



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – DECEMBER 2023

Season's Greetings to all SGAS Members

It has been an extremely busy but very productive and enjoyable month, with both the traditional **Annual Art Show at Kogarah School of Arts** and the **'ArtReach' Exhibition at Tempe House**. Congratulations to everyone who entered, participated, and volunteered to help things run smoothly. We had 174 Artworks exhibited at the Annual Art Show and the opening night was a great success, with nine award categories plus the Excellence Award, which was won by Salwa Woodroffe for her beautiful painting "Austinmer Headland and Beyond". Images of all the award-winning artworks are now up on the SGAS website.

Thanks to Jani, we had yet another successful exhibition at Tempe House, with over 120 artworks exhibited. Tempe House provides the perfect location to show off our artworks from the picture rails of the walls of this lovely heritage venue.

Both exhibitions were not without drama, with the main man for the AAS, Col Parker testing positive to COVID on the morning of the bump in. Not to be outdone, Jani Nanavati, the organiser of 'ArtReach' tested positive for COVID on the morning of the bump-in for Tempe House. But we had many willing workers who pitched in, and it all came together. Thank you all.

It was great to see so many new members enter the art shows this year, and indeed some longer-term members who had never exhibited their artwork before. And some members sold artworks for the first time. Along with the exhibition of the students' artworks, it is very encouraging for the future of SGAS.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Please come along to our **SGAS Christmas Party** on **Thursday 14th December** at the **Zen Restaurant in the Ramsgate RSL**. All the details are in the flyer. Please contact **Jan Schuster Callus 041 069 0607** if you would like to go.

As this is the last newsletter for the year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members a joyous and Happy Christmas and we look forward to a bright and enriching new year.

- * *President's Message*
- * *Calendar*
- * *Demonstration*
- * *Your Art Society*
- * *Annual Art Award winners*
- * *Christmas Fun*



DECEMBER					
Sunday	3	9:00 a.m.	PLEIN AIR	Don Kibble	DOOLS POINT –Depena Reserve
Tuesday	5	2:00 p.m.	SKETCHABILITY	Don Kibble	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Thursday	7	6:30p.m.	CRITIQUE	John Rice	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Tuesday	12	2:00 p.m.	ARTABILITY	Angela Iliadis	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Thursday	14	6:30 p.m.	CHRISTMAS PARTY	Jim West	ZEN RESTAURANT, RAMSGATE RSL



MENU:
ENTRÉE

Steamed Dim Sum
Steamed Prawn Dumpling
Spring Roll

MAINS

King Prawn & Cashew Nut
Mongolian Lamb
Sweet & Sour Pork
Chicken Satay
Salt and Pepper Squid
Fried or Boiled Rice

DESSERT OF THE DAY

Any dietary requests, please contact Jan

RSVP: 8th December

Jan Callus: 041 069 0607 / jcart1969@gmail.com

FOR BOOKING

Preferred Direct Deposit or bring with you the correct amount in an envelope with your name(s) on the night.

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Demonstration by John Rice—Thursday, 16th November

We were privileged to see a wonderful demonstration of oil painting by John Rice (FRAS).

John showed the importance of tonal values as he built different planes of the painting with subtle changes to the mixture of his paints. In just over an hour, John produced a very impressive painting with wonderful depth and composition.

John did a great job of talking us through his painting process and I am sure everyone in attendance leaned a great deal from John's demonstration.



Finished artwork...



Regular Art Activities

PLEIN AIR with DON KIBBLE

SUNDAY DECEMBER 3rd... 9 am onwards
Venue— TBA

ENQUIRIES: Text Don at 0427 472 237

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

Sketch-Ability with Don Kibble on Tuesday December 5th

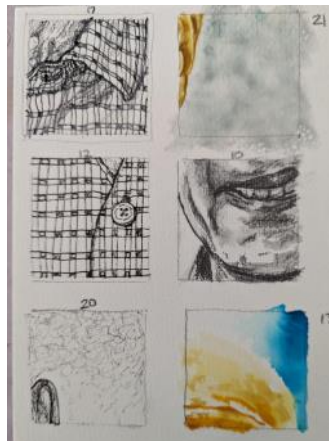
These low cost activities have been guided by experienced artists Angela and Don donating their expertise, resources and time. The Art Society's members are fortunate to have these opportunities.

