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From the PRESIDENT'S desk

I'm back... From our adventures in Egypt and Jordon. An Incredible 21 days of cruising the Nile, reminiscing of Cleopatra, Hot Air balloons over the Valley of Kings, riding a camel in Wadi Rum like Lawrence of Arabia. Truly an amazing adventure. Egypt's temples and tombs had incredible hieroglyphics, which show how hieroglyphics and art are deeply interconnected in their carvings and drawings. Representing animals, plants, and human limbs with precise details, all this thousands of years BC.

And they are still with us. I would recommend this trip to anyone interested in ancient Egypt and biblical Jordon.

Our Annual Art Awards Exhibition is coming up soon. Including our very special Combined Art Society (CASS) Award. A generous offer, and our Society has decided to make it an OPEN section: any medium, any year it was painted, any size, can have won an Award BUT not a BEST IN SHOW or similar. Just to keep it open for everyone.

This year, we will be checking the presentation of artworks, no dirty or damaged frames; backs need to be clean, with the correct stringing and hooks. Please check out our framing tutorial. Works will not be hung if they are not compliant.

Talking about CASS, their 35th Art of Sydney Awards Exhibition is at the Garden Gallery in the Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney. 21st January to the 31st. All members are invited to exhibit. We hope you will.



VALE; FREDA SURGENOR

With great sadness, the news that Freda Surgenor has passed away after a long illness of dementia and cancer. Her service will be held at Woronora Memorial Park, 121 Linden Street Sutherland on Monday 9th November at 1.30pm. Freda was a wonderful artist, her vibrant colours glowed with life and light. A true loss to the art world. It was an honor to know her. Condolences to her family.

NOVEMBER 2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TUESDAY	3RD NOVEMBER	SKETCHABILITY	KOGARAH	2PM	DON & JILLIAN
THURSDAY	**5TH NOVEMBER**	**BUMP IN**	**KOGARAH**	**4PM-6PM**	**JAN SCHUSTER-CALLUS**
FRIDAY	**6TH NOVEMBER**	**AAS OPENING**	**KOGARAH**	**6.30PM**	**JAN SCHUSTER-CALLUS**
SATURDAY	**7TH NOVEMBER**	**EXHIBITION**	**KOGARAH**	**10AM-4PM**	**JAN SCHUSTER-CALLUS**
SUNDAY	**8TH NOVEMBER**	**EXHIBITION**	**KOGARAH**	**10AM-4PM**	**JAN SCHUSTER-CALLUS**
SUNDAY	**8TH NOVEMBER**	**BUMP OUT**	**KOGARAH**	**4PM**	**JAN SCHUSTER-CALLUS**
TUESDAY	10TH NOVEMBER	ARTABILITY	KOGARAH	2PM	ANGELA ILIADIS
THURSDAY	12TH NOVEMBER	PORTRAITURE	KOGARAH	6.30PM	JILLIAN JESSEN
TUESDAY	17TH NOVEMBER	ARTABILITY	KOGARAH	2PM	ANGELA ILIADIS
THURSDAY	19TH NOVEMBER	DEMO	KOGARAH	6.30	TONY BELOBRAJIC
TUESDAY	24TH NOVEMBER	SKETCHABILITY	KOGARAH	2PM	DON & JILLIAN
THURSDAY	26TH NOVEMBER	LIFE DRAWING	KOGARAH	10AM	JAN SCHUSTER-CALLUS
THURSDAY	26TH NOVEMBER	WATERCOLOUR	RAMSGATE	6PM	TRISH MACLACHAN
DECEMBER					
THURSDAY	**3RD DECEMBER**	**XMAS PARTY**	**RAMSGATE**	**6PM**	**WREN CRAW**















Artability was fun and those attending selected various subjects to work on. "The Challenge" Tree and Boat sketches were two of the subjects plus a lovely flower arrangement in watercolour pencils and a fine white sketch on black paper of still life items and an abstract by one of the group who loves her abstracts. All are works in progress as the photos show, but unfortunately the fine white sketch artist left before her work could be photographed. Happy day.



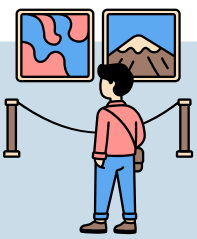
Artwork of the month
Joanna Moschella

The challenge of the month Karen Scott





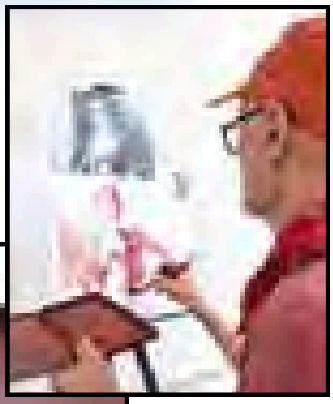
THE TRAVELLING ARTIST



We invite you to share your travel sketches and their stories and we hope to include some of these in future monthly Paint 'n Palette newsletters. Please include a short explanation of the location, when you visited, what this work meant to you, how you executed this work- e.g. in situ/or later, materials used. We look forward to your contributions.
Please send articles to Email: st.george.art.society@gmail.com

November Showcase & Reflection by

By Tony Belobrajdic



Missing Tony Belobrajdic's workshop, you really missed an opportunity to get back to basics. Tony will be our guest artist for November using tonal sanguine and graphic water-based products. It really is a classic expressive drawing technique. Tony demonstrates the need to have the darks to celebrate the lights. He uses tonal work finding the softness and warmth to an artwork, sanquine in a portrait feels like it's a natural tool.



