGM as planned in July.

We are now hoping to hold the AGM on **16<sup>th</sup> September**, but I will keep you posted on that.

**Annual Art Show:** *The Kogarah School of Arts has been booked for November 4-7 for our art show, however it is looking extremely unlikely that we will be able to have our traditional, face to face exhibition. We will however have an **Online Exhibition** – as we did last year, but better!*

*There will definitely be more assistance for entering the exhibition, in the form of a **AAS Help Day**, where assistance will be provided to both photograph artworks and fill in the online entry form. So, we will be expecting more members to enter this year!*

**VIRTUAL EXPERIENCES**

The committee is looking at how we can provide more opportunities for our members and, while we are unable to meet physically, we will endeavour to provide inspiration and opportunity, though online and virtual experiences. We will be seeking options for online demonstrations and tutorials, which you will be able to visit on our website. The first such tutorial is by our July guest artist Melissa Martin. Her short video is available on our website, under Tuition/ Online Demos

We are seeking more video tutorials and I welcome any contributions from of SGAS tutors and members. We would also love to hear from those members with the technical skills to make it all happen. Please contact me if you can assist in any way.



**ART DISCOVERY—Planning for a Better Future in Art**

Good things don't just happen...your committee is working towards an expanded program of opportunities after COVID.

Paul Cezanne says **'we live in a rainbow of chaos'**. So many things to discover in art and colour is only one of them. We are working now on ways and means to establish opportunities for members to have a more varied art experience....at both daytime and evening sessions.

*It is all about enhancing membership value.*

## MEMBERS' GALLERY

It is really pleasing to see so many members putting their artwork on the **SGAS Instagram and Website pages.**

Fantastic!

Keep them coming!

We have so many talented members and we want to see your artwork.



Please send photos of your artworks to  
**Instagram:** [angela\\_iliadis@hotmail.com](mailto:angela_iliadis@hotmail.com)

**Website Images**

**Website:** [karin@ozartfinder.com](mailto:karin@ozartfinder.com)

When you send your artworks to our webmaster would you please also supply the following information:

**Title, medium, approx. size and a short bio**  
(just a few words about you, the artist)

These Artworks can be viewed in the **Members' Gallery** on the main menu.



This artwork is from new member, Geoff Hargraves

Welcome to the Member's Gallery .



Artists' new works on the Gallery...

Jeanette Akkanen  
Sam Carig  
Mirna Gamboa  
Angela Iliadis  
Don Kibble  
Salwa Woodroffe

## NEWS FROM DENISE

Hi, St George Art Society members, well this situation has been challenging for all of us.

I have been lucky to have my art to keep me busy as my face to face teaching has stopped due to COVID.

I am looking forward to holding an exhibition towards the end of the year, which will be virtual, face to face or both.

I will be doing a demonstration using alcohol inks for the members.

I have been working on some fine art prints using the alcohol ink technique.

This is Titled "A Blessing in Disguise".

Enquires: Denise Kassis 0420 740 552.

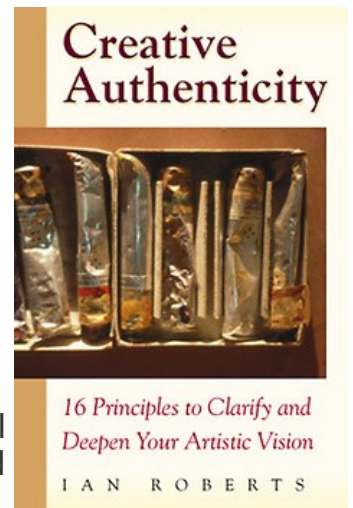


## BOOK REVIEW ... by Don

The author, **Ian Roberts**, was a colleague of Don's from Ontario College of Art. Ian teaches plein air painting in the U.S. through his school Atelier Saint-Luc, named after the patron saint of painters.

*"This book is for artists and writers and anyone else engaged in the difficult but personally fulfilling path of creative expression. It's for those who are actually doing it, one way or the other."  
author*

Creative Authenticity outlines 16 principles that will help you peel back the fears, misconceptions, "shoulds" and confusion around courageous creative expression.



You'll discover:

[https://www.ianroberts.com/books\\_creative-authenticity.htm](https://www.ianroberts.com/books_creative-authenticity.htm)

- you are more than creative enough
- talent has little to do with your success
- the dance of avoidance upon arriving in the studio is inevitable- learn to see through it and begin the necessity of finding a truthful relationship with your work so it feeds you, not torments you



**2021 Winner**

**Peter Wegner's Portrait of artist Guy Warren**

"It's a bloody good painting. I don't know this guy and if he's done more than capture my likeness, well, that's better than most people can say . . . then that's the secret," Warren said.

The Archibald Prize and Warren [shared a milestone celebration this year](#)

– they both turned 100.

## ARCHIBALD PRIZE 2021

SGAS was hoping to arrange a group Gallery Visit to the [Art Gallery of NSW](#) to see the 2021 Archibald Prize.

Unfortunately due to Covid we can't do that at the moment, but you may be interested in viewing some of the past 100 years of Archibald Winners at:

<https://www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au/prizes/archibald>



*Photo of Guy Warren at the presentation ceremony*

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