



# Somerset Art Society Inc

Supporting the arts and artists in the Somerset Region SE Qld

## Newsletter July 2022

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### President's Ponderings

GUDAY SASI,

A happy July to you all... it has been a whirlwind for us this past month! We've had so much vibrant activity and exciting events that I've been feeling the sense of our artist community coming together.

Welcoming to the Glen Rock Gallery we have Artists Around Esk!! This started on 3rd June and will run till 6th July.. so be sure to go and support your local artists!!

The start of June saw the beginning of Somerset Celebrates Art. If you haven't been following along, this has been a time for the Somerset Artists and groups to shine bright with their workshops, events and exhibitions and mingle with all those interested in creating! We've had a bunch of fun and I hope that you have enjoyed any activities you have been a part of or attended. It's always wonderful to see the amount of variation we have in the artistic abilities within the Somerset Region.

A chance to try new things, I had the pleasure of attending the Weaving Circle at The Condensery with thanks to Sue who passed on her ticket... Not something I would usually think of attending but afterwards I was CHANGED... I couldn't get enough of exploring basket weaving. I have made two little baskets already and plan to make more.. It's funny when you try something you have never done and find out that you completely love it.. I hope this month has allowed you to try or explore something that you've never done before and if not there is still plenty of time to try something new and find out...

We had a whole day at Mount Beppo for "At Home with Mt Beppo Artists"... What a day.. We were all so chuffed and pleasantly surprised at how many people turned up and joined in the fun. A heartfelt thank you to all of you for putting in such hard work and dedication towards the event and our wonderful sanctuary by offering your talents. We have pictures and an article in the newsletter for you to see all the fun we got up too!

I can only speak on the events I attended and facilitated so I apologise that I don't have insight into all the events but I trust they were all magnificent so please do send in your photos and write an article if you haven't already!

I gratefully received a grant from Post Office Australia to run a couple of youth workshops through SASI... so I got to facilitate a "Storytelling Through Movement and Performance Workshop" for the young adults of the area. IT WAS AWESOME! I felt so blessed to be able to share and perform and experiment in the workshop with these young adults that we're very keen to become performers. I've written an article on this later on...

We also attended the Esk Garden Show with a SASI Stall and what an awesome show it was!! SO much colour and dress up..., fairies, magic gardens, crochet trees... the place was transformed.

Anyway... that's all from me

Stay tuned for next time and keep creating from your heart

Many blessings

Ze Sherpa



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS: What's on and What's coming up

## Happening This Month

### Glen Rock Gallery

Fernvale Artists Exhibit

Showing 8th July to 6th August

### The Condensery, Somerset Regional Art Gallery

From the 9th of July until 4th of September

### SASI Committee Meeting

Saturday 16th July, 10-12am, 8 Russel St, Esk

### Open Door Gallery, Lowood

Thursdays 9:30 - 12:30pm and Sat/Sun 9:30 - 2:00pm

## On the Horizon

### SASI AGM

Saturday 13th August, 10-12am, ESK Civic Centre

INTERESTED IN JOINING SASI?  
NEW AND CONTINUEING MEMBERS:  
PLEASE COMPLETE THE [JOIN SASI](#)  
FORM ON THE WEBSITE

[Join SASI](#)

COST: \$20

[Link to membership page](#)

# ARTISTS GROUPS INFO & CALENDAR EVENTS

## Fernvale Happenings

The Fernvale Artists, to their great delight, can go back to meeting on Thursdays. Same time, 9.30am to 12.30pm, same place, Fernvale Community Hall.

In June they held their tenth annual exhibition at the Lowood Lions Open Door Gallery, with most members contributing three paintings each and a small 'official opening' on Saturday 11th. Their next exhibition will be at the Glen Rock Gallery in July.

## Fernvale Artists Group Info

The Fernvale Artists meet on Wednesday mornings from 9.30am until 12.30pm at the Fernvale Community Hall in Banks Creek Road, Fernvale, or at the Lowood Open Door Gallery, to paint and to share their love of art.

All are members of SASI. Anyone in the local area is absolutely welcome to join them, or just to visit.

Contact: Sue White on 0407 072 926.

## Mount Beppo Artists Group Info

The Mount Beppo Artists meet on Wednesday mornings from 9am until 1pm at Mount Beppo Community Hall,

Address: 916 Mount Beppo Rd, Mount Beppo QLD.

