

President Jim West

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – OCTOBER 2023

Greetings Members,

Firstly, I would like to record a vote of thanks to our Vice President, Wren Craw for stepping in during my absence. There were quite a few unforeseen issues which came up during that time and I really appreciate how Wren handled everything so efficiently and (seemingly) calmly. No doubt though, as my stress levels decreased, Wren's got higher.

As we approach our exhibition season, we would really appreciate more help. Thanks to those of you who have already filled in the Help Forms, it is greatly appreciated – and needed. All exhibiting members are required to help out so please fill out the help forms for both exhibitions.

But assistance is not just required for the time of the exhibition. Please consider giving more of your time to the running of SGAS. Here are just a few areas where members might be able to help:

Technical – maintaining and setting up the equipment to show demonstrations on the monitor

Photography – both for Demos, Critiques and at the exhibitions

Suppers – currently is rotated among the committee members; the more members on the roster, the easier it is.

Promotion – contacting media and other promotional opportunities

Sponsorship of exhibitions – seeking businesses / individuals who might sponsor screens / awards

Physical - specifically in relation to the exhibitions we need younger, fitter people to climb ladders to hang artworks, help move display screens, hang banners, set up chairs etc.

Please also consider the positions of **President, Treasurer, Membership Officer and Make Your Mark Co-ordinator**, all of which will become vacant at the next AGM in July.

The current committee has worked very hard to create an active, inclusive and friendly art society and as a result there have been many new members join in 2022 and 2023.

But it is no easy task to run the St. George Art Society, it is very demanding and time consuming. All too often it falls to just a few and if we are not careful this voluntary role can impact on our families and our own wellbeing. We must not allow this to happen and the best way to do that is to share the load.

As we look ahead to 2024/25, we will need a new committee if these activities are to continue. It is time for some of our newer and younger members to step up and provide a fresh approach. I'm sure there are many members who can provide new, innovative and creative ideas to take SGAS forward.

If you are in that category, please make yourself known to one of the current committee members. Ideally, it would be good to have a handover period for these positions sooner rather than later to enable a smooth transition.

Just to be clear, without more members taking on these roles, the St. George Art Society will have to cut back dramatically on its activities, if not fold altogether.



OCTOBER					
Sunday	3	9:00 a.m.	PLEIN AIR	Don Kibble	PETER DEPENA RESERVE, DOLLS PT.
Tuesday	5	2:00 p.m.	SKETCHABILITY	Don Kibble	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Thursday	5	6:30 p.m.	CRITIQUE	Vicki Tara Taylor	RAMSGATE RSL
Tuesday	10	2:00 p.m.	ARTABILITY	Angela Iliadis	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Thursday	12	6:00 p.m.	LIFE DRAWING	Wren Crow	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Tuesday	17	2:00 p.m.	ARTABILITY	Angela Iliadis	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Thursday	19	6:30 p.m.	DEMONSTRATION	Vicki Tara Taylor	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Tuesday	24	2:00 p.m.	ARTABILITY	Angela Iliadis	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Thursday	26	10:00 a.m.	LIFE-DRAWING (A.M.)	Wren Crow	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Thursday	26	6:30 p.m.	WATERCOLOUR CLASS	Virginia Villa	RAMSGATE RSL
Tuesday	31	10 a.m.	SKETCHABILITY	Don Kibble	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS

EXHIBITIONS :-

As you will know, both **online and manual entry forms** are now available:-

ANNUAL ART SHOW at Kogarah School of Arts—Entries close on **8th October**

ART-REACH Exhibition at **TEMPE HOUSE**. Entries close on **15th October**.

So if you haven't already done so, please get your entry forms in.

MAKE YOUR MARK ... @ Kogarah School of Arts

Jani Nanavati has done a wonderful job organising this High School Mentoring Program. Demonstrations and practical work with **Jani, Ros Psakis, Sam Cariq** and **Virginia Villa** gave the students a good cross section of different media and techniques and the students are now well into creating their major artworks for exhibition at the Annual Art Show.

Assistance from **Rod Byatt, Wren Crow** and **Delia Kavanagh** has been greatly appreciated.

Below are images illustrating the art tuition generously provided by St. George Art Society members during 8 sessions.



September 7th Critique ... Dario Falzon

Artwork of the Month

Marta Romer—Yard



Another informative, constructive and extremely comprehensive critique evening with Dario Falzon. Dario awarded Marta with a winner's certificate for a beautiful balanced composition of an Urban landscape and Jean received the Highly Commended award for a well executed and harmonious composition.

