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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – AUGUST 2023

Greetings Members,

Following our AGM on 6th July our newly elected committee, (which happens to be the same as last year) will be working hard to provide you our members, with exciting and interesting activities for 2023/24. The Annual Art Show will be held from 3rd to 5th November at the Kogarah School of Arts after which we are planning a follow up exhibition at Tempe House later in November (more details to come).

In July we had an excellent Critique and Demonstration by Jane Wray and now, in August I am very excited to announce that our guest artist will be 2023 Archibald Prize finalist Sally Ryan.

Sally's beautiful painting of Claudia Chan Shaw is one of the most stunning portraits in this year's Archibald Exhibition and if you haven't seen it yet, make sure you do. So, thanks to our events organiser Delia Kavanagh, we have Sally as our guest artist for Critique on 3rd August and Demonstration on 17th August. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity – put those dates in your diary now!

Delia has been busy organising excellent guest artists for the rest of the year. You should have received the program for July -December via email. The program is also up on our SGAS website at [Calendar – St George Art Society](#)

The **Make Your Mark High School Mentoring Program** starts on Thursday 3rd August and will run every Thursday afternoon for ten weeks (apart from school holidays) from 4:00 – 5:30 at the Kogarah School of Arts. Jani Nanavati is the co-ordinator of the program which aims to provide these enthusiastic students with demonstrations by SGAS members and practical work, leading to a major artwork by each student which will be exhibited at the SGAS Annual Art Show. If you feel that you can assist in this program, please contact Jani at jani.nanavati@stgeorgeartsociety.com.au or 0404 358 509.

August 10th will be the last of the very popular "Winter Portraiture" sessions, after which we will return to evening Life Drawing on the 2nd Thursday of the month.

Also, a friendly reminder that Membership fees for 2023/24 are now due. Still only \$30!

AUGUST

Tuesday	1	2:00 p.m.	SKETCHABILITY	Don Kibble	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Thursday	3	6:30 p.m.	CRITIQUE	Sally Ryan	RAMSGATE RSL
Sunday	6	9:00 a.m.	PLEIN AIR	Don Kibble	OATLEY PARK
Tuesday	8	2:00 p.m.	ARTABILITY	Angela Iliadis	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Thursday	10	6:00 p.m.	PORTRAITURE	Wren Craw	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Tuesday	15	2:00 p.m.	ARTABILITY	Angela Iliadis	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Thursday	17	6:30 p.m.	DEMONSTRATION	Sally Ryan	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Tuesday	22	2:00 p.m.	ARTABILITY	Angela Iliadis	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Thursday	24	10:00 a.m.	LIFE-DRAWING (A.M.)	Wren Craw	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Thursday	24	6:30 p.m.	WATERCOLOUR CLASS	Virginia Villa	RAMSGATE RSL
Tuesday	29	2:00 p.m.	SKETCHABILITY	Don Kibble	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS 1

July 6th Critique ... Jane Wray

Following the AGM our critique evening resulted in artworks that were of such a high standard. Our guest artist, Jane Wray, was very impressed by the incredible talents of our members. Jane awarded Angela Iliadis the winning certificate with Peter Warner received the Highly Commended.



Artwork of the Month

Fowler's Gap 4—Angela Iliadis

An adventurous work, experimenting with design & materials creating a dynamic, exciting work.



Highly Commended Peter Warner



Demonstration –Thursday 20th July

Jane Wray was our guest artist for July. Jane's passion for pastels was evident at Thursday evening's demonstration. Using both pastel pencils and pastel chalks Jane worked on a very beautiful water scene. So much to learn about this fabulous medium.



Critique Thursday August 3rd ... Sally Ryan



Sally Ryan is an Australian realist painter based in Sydney. Her practice encompasses various genres of painting but with a focus on still life, portraiture, and figurative painting. She has commissioned works hanging in private collections as well as in Universities and Schools, the Parliament (of Victoria) and the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney (including St Mary's Cathedral) within Australia.

Sally began her training at the Julian Ashton Art School (Sydney) where she was awarded a scholarship year in 2010. She has further refined her skills through workshops at Studio Escalier, Paris, Grand Central Academy, NY and Menorca Pulsar, Spain.

For some years now, Sally has been working professionally as a portrait painter and has had her work recognised in numerous competitions both nationally and internationally, including the international ARC Salon. In 2019 she was awarded Signature Status with the Portrait Society of America for continuous excellence in portraiture.

In addition to her own practice, Sally teaches portraiture and still life painting at Hamley Studio (in Hornsby, Sydney) as well as running workshops throughout Australia. She is available for commissions worldwide.

www.sallyryanartist.com



Year of the Rabbit—Claudia Chan Shaw
Archibald finalist 2023

Demonstration –Thursday 17th August - 6.30pm Kogarah School of Arts

PROGRAM FOR 2023/24

The program for the **remainder of 2023** has been prepared and will be forwarded to members in the next few days. We have some wonderful guest artists coming up for **Critiques and Demonstrations** including **Dario Falzon and John Rice**.

In addition, there are three **Saturday workshops – with Sam Carig, Ros Psakis and Cathy Shugg**.

MEMBERSHIP FEES for 2023-24 ...are now due at the end of JUNE

EFT payment is preferred: **BSB: 032-055 Acct number: 871299**

Reference for renewing members: Surname + RM

Fees can now be paid online on the SGAS website at:-
Membership Application—St George Art Society

All enquiries, please contact Jani Nanavati at jani.nanavati@stgeorgeartsociety.com.au

If there is no change to your personal details, there is no need to fill out a form. For new members, or to change your details, an online form is now available on the website : <https://stgeorgeartsociety.com.au/membership-application>

Regular Art Activities

***** AUGUST - PORTRAITURE with MODEL @ KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS**

PORTRAITURE 10th August 6:30pm start

LIFE DRAWING Thursday morning ... 24th August 10am-12pm

With a new financial year comes a new Term for our Life Drawing package. This package allows you to pay in advance at a reduced rate (\$10 per session instead of \$15).

Contact: Wren Craw 0404 867 838 or email: st.george.art.society@gmail.com

Thursday evening July 13 portraiture at Kogarah highlighted the incredible talents of our members. These are just a few of the masterpieces created in less than 2 hours of model Carl.



PLEIN AIR with DON KIBBLE

SUNDAY AUGUST 6TH ... 9am onwards

Venue— Plein Air Painting Group this coming Sunday 2nd July at Oatley Park.

ENQUIRIES: Text Don at 0427 472 237

Tuesdays @ Kogarah School of Arts 2:00-4:00pm

Sketch-Ability with Don Kibble

Tuesdays... AUGUST 1ST & 29TH.

ArtAbility with Angela Iliadis

Tuesdays... AUGUST 8TH, 15TH, 22ND.

July ArtAbility with Angela— artists doing their own thing...



WATERCOLOUR CLASS

Watercolour class...with Virginia Villa Thursday 24th August 6:30 – 8:30p.m. @

Ramsgate RSL

Cost: SGAS Members \$15

Non-members—\$20

Bring your own materials

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PORTRAITURE WORKSHOP

Tutor: Sam Carig

Saturday 29th July 10:00am to 4:00pm

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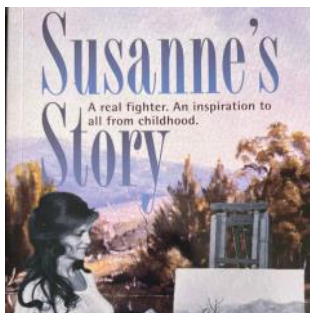
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