The artists use a range of mediums and share their knowledge and skills in a supportive environment. New members warmly welcomed. Contact: Gwen 0437 197 381

## SASI Photography Group Info

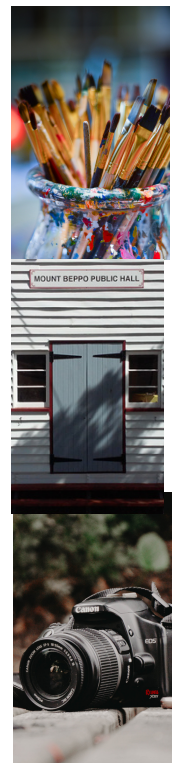
The photography group have a fun time learning to take better photographs. New members are very welcome. Activities, including outings and talks, are advertised through the SASI newsletter. Due to Covid issues and travel plans by Phil, Photo workshops will be on hold until July.

Workshops planned for the latter half of the year include:

1. Managing a photo workflow on your computer, including getting photos onto your computer, software for editing, backing up your photos and more
2. Landscape Photography - the how, what, where, when and why of getting great landscape images and
3. A couple of outings if we have enough interest.

As always, if anyone has a request for a particular topic, please email me and let me know.

For further information please see the SASI Photography Group page <https://www.sasiart.com.au/sasi-photography-group> or email Phil Lister [plphotographix@gmail.com](mailto:plphotographix@gmail.com)



# Glen Rock Gallery- Up and Coming

ESK VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE 82 IPSWICH STREET, ESK, QLD 4312  
TUES-FRI 9-4 WEEKENDS: 10-2 CLOSED: MONDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

## What's Up at Glen Rock

### Fernvale Artists

FRI 8TH JULY - WED 6TH AUG

### Meet The Artists at Glen Rock Gallery

FRI 8TH JULY AT 09:00

## What's Coming to Glen Rock

### Fri 5 Aug - Wed 31 Aug Mt Beppo Artists

Artwork Delivery:

9am Thurs 4 Aug 2022

Artwork Collection:

9am Thurs 30 Aug 2022

Contact:

[glenrockgallery@sasiart.com.au](mailto:glenrockgallery@sasiart.com.au)

### Fri 2 Sept - Wed 5 Oct Artists of Crows Nest

Artwork Delivery:

9am Thurs 1 Sept 2022

Artwork Collection:

9am Thurs 6 Oct 2022

Contact:

[glenrockgallery@sasiart.com.au](mailto:glenrockgallery@sasiart.com.au)

### Curator Teams

Jan Godfrey & Sue Howard

Ron Orr & Sue White

Note: the Gallery is closed on Artwork  
Delivery and Collection days

## Fernvale Artists

FRIDAY 8TH JULY - WEDNESDAY 6TH AUG

The Fernvale Artists, who have recently held their tenth annual exhibition, meet weekly at the Fernvale Community Hall to paint together and share their love of art. Painting with friends is encouraging and broadening, and members enjoy each other's work as much as their own.

The current exhibition at Glen Rock Gallery features work by seventeen of the Fernvale Artists. Although mostly traditional, subjects and mediums vary, from reptiles and animals to memories of Germany, from delicate pencil work to beautiful landscapes, each doing his or her best to illustrate the wonderful world in which we live.

Visitors and new members are always welcome on Thursday mornings from 9.30am until 12.30pm at the Fernvale Community Hall, Banks Creek Road, Fernvale. For any enquiries, please phone Sue White 0407 072 926.



View the full exhibition at Glen Rock Gallery, Esk Visitor Information Centre 82 Ipswich Street, Esk, QLD 4312 Tues-Fri 9-4 Weekends: 10-2

Can't make it to the gallery?

To view a small selection of the exhibited works visit the Glen Rock Gallery website page <https://www.sasiart.com.au/glen-rock-gallery>.

