



President Jim West

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – SEPTEMBER 2023

Greetings Members,

We had a great roll up of 22 people for August's demonstration by Sally Ryan and I am sure from the reactions and comments that everyone felt that they had witnessed something very special. Sally did a wonderful portrait in oils of Kathy Curtiss, who sat very still under hot lights for 90 minutes and the result was magnificent. Sally then went on to show her meticulous prep work for her commissioned painting of St. Joseph which now resides in St. Mary's cathedral. As if that wasn't enough, we then heard all about Sally's portrait of Claudia Chan Shaw, a finalist in this year's Archibald prize.

We are now in full swing organising not one, but **two SGAS exhibitions for November**. Our traditional Annual Art Show will be held from **3rd to 5th November** with the official opening on Saturday night 4th November. The Annual Art Show is for our members and is an opportunity for everyone to exhibit the artwork you have created over the past 12 months. It is a prestige event, which will have an official opening with invited guests, refreshments, and awards in the usual categories (plus a few new categories). The entry form and Terms and Conditions are currently being developed and should be with you soon.

The second exhibition will be at **Tempe House** under the banner "ArtReach – reaching others through art" and will follow hot on the heels of the Annual Art Show, running from **Saturday 11th to Sunday 19th November**. This exhibition will provide members with more flexibility to exhibit current and older works. We hope to reach a much wider audience than is possible at Kogarah School of Arts which hopefully will result in more sales.

The committee encourages you to enter both exhibitions. I will be co-ordinating the **Annual Art Show** and Jani Nanavati will co-ordinate the **Tempe House exhibition**. These two exhibitions can only succeed with your support. We will be calling on all our members to help with the preparation and running of these events. More details will follow about how and when you can assist.

For both exhibitions we will be calling for strong, fit bodies who can help to move the display screens and climb ladders to hang artworks. It is getting a bit much for the "old" crew. If you too are in that category, please ask the younger members of your family and friends if they can assist.

One immediate need is for someone to help with painting updated details (dates etc) on our banners. If you can help, please contact Jani at jani.nanavati@stgeorgeartsociety.com.au

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday	5	2:00 p.m.	SKETCHABILITY	Don Kibble	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Thursday	7	6:30 p.m.	CRITIQUE	Dario Falzon	RAMSGATE RSL
Sunday	10	9:00 a.m.	PLEIN AIR	Don Kibble	Marina, off CPT. COOK BRIDGE
Tuesday	12	2:00 p.m.	ARTABILITY	Angela Iliadis	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Thursday	14	6:00 p.m.	LIFE DRAWING	Wren Crow	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Tuesday	19	2:00 p.m.	ARTABILITY	Angela Iliadis	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Thursday	21	6:30 p.m.	DEMONSTRATION	Dario Falzon	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Tuesday	26	2:00 p.m.	SKETCHABILITY	Don Kibble	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Thursday	28	10:00 a.m.	LIFE-DRAWING (A.M.)	Wren Crow	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Thursday	28	6:30 p.m.	WATERCOLOUR CLASS	Virginia Villa	RAMSGATE RSL
Saturday	30	10 a.m.	WORKSHOP	Ros Psakis	KINGSGROVE COMMUNITY CENTRE ¹

August 3rd Critique ... Sally Ryan

Artwork of the Month

Marlene Weaver - Portrait

Strong design, great use of colour, original & creative approach to portrait painting; good control of the medium.



Highly Commended

Ros Psakis - The Furry Fellows Meeting

An interesting composition that tells a story as well. Creative & competent use of colour; lovely painterly brushstrokes.

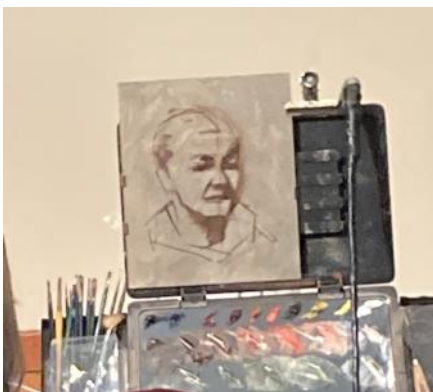


St George Art Society's members get together once a month to have their artworks critiqued by our featured artist. This month, Sally Ryan selected, from so many beautiful artworks, Marlene (winner) and Ros (highly commended).

Demonstration –Thursday 17th August

Archibald finalist, Sally Ryan, demonstrated her incredible talent on Thursday evening at Kogarah School of Arts. Her portrait of SGAS member Kathy, created in an hour, was amazing. Sally spoke of her incredible journey to paint her commission hanging in St Mary's Cathedral Sydney, what a story of her artistic expertise and professionalism.

Sally is a classic portrait artist in the style of Rembrandt. She prefers to paint from life. Her palette is non-variable, based on red, yellow, blue considering chroma and tonal values. Sally paints in layers set up from base to vibrant.



**Year of the Rabbit—
Claudia Chan Shaw
Archibald finalist 2023**



Critique Thursday September 7th ... Dario Falzon

Currently lives and works in Sydney, Australia.

I consider myself a traditional realist painter. I'm inspired by finding the beauty in subtle, intimate scenes all around me. I work with oil paint because I find it the most versatile and suitable medium. My brushes and knives allow me a multitude of ways to describe and indicate an impression of my subject.