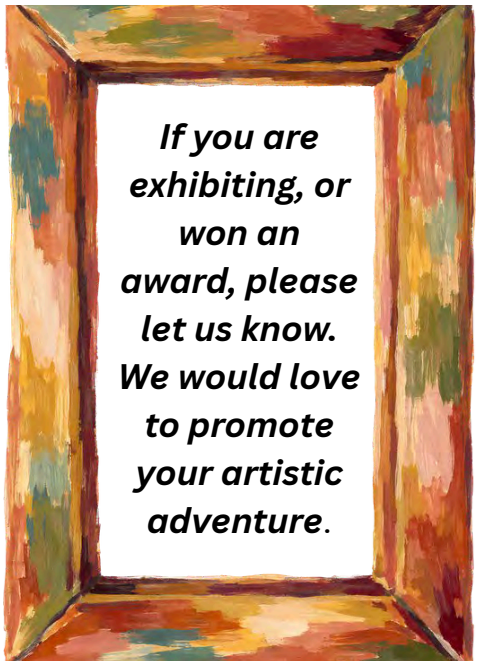


SGAS Annual Art Show 2026

Kogarah School of Arts

Bump In - 5th November 4pm - 6pm
Exhibition Opening/Presentation Night 6th November
Doors open 6.30pm, Award Presentation 7.30pm
Exhibition opening to public Sat 7th, Sun 8th 10am-4pm
Bump Out Sun 8th 4pm-6pm





Wednesday Morning Art Class



By Angela Iliadis

St George Creative Art and Craft Centre (Old Pole Depot).
The class runs for 10 weeks per the NSW school terms dates.

23 St Georges Road Penshurst NSW 2222.
All inquiries should be made to me directly and not to the centre.
Contact: angela_iliadis@hotmail.com

Portraiture

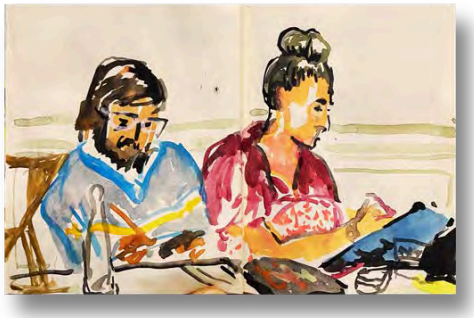














Portraiture as usual was held on the second Thursday of October and the model was Wayne Tooke who certainly challenged us all. Those members who took advantage of the event produced very interesting work as displayed in the attached images.. We had a really good roll up with two new members trying their hand. One of those who attended was a member's husband who painted an abstract which was unusual but interesting.
For the month of November, we have Liliana Marinucci as the model. Liliana will be a great subject so if you would like to join us you will be most welcome.

WATERCOLOUR









Rod Byatt returned to the watercolour class on Thursday at Ramsgate for a one off class. Rod's lesson was all about painting the Australian bush. The subject was The Needles a popular spot in the Sutherland Shire. Lots of talk about preparing tones and particularly greens. We achieved some great results. Thanks Rod for filling in for Trish who will be back next month.

Sketchability















Really good results were achieved drawing feathers, birds and still life. Everyone really enjoyed these hard subjects.

The October group did some great work although very varied, with a bit of portraiture, figures and still life. We gained a new member as well who joined us at Portraiture on Thursday evening, how good is that.



LAST MONTH'S DEMONSTRATION







Our Demonstrator was award-winning Printmaker Andrew Totman. Tony engaged us in his international artistic journey starting in Wichita State University in Kansas, University of San Diego and Charles Sturt University. Teaching in Alaska and various Australian art institutions, winner of too many awards to mention. Andrew was certainly an entertaining and informative demonstrator.





We were given a demo on the printmaking process with a discussion on methods. We had a good turnout and a with our new catering ladies, a lovely supper.



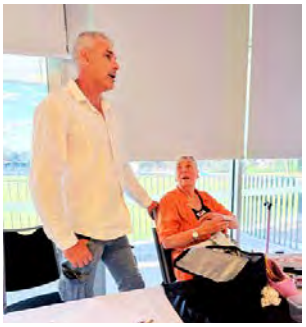






Life Drawing this month had an amazing model with classic posing. Our group had delivered some of the best drawings, each with their own style. With some light music playing and morning tea it was another successful morning.

Mental Health Month

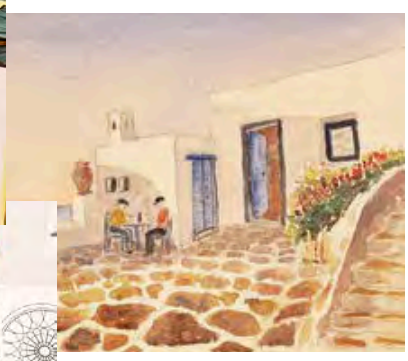












Jan Schuster-Callus introduced St George Art Society for our Mental Health Month Presentation at the Hurstville Oval and Blackshaw Gould Community Pavilion, Wednesday 28th Oct.
Jillian, Peter, and Mirna demonstrated our classes, and Eleni Karathanasi gave a talk about Mental Health and Art.

Gallery – Studio

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Multi award winning artist and tutor
Denise Kassis

Upcoming art and craft for therapy group workshops - Decorative Venetian Masks
Date: To be advised



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