Congratulations Ladies.

Highly Commended

Jean Harrow—Still Life



A beautiful balanced composition that finds the sublime in the everyday abstractions of urban landscape.

A lovely still life; well executed and harmonious in its composition.

Demonstration –Thursday 21st September

Our Thursday evening Art Society demonstration showed the amazing talent of our guest artist Dario Falzon.

On a primed board Dario normally uses for alla prima painting in oil, he demonstrated his preparation to show the interplay of warm and cool; darks and lights, by setting the scene with a monotonal composition and a limited palette. The finished work was impressive.

Once again a great evening demonstrated by a generous artist. Many thanks Dario.



Checking the composition through a dark screen.



Critique Thursday October 5th ... Vicki Tara Taylor

Vicki Tara Taylor is a Sydney based intuitive abstract artist who loves to create textured, vibrant and colourful artworks. She paints with inspiration and loves to communicate a colourful conversation that dances across the canvas. Vicki is a talented and passionate artist.



Demonstration –Thursday 19th October - 6.30pm Kogarah School of Arts

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members have joined us in August and September.

Karen Scott, Ellen So, Kimberley Lund, Miles Hale, Ivy Ho,
Sherin Wong, Joanna Machowska, John Poole, Christine Keers.

Welcome to you all and we hope to see you at many SGAS activities.



UPCOMING EVENTS 2023

Critique and Demonstration - October VICKI TARA TAYLOR; November JOHN RICE.

Saturday workshop – CATHY SHUGG.

WATERCOLOUR CLASS

Watercolour class...with Virginia Villa Thursday 26th October 6:30 – 8:30p.m. @ **Ramsgate RSL**
Cost: SGAS Members \$15 Non-members—\$20 **Bring your own materials**
E: st.george.art.society@gmail.com Contact: **Jim West** T: **0458 156 072**



Special Fx and Fun was the theme for Thursday night's watercolour led by Wren's class 28 September at Ramsgate RSL.

We played with salt, masking fluid, toothpicks, alcohol tissues and even a bit of gouache. Great fun experimenting!

PLEIN AIR with DON KIBBLE

SUNDAY OCTOBER 1st ... 9am onwards

Plein Air Painting Group meet at

PETER DEPENA RESERVE, DOLLS POINT (near 'Beach Hut')

ENQUIRIES: Text Don at 0427 472 237



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

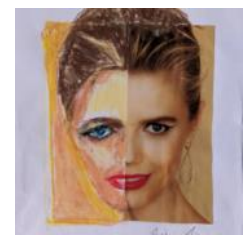
Sketch-Ability with Don Kibble

Tuesdays... OCTOBER 3rd, 31st

ArtAbility with Angela Iliadis

Tuesdays... OCTOBER 10th, 17th, 24th

Ink & watercolour



The focus of the class was to study symmetry in faces...excellent artworks on the day.

LIFE DRAWING @ KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS

LIFE DRAWING

Thursday evening * 12th October 6:30pm start**

Thursday morning * 26th October 10am-12pm**

Contact: Wren Crow 0404 867 838

or email: st.george.art.society@gmail.com



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



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

Complimentary refreshments
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Visual Art At Arncliffe


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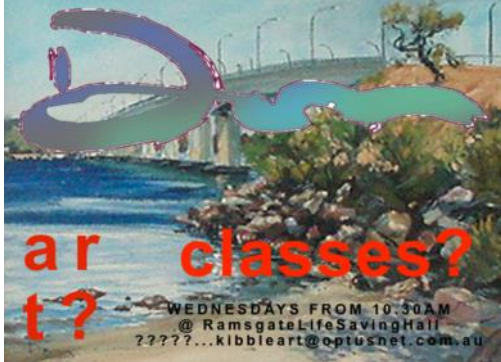
2 Terry Street, Arncliffe
Mon - Fri 8.30am - 4.30pm
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Nature has all the answers
Artists write them down in paint.



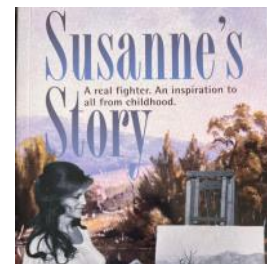
art classes?

WEDNESDAYS FROM 10:30AM
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?????...kibbieart@optusnet.com.au

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