



President Jim West

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – MAY 2024

Dear SGAS Members

As I mentioned in my email, we have an excellent opportunity to open our Exhibition at Tempe House for two additional weekends. The first stage of the exhibition will be the advertised dates of 11th to the 19th May, with our Bump-In on Friday 10th May from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00.

The Co-Operative Board of Tempe House has given approval for us to open up our exhibition for the following two weekends, the 25th, 26th May and the 1st, 2nd June. This will mean that any unsold paintings will stay stored securely during the week and open for viewing on the weekends. It also means that our Bump-Out will be on Sunday 2nd June from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

To open for this amount of time means that we will need your help setting up, being rostered on to the sales desk, and taking everything down. Wren Craw is organising the roster so please contact Wren for a roster time which suits you. All exhibiting artists will be required to be on desk duty during the course of the exhibition.

LIFE DRAWING AND PORTRAITURE

Now that we are moving into the cooler months, evening Life Drawing will be replaced by Portraiture for May and the following winter months. This is timely as it fits in nicely with our guest artist for May, fellow SGAS member, Rod Byatt. For his Demonstration, Rod will paint a portrait in acrylics on a small canvas panel from a photograph of a regular SGAS life model.

MAY ACTIVITIES

DAY	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	GUEST ARTIST / CO-ORDINATOR	VENUE
Thursday	2	6:30 p.m.	CRITIQUE	Rod Byatt	RAMSGATE RSL
Sunday	5	9:00 a.m.	PLEIN AIR	Don Kibble	KOGARAH BAY
Tuesday	7	2:00 p.m.	SKETCHABILITY	Don Kibble	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Thursday	9	6:30 p.m.	PORTRAITURE	Wren Craw	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Friday	10	10:00 -- 12:00	TEMPE HOUSE EXHIBITION – BUMP IN	Jim West	TEMPE HOUSE
Saturday-Sunday	11-19	10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	TEMPE HOUSE EXHIBITION	Jim West	TEMPE HOUSE
Tuesday	14	2:00 p.m.	ARTABILITY	Angela Iliadis	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Thursday	16	6:30 p.m.	DEMONSTRATION	Rod Byatt	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Tuesday	21	2:00 p.m.	ARTABILITY	Angela Iliadis	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Thursday	23	10:00 a.m.	LIFE DRAWING (A.M.)	Wren Craw	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Thursday	23	6:30 p.m.	WATERCOLOUR CLASS	Virginia Villa	RAMSGATE RSL
Saturday, Sunday	25/26	10:00 a.m. – 5:00 .m.	TEMPE HOUSE EXHIBITION	Jim West	TEMPE HOUSE
Tuesday	28	2:00 p.m.	SKETCHABILITY	Don Kibble	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS

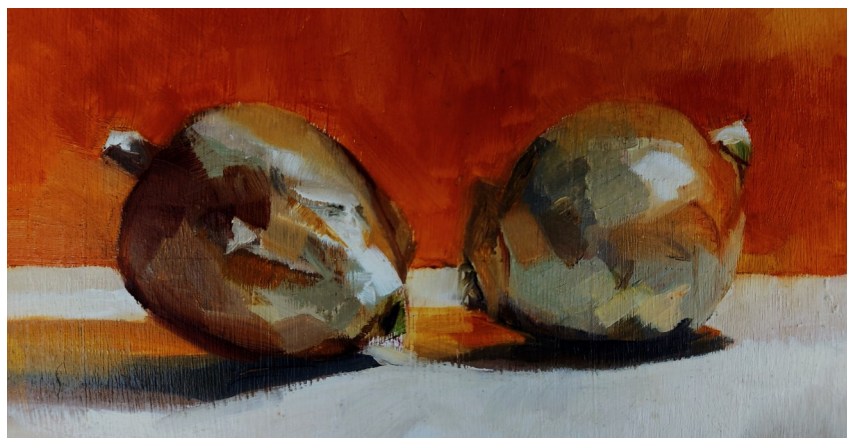
Critique Thursday May 2nd... Rod Byatt

Rod Byatt – May 2024

Rod paints and draws out of his Kings Cross studio, exhibiting regularly at TAP Gallery, Darlinghurst. He studied art history at Sydney University and practical art-making at St George Art School, Kogarah. Rod works in realistic, semi-abstract and abstract styles, across a range of media from drawing through to painting in acrylics, oils, watercolour and gouache. He has a background in urban sketching here and overseas, natural history illustration and specialises in the figure and portrait.

Demonstration –Thursday 16th May... Rod Byatt

At his demonstration session, Rod will paint a portrait in acrylics on a small canvas panel from a photograph of a regular SGAS life model. His talk is aimed especially at those new to painting and those transitioning from sketching to painting. He will speak about maximising the use of reference photos.



“What’s on” at D.K.K Gallery Studio.

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Dates: Friday 26th April & Thursday 9th & 23rd May
(Allow 2.5hrs each session) 10.30am - 1pm

Cost: \$35/session/person

Catered for all artistic levels NDIS invoicing Available

Refreshments and materials provided.

Facilitated by Melissa Martin, Art Therapy & Holistic Creative Art Therapy, Mindfulness Practitioner.

RSVP: Booking & Payment

Contact Melissa: 0419 442 850 Email: melsartofzen@gmail.com

“ArtReach’24” Exhibition at Historic Tempe House

Official Opening Sat. 11th May, 3pm

Sat. 11th to Sun. 19th May

Open daily from 10am to 5pm

**Also the following 2 weekends 25th, 26th May
and 1st, 2nd June Open 10am to 5pm**

1 Princes Highway, Wollie Creek

Contact Jim for more details: st.george.art.society@gmail.com or 0458 156 072

Regular Activities 2024

PLEIN AIR with DON KIBBLE

SUNDAY MAY 5th ... 9am onwards

Plein Air Painting Group meet at
KOGARAH BAY

Sketch-Ability with Don Kibble

Tuesdays... MAY 7th, 28th

ArtAbility with Angela Iliadis

Tuesdays... MAY 14th, 21st

LIFE DRAWING/PORTRAITURE - Wren Crow

Thursday evening *** 9th MAY 6:30pm start Thursday morning *** 23rd MAY 10am-12pm

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

WATERCOLOUR CLASS - Virginia Villa

Thursday 28th March 6:30 – 8:30p.m. @ **Ramsgate RSL**

Cost: SGAS Members \$15

Non-members - \$20

Bring your own materials

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Our Inaugural Coffee Morning Tea

“Our inaugural Coffee Morning was a great success. Long time members and newer members took the opportunity to share thoughts, ideas, and just get to know one another on a beautiful Autumn morning in Sans Souci.”



April Critique and Demo



“Our guest artist for April was Peter Griffin. What a talented artist. At Peter’s critique night he awarded winner to Marlene Weaver and awarded Ros Psakis awarded Highly commended. Once again the extremely high standard of our members artworks made Peter’s job extremely difficult. At our demonstration evening, Peter, who describes himself as “decorative with abstraction “ captivated his audience with his unique style, love of colour and eccentric personality. What a fantastic evening.”



Marlene Weaver, Peter Griffin and Ros Psakis