Primarily working en plein air, I capture impressions of the landscape around me. In working from life I'm constantly challenged by the passage of time but I feel that this is what gives my artwork its own unique voice. My paintings are a product of direct observation and experience of the landscape.

I may pass what appears to be a mundane scene everyday but for a small window of time, when the light is right, it transforms into something extraordinary, and that's what I'm always looking for and trying to capture.



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 two **Saturday workshops – with 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

***** SEPTEMBER - LIFE DRAWING @ KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS**

LIFE DRAWING....14th September 6:30pm start **LIFE DRAWING** Thursday morning ... 28th September 10am-12pm

Take advantage of our Life Drawing package. This package allows you to pay in advance at a reduced rate (\$10 per session instead of \$15 per session).

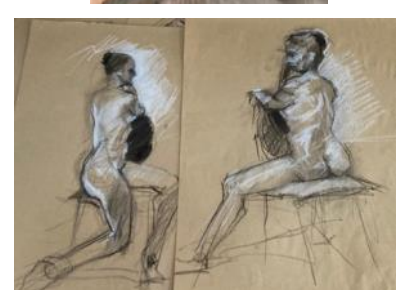
Contact: Wren Craw 0404 867 838 or email: st.george.art.society@gmail.com



For the winter months we replaced evening Life Drawing with Portraiture. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to work on their artworks using predominantly Oils and Pencils. Thursday evening August 10th 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.



We will be returning to Life Drawing in September evening sessions.



Portrait Workshop with Sam Carig



***Sam Carig** conducted a fabulous July workshop demonstrating many of the aspects of portraiture including shape, proportion, shadows and colour mixing, just to name a few. Yet another great workshop thanks to Sam and of course our fantastic model.*



WATERCOLOUR CLASS— Virginia Villa

Watercolour class...with **Virginia Villa**

Cost: SGAS Members \$15

E: st.george.art.society@gmail.com

Thursday 28th September 6:30 – 8:30p.m. @

Non-members—\$20

Bring your own materials

Ramsgate RSL

Contact: Jim West T: 0458 156 072



The July watercolour class at Ramsgate RSL focused on completing a botanical themed composition using negative painting techniques, lifting out and using a minimal colour palette.



Applying Watercolour washes was the focus of Thursday evening's class at Ramsgate RSL. Our accredited teacher, Virginia Villa taught the techniques related to applying washes. Virginia also talked about papers and mediums to use, with great results.



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

ArtAbility with Angela Iliadis

Tuesdays... SEPTEMBER 12th & 19th.



The focus of the lesson was to create a mixed media artwork using oil pastels and watercolour paint on watercolour paper.

In addition, one member printed a few lino cut prints.

It was a fun and super creative afternoon.

Sketch-Ability with Don Kibble

Tuesdays... SEPTEMBER 5th & 26th.



PLEIN AIR with DON KIBBLE

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10th ... 9am onwards

Plein Air Painting Group meet at the MARINA, off Captain Cook Bridge.

ENQUIRIES: Text Don at 0427 472 237



OIL PAINTING WORKSHOP

BY ROS PSAKIS



SGAS is delighted to announce that Ros will conduct an oil painting workshop on

SATURDAY

30TH SEPTEMBER



“No
subject
is harder
than any
other”



Venue:

**Kingsgrove Community
Centre**

30 Morgan Street Kingsgrove

Members \$80

Non members \$90

For further information please contact
Jim West 0458 156 072



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FREE EVENT

OPEN STUDIO GALLERY

FEATURING MULTI-AWARD WINNING ARTIST
DENISE KASSIS

Opening day 23rd September from 11am until 7th October 2023

Exhibition opened by Jim West president of St George Art Society & includes
Marvelous Miniatures
by Renowned guest artists:
Geraldine Taylor
Helen Dubrovich
Melissa Martin
Julie Agnew
Wren Craw
Yvonne Ferguson
Kathy Curtiss
Susan Howe

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Contact Denise: 0420 740 552
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Private viewings by appointment

Artworks by Denise Kassis titled: Emerald & Devotion



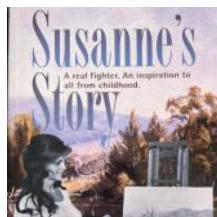
Marrambidya II

St George Art Society member,
Bree Riley is one of the artists currently exhibiting in the **Southside Exhibition at the Broadhurst Gallery, Hazelhurst from 25 August—5 September.**

Southside brings together early career artists with diverse practices from painting, drawing, sculpture and ceramics.

art classes?

WEDNESDAYS FROM 10:30AM
@ Ramsgate Life Saving Hall
?????...kibbleart@optusnet.com.au

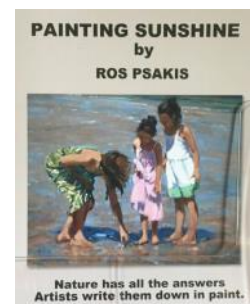


\$30.00
Written by Joe Green
25% of all sales will be donated to the Chris O'Brien Life-house
Contact Joe: 0407 209 123

"PAINTING SUNSHINE" by Ros Psakis

A self-published 70 page soft cover book, full of information, pictures and demos by SGAS life member and renowned tutor in oil painting.

\$40 which includes postage & packaging
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