# SASI Workshops & Events

## Botanical Workshop by Cassandra Hodgins

### Workshops On the Drawing Board:

Contact:  
SASI Workshop  
Coordinator  
workshop@sasiart.c  
om.au

Contact SASI to  
recommend a  
Workshop with a  
particular tutor  
and/or in a specific  
media

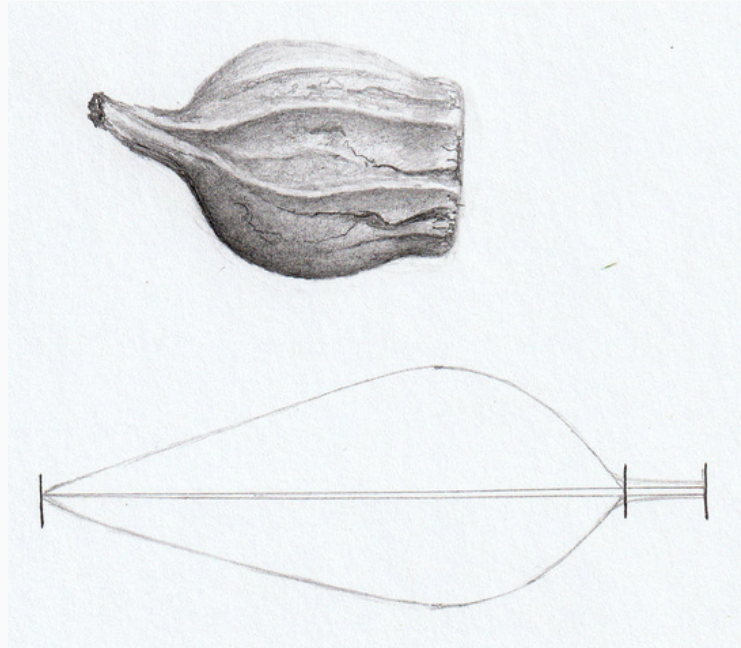
Artists are most  
welcome to apply  
to present a  
workshop

On Sunday 5 June the Intro to Botanical Illustration workshop was held at the Open Door Gallery in Lowood as part of the Somerset Celebrates Art month.

In a short 3 hours participants got to experience a small taste of the precision and accuracy required to draw in the traditional style of Botanical Art.

We started with basic leaf drawing, then moved on to a simple flower and a gum nut, adding tone at the end to create form.

Everyone did wonderful work, a great way to spend an afternoon.



# Photography Workshops 2022

I hope you all enjoyed reading the last two articles on lenses. I am now in the process of setting up a few photography workshops. I am always open to suggestions or topics to cover, so if anyone would like to learn about anything specific, let me know and I'll try and organise something.

Note: Please email me directly at [plphotographix@gmail.com](mailto:plphotographix@gmail.com) to indicate your interest. Dates will be determined if enough people are keen to attend.

## **Understanding Flash**

Using flash on cameras can put fear into most photographers, mainly from previous experiences of the dreaded red-eye, blown out highlights and many other things! However, by understanding a few basic things about them they can be a very useful tool in creating great portraits. The workshop will look into the use of speedlights, the small flash units for cameras. It will cover topics such as when and when not to use flash, balancing flash and daylight, fill flash, bounce flash, off camera flash and the use of some light modifiers.

## **Digital workflows**

A workshop on what to do once you have taken photographs. This session will cover importing photo files into a computer, where to put your photos on the computer and backing up images. The workshop will include a look at Adobe Lightroom Classic software and how it can be used to manage photos on your computer.

This workshop is limited to 3 participants.

## **Beginners Guide to Printing Photos**

Printing photos should be the aim of every photographer. There are all sorts of printers out there from cheap machines that produce letters and scan documents to high end professional dedicated photo printers costing thousands of dollars. This workshop is designed for those who want to produce prints that replicate as close as possible what is seen on the computer screen. It will include monitor calibration, what ICC profiles are and why they are important, the diversity of photographic papers and how to select them for your particular photograph, soft proofing and more. Participants will have the opportunity to print one of their own images. To cover the cost of consumables, this workshop will require a fee of \$10 per participant.

This workshop is limited to 3 participants.

# Somerset Celebrates Art in Esk

## Esk Garden Fair

The garden fair attracted over 4000 people on a perfect bright winter's day. The sun was shining and all was brilliant. SASI had a very successful day on their double stall that was bursting with a great variety of quality work which sold well. Thank you to all of the SASI members and husbands who set up and manned the stall. It was a very enjoyable day.