Thank you to Angela and Don for 2023 classes.



ArtAbility with Angela Iliadis
Tuesday... December 12th

ArtAbility November 21st.



New Members joining SGAS in November

- **Rafika Laassidi**
- **Joanna Ngai**
- **Tamara Pottier**
- **Kally Lourantos**
- **Zhi Guang Zhou**
- **David Chambers (family)**

TEMPE HOUSE EXHIBITION RAFFLE WINNER

MEMBERS ANNUAL ART AWARD 2023 –Judge DARIO FALZON



Mitzi Tilley Award for Excellence

Artist: Salwa Woodroffe

Title: Austinmer Headland and Beyond

Medium: oil on canvas

Judge's comments:

This piece showcases the artists accomplished understanding of drawing, tone and colour; It is vibrant and alive. The contrasts in brushwork throughout the painting support a firm grasp of the creation of depth and aerial perspective. While the use of colour and its contrasting temperature relationships is handled to masterful effect. The tonal structure pulls all this together completing a compelling piece that deserves recognition.

Section 1— Wal Chandler Award for oil painting

Winner: John Poole

Title: Carss Park History and Shadows

Judge's comments:

A beautiful piece that captures the feel and movement of a late afternoon by the water. The lively brushwork and exposed underpainting create a sense of immediacy and the composition draws the viewers eye and keeps it engaged on the focal point.



S1 Highly Commended:

Artist: Salwa Woodroffe

Title: Majestic Beauty, Bay of Fires, Tasmania

Section 2— Walter Bennett Award for acrylic painting

Winner: Marlene Weaver

Title: Scones and Cream at Grandmas

Judge's comments:

A wonderful use of a restrained, complementary colour palette, creating an overall warm harmony. A strong composition guides the eye throughout the painting always ensuring the viewer never lingers too long on one thing and always leads back to the focal point and the clever use of reflection to include the vase of flowers.



S 2 Highly Commended:

Title:

Phil McKay

Coast (Post Box 2)

Section 3 — John Upton Award for watercolour

Winner: Kimberley Lund

Title: Stare Down

Judge's comments:

A beautifully executed portrayal of the subject matter. The artist shows great skill in their medium, capturing the movement and intimacy of a playful moment. The eyes capture the viewer with their lifelike quality.



S3 Highly Commended:

Artist: Kathy Curtiss

Title: Banksia

Section 4 — Walter Dowman Award for Mixed Media

Winner: Jan Schuster-Callus

Title: Warrior Chief -unique state 1

Judge's comments:

An inspired use of varied elements creates a visionary portrait of an imagined subject matter. The warm limited palette and use of natural objects, such as the feathers to create texture, lend the piece an earthen gravitas.



S4 Highly Commended:

Artist: Nauha Dabboussy

Title: Not Now

People's Choice

Artist: Yvonne Ferguson

Title: Workers Lunch Break

Medium: pyrography



Section 5—Nancy Wilkinson Award for Abstract

Winner: Marta Romer

Title: Urbanism— Past Present Future

Mediums: Archival inkjet print

Judge's comments:

The strong horizontal movement combined with well placed vertical shapes and dark contrasts, creates a sense of rhythm and depth out of a suburban setting. The piece is well balanced, and repetition of shapes and angles is used to great effect.



S5 Highly Commended:

Artist: Wren Craw

Title: Elements of Nature

Section 6—Myrle King Award for Still Life

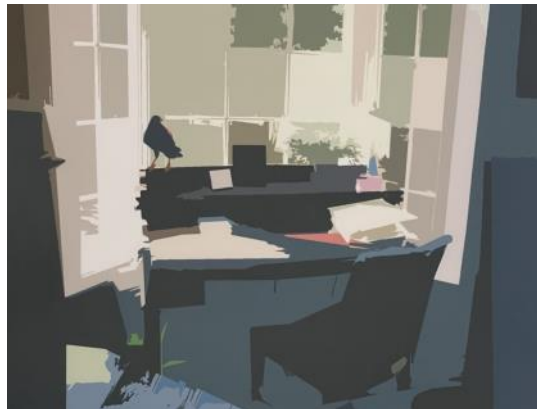
Winner: Marta Romer

Title: Interior with Bird

Medium: Archival inkjet print

Judge's comments:

Bold contrasts and colour shapes, create an intimate still-life and elevate what could be an otherwise mundane interior scene. There's a sense of mystery here, created by the tension between the dark foreground and the light coming in from outside. The blackbird on the desk creates a focal point that is supported by the subtle arrangement of colour shapes.



S6 Highly Commended:

Artist: Angela Iliadis

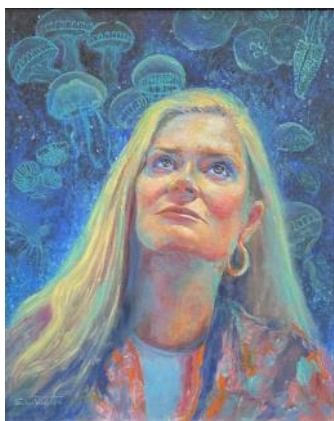
Title: Five Eggs

Encouragement Award:

Artist: Graciela Fernandez

Title: The Calm Beyond





Section 7—Muriel Harding Portrait Award

Winner: Salwa Woodroffe

Title: Julia Baird— Finding Hope When All is Dark

Medium: oil

Judge's comments:

A strong blue colour harmony lends this portrait with an ethereal quality. The eyes create a strong focal point supported by the leading lines of the hair and the well-placed diagonal movement of the jellyfish. The upward gaze of the subject helps to create movement for the viewer to let their eyes wander up and around the painting.

S7 Highly Commended:

Artist: Marlene Weaver

Title: Iron Woman



Section 8—Dowman Family Miniatures Award

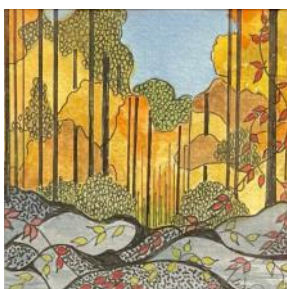
Winner: Wren Crow

Title: Nature Prevails

Medium: Mixed Media

Judge's comments:

This beautiful miniature balances both tonal and colour contrast, with a composition that leads the viewer's eye through the trees, stepping out of the cool shadows into the warm light of the middle distance. This play between light and dark, cool and warm, vertical and horizontal movement creates a sense of depth and mystery.



S8 Highly Commended:

Artist: Jani Nanavati

Title: Reaching Out



Section 9—Don Kibble Drawing Award

Winner: Marlene Weaver

Title: Nudes

Medium: Pastels

Judge's comments:

A wonderful little study in human anatomy, that captures the character of the subject. The rhythm of the linework, the abstract use of colour and the considered positioning of the second individual in profile creates interest and movement.

S9 Highly Commended:

Artist: Jani Nanavati

Title: Don't Burst My Bubbles



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*Merry Christmas
and
a Happy New Year 2024
to
St. George Art Society
members and families*



CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH

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Can you find these words?

Santa - Cookies - North Pole - Gifts
Candy - Sleigh - Toys
Tree - Giving - Rudolf



Christmas Word Scramble

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RRYEM _____
EETR _____
ITGLHS _____
WOSB _____
LLESB _____
AILYMF _____
VLESE _____
NTASA _____
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WORD BANK

jingle
elves
bows
family
Christmas
reindeer
tree
stocking
bells
merry
lights
Santa
sleigh
presents

