



President Jim West

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Happy New Year to you all and I hope you are looking forward to an exciting and fruitful 2023 with the St. George Art Society. I'm sure, like me, you are keen to get back to our SGAS activities, meet up with friends and share our love of art. But equally, and particularly for our committee, it has been important to have a break for a while, relax, and give our attention to the other things and people in our lives that are important to us. Now, refreshed and enthusiastic, we can enter another year of sharing this passion we have for art.

It will be a pleasure to welcome back Joe Bezzina as our guest artist for February. Joe has been a loyal supporter of SGAS for many years and his critiques and demos have always been well received.

I have emailed the draft program up until the end of June and in addition to our normal activities, there are a few items to be noted for February.

Seniors' Week

SketchAbility has been moved from 7th Feb to 14th Feb. On 7th, Georges River Council is promoting Senior's Week (Feb 1-12) at the Hurstville Seniors' Centre, including SGAS activities of SketchAbility, ArtAbility and daytime Life Drawing. We will have promotional brochures on all SGAS activities on display. At 2:00 p.m. at Kogarah School of Arts Angela Iliadis will be conducting a Special Mixed Media Senior's Art Class.

Watercolour Class

Our popular Watercolour Class on the 4th Thursday (23rd Feb) will continue at Ramsgate RSL but in 2023 we will be looking to expand this class through greater variety, guest tutors and sessions where you bring your own subject and artwork. I will let you know the details for February as soon as I can.

Life Drawing

Our Life Drawing classes were poorly attended in 2022 and so a focus group, led by Wren Crow, is working on a new, improved process to better suit the needs of members.

Gallery Visit

Before COVID struck we had made a start on organised Gallery visits. After a long hiatus, we are introducing our first Gallery Visit for 2023 on Sunday, February 26th to the new Sydney Modern Gallery. We will try to organise a guided tour.



FEBRUARY					
Thursday	2	6:30p.m.	CRITIQUE	Joe Bezzina	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Sunday	5	8:00 a.m.	PLEIN AIR	Don Kibble	CRONULLA BEACH
Tuesday	7	2:00 p.m.	<i>Seniors Week</i> —special ART class	Angela Iliadis	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Thursday	9	6:30p.m.	LIFE-DRAWING (P.M.)	Wren Crow	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Tuesday	14	2:00 p.m.	ARTABILITY	Don Kibble	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Thursday	16	6:45 p.m.	DEMONSTRATION	Joe Bezzina	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Tuesday	21	2:00 p.m.	ARTABILITY	Angela Iliadis	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Thursday	23	10:00a.m.	LIFE-DRAWING (A.M.)	Don Kibble	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Thursday	23	6:30 p.m.	WATERCOLOUR CLASS	TBA	RAMSGATE RSL
Sunday	26	10.00a.m.	GALLERY VISIT	Jim West	SYDNEY MODERN GALLERY
Tuesday	28	2:00 p.m.	SKETCHABILITY	Don Kibble	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS

Increase in Door Entry Fee.

Unfortunately our weekly activities have not been covering costs lately so the committee has agreed to increase the door entry fee to \$10.

Your friendly Assistant Treasurer Mirna Gamboa will be at the door to welcome you with a smile and collect entry fees. You are encourage to use our EFTPOS machine and just tap as you come in. It saves trying to find change and it makes it much easier for our A/Treasurer. Thank you.

Critique and Demonstration artist Joe Bezzina



Joseph has held workshops in Australia, Greek Islands and Malta and in 2023 plans a tour for Malta in Paros and Santorini.

Joseph Bezzina (*Fellow Royal Art Society*), studied in the RAS Plein-air class and the **Southern Institute of TAFE** where he was awarded 5 distinctions and the Highest Achievement Award.

Winner of the **UTA Paint your Way to Paris**, twice winner of the **RAS Medal of Distinction** and **The Thora Ungar Prize** and the **RAS Landscape Prize**. Joseph has been a finalist three times in the **NSW Parliamentary Plein-air Prize**, the **Mosman and Hunters Hill** prizes; **Salon des Refusés** and winner of the **North Sydney Prize**.

Joseph works in acrylics, oil and multi-media.

Critique –Thursday 2nd February - 6.30pm Ramsgate RSL



Demonstration –Thursday 16th February - 6.45pm Kogarah School of Arts

Regular Art Activities

LIFE-DRAWING @ KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS

Wren

Thursday evening ... 9th FEBRUARY 6:30pm start

Don

Thursday morning ... 23rd FEBRUARY 10am –12pm

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Everyone welcome...

from beginners to advanced artists.

PLEIN AIR with DON KIBBLE

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5th ... 8am onwards Venue— CRONULLA BEACH

ENQUIRIES: Text Don at 0427 472 237

Tuesdays @ Kogarah School of Arts

ArtAbility with Angela Iliadis

Tuesdays... February 7th & 21st

Georges River Council is promoting **SENIOR'S WEEK (Feb.1-12)**

Angela will conduct a special Mixed Media class on Tuesday 7th February at 2pm.

Sketch-Ability with Don Kibble

Tuesdays... February 14th & 28th

WATERCOLOUR

SGAS Members \$15 Non-Members \$20

Next watercolour class... Thursday 23rd FEBRUARY 6:30 – 8:30p.m. @ **Ramsgate RSL**

Our popular class will continue on the 4th Thursday at Ramsgate RSL but in 2023 we will be looking to expand this class through greater variety, guest tutors and sessions where you bring your own subject and artwork. Details to follow soon.

COMING EVENTS

ART OF SYDNEY ...March 23rd-26th

In 2023 this will be held at **the Prince Henry Centre, Little Bay.**

Further details to follow for members of SGAS.

CATHY HARRY Workshop...

Saturday March 25th at Kogarah School of Arts.

"The Freedom of Painting with Acrylics"

TEMPE HOUSE EXHIBITION ...

*Committee visited Tempe house with a view to having a member's exhibition there in **April/May.***

The people at Tempe House are most interested in joining with us and the exhibition would coincide with their Open Day.

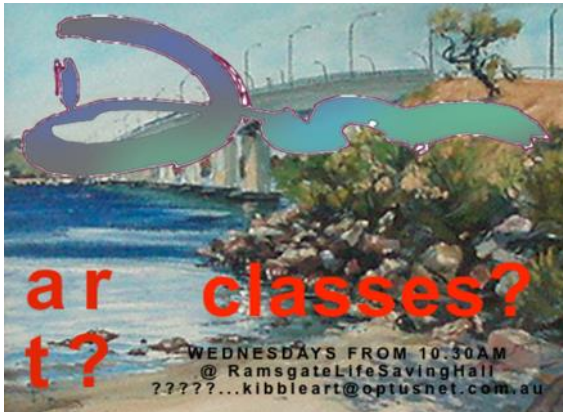
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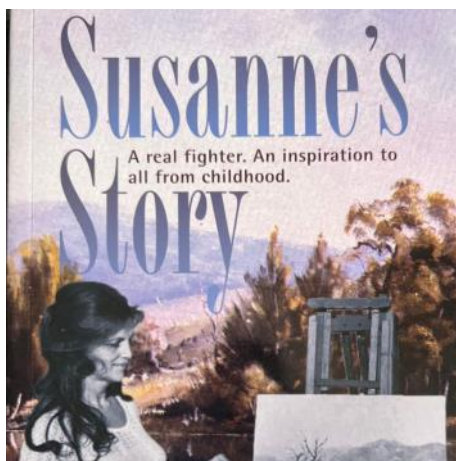
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