Valley of the Lakes Garden and Lifestyle Fair (held in Esk) is known to have the best variety of garden art of the south east Queensland garden fairs. There were other wonderful stalls to intrigue and inspire garden artists. Art and gardens go well together.



# Somerset Celebrates Art in Esk

## Pen and Watercolour Workshop

Jan Lawnikanis, a very experienced tutor and wonderful artist, guided us through techniques to rapidly sketch and colour scenes from photographs and life so that we can record scenes and events of our lives. Jan made us aware of the endless possibilities using the techniques that we learnt for illustration and other purposes.

One important lesson was to never abandon prior or unfinished watercolours. Using various pens and imagination, drawn additions can bring new life to the work. Jan's workshops always inspire and further develop our skills.





# Somerset Celebrates Art in Esk

## Storytelling Through Movement and Performance

Hey this is Ze, your president. So I knew that the Somerset Celebrates Art was wanting youth workshops in particular as they weren't as represented in our region... I racked my brain and considered what the youth of Somerset may want. After talking to some young people I found that performance was a keen interest and after going to see the Little Mermaid performance by the state high school I could see why. Luckily I have plenty of performing experience and was more than happy to assist in a workshop. The workshop ran on 18th June (same day as the Esk Garden Show) just outside of the civic centre. We had some wonderfully creative and adventurous characters come to play!

Nelle, our wonderful treasurer came along to play as well and support the group. We explored different types of performances, moving like animals and creating our own narratives and stories with each other. It was a fun packed few hours and thanks to the Post Office grant we recently received, I will be able to host the workshop in Toogoolawah as well. Who knows, it may be the start of many... thank you to everyone who has helped spread the message and supported the workshop. Here's to the start of new things!

P.s. we found these amazing bugs while we were there!!! See if you can guess their name



# Mount Beppo "At Home"

The Mt Beppo Art Group had an "At Home" day at the historic Mt Beppo Hall on Sunday 12 June as part of the Somerset Celebrates Art activities. It was great to see the number of visitors who came along to enjoy the fun.

People tried a number of the activities available. Betty Williams demonstrated acrylic painting. Jan Godfrey led people through the steps of making fashion jewellery and Sue Wellingham did likewise with basketry with woven raffia thread. Mike Donnarumma demonstrated slide drawing with pastel and graphite. Sue Howard showed people how to paint wet-on-wet watercolour and had a number of people keenly engaged. Shirley Gregor showed how even novice watercolour painters could produce original greeting cards. Visitors went away rightly proud of their efforts.

The lunch time concert at midday featured Mike Donnarumma reciting some of his original and amusing poems, I Don't Want to be Nice, 10% Off and I Married a Monster from Outer Space. Our SASI President Ze Sherpa gave a fine performance that included some of her original songs, Bury My Hands, Up Below and Darker Heart, accompanied by piano and guitar.

Visitors were well catered for with morning teas including scones and pikelets by Daphne Johnston and lunch from Jan Godfrey and others.

Thanks are due to our members who did the preparation and setup for the day, particularly to Nelle Smith for her organizing and promotional efforts.



# At The Condensery

SOMERSET REGIONAL ART GALLERY 29 FACTORY ROAD TOOGLOOLAWAH QLD  
MON-FRI 9-5 WEEKENDS: 10-4 CLOSED: GOOD FRIDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY AND NEW YEARS DAY

## THE APPLE AND THE KNIFE | MERTON CHAMBERS

The Apple and the Knife brings together work by award winning artist Merton Chambers produced over the past 40 years. This late career survey exhibition focusses on recent oil pastel works by the Canadian-born, Toogoolawah based artist, which showcase his unique graphic style and vivid use of colour, a response to the luminosity of the light of his adopted home and the environmental concerns that have guided his approach to art over the past four decades.

Merton's work is held in major collections including the Government of Canada, the Art Institute of Ontario, the Ontario Board of Education, Canadian Museum for Contemporary Fine Crafts and Queensland Art Gallery | Gallery of Modern Art as well as numerous private and corporate collections.

Merton Chambers was founding director of Noosa Regional Gallery, moving later to the Somerset region in 2003.

## DE-COMPOSE | DONNA DAVIS

DE-compose is a single channel video work that explores some of the hidden ecological players, such as termites, microbes and fungi, that perform an intrinsic role in the