



President Jim West

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – FEBRUARY 2024

Greetings Members,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a very enjoyable time over the Christmas/New Year period and you are all ready and eager for another year of SGAS activities and opportunities to share your passion for art with your friends at St. George.

As we get into gear again, there are a few important issues I would like to draw to your attention. As you know the SGAS website is regularly updated with photos and text about all our activities, classes and upcoming events. However, there is one area on the SGAS website which does require your input and that is the **Members Gallery**. This is an opportunity for each of you to display your artworks on our website. Our webmaster Karin Bowler is happy to receive good quality photographs of your artworks, plus a short bio if desired. We currently have 130 members but only 12 are in our Members' Gallery. We can do better than that! To add your artworks to the Members Gallery, please contact me or email Karin directly at karin@ozartfinder.com

Your committee works hard to provide activities for you, our members. But there is much to do, and we would appreciate assistance, in whatever form you feel comfortable. The AGM is still 5 months away, but at that time there will be vacancies and gaps to fill. Please consider how you might contribute both now and as part of a new team after the AGM. Take the opportunity to have a chat to one of your committee members.

Once again, our **Life Drawing/Portraiture** package will be available from February to June, allowing you to pay in advance for multiple sessions, providing the \$15 fee per session for only \$10. To register please contact your Vice President Wren Crow at wren.crow@gmail.com

In December SGAS was a partner in a joint venture with Hurstville Art Gallery and Museum, facilitated by our talented member Rod Byatt who participated in the Life Drawing event.

Our Guest Artist for February will be **Noel Carrigg**, who is the President of the Southern Cross Art Group and has been a very popular stand - in tutor for our Watercolour class.

Our first event for 2024 will be **Critique** on Thursday 1st February, 6:30 p.m. at Ramsgate RSL. Please bring along one or two unframed artworks to be expertly critiqued by Noel.

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FEBRUARY

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Thursday	1	6:30 pm	CRITIQUE	Noel Carrigg	RAMSGATE RSL
Sunday	4	9:00am	PLEIN AIR	Don Kibble	TBA
Tuesday	6	2:00 pm	SKETCHABILITY	Don Kibble	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Thursday	8	6:30 pm	LIFE DRAWING	Wren Crow	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Tuesday	13	2:00 pm	ARTABILITY	Angela Iliadis	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Thursday	15	6:30 pm	DEMONSTRATION	Noel Carrigg	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Tuesday	20	2:00 pm	ARTABILITY	Angela Iliadis	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Thursday	22	10:00 am	LIFE-DRAWING (A.M.)	Wren Crow	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Thursday	22	6:30 pm	WATERCOLOUR CLASS	Virginia Villa	RAMSGATE RSL
Tuesday	27	2:00 pm	SKETCHABILITY	Don Kibble	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS

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Critique Thursday February 1st ... Noel Carrigg



I was born in Annandale and after completing my high schooling in 1960, I studied Commercial Art at East Sydney Technical College and then the Art Institute, Melbourne. My desire to become a fulltime artist was interrupted by a 34 year stint in the NSW Police Force.

I was attracted to watercolours as a preferred medium because of its atmospheric qualities and unpredictability, and to acrylic because it could be used like watercolour or oils.

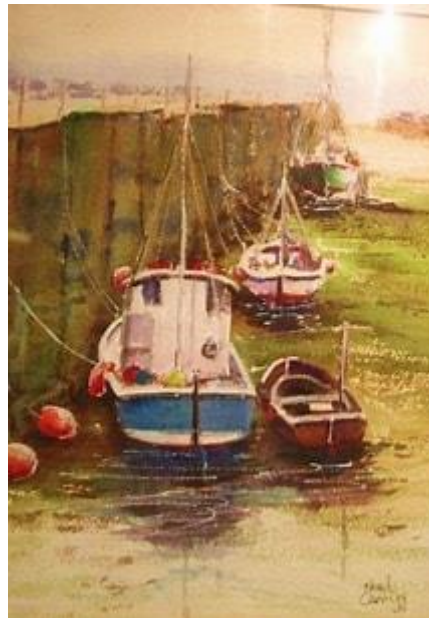
I have also demonstrated and tutored at workshops held by art societies in Mortdale, Bankstown, and Sutherland areas.

Since 2001, I have been an active member of several art societies including Southern Cross, Oatley 101 and Sutherland Shire. I have held various positions in these societies and was President of Sutherland Shire and, while at Southern Cross and at various times, I have held all positions on the committee until my appointment as President in August 2020 and continuing today.

More recently I have demonstrated at the St George Art Society and tutored the watercolour class.



I'm part of the Kurnell Art Gallery cooperative where I exhibit my paintings.



Demonstration –Thursday 15th February... Noel Carrigg



SGAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday, December 14th

Zen Restaurant, Ramsgate RSL

“Ending 2023, a very successful and creative year for our art society, both familiar long-time members and a few newer faces, joined together in December to celebrate. Good food, lots of laughs and a few fun games made for a fantastic celebration of our wonderful art society. Many thanks to Jan, as always, for organising our fun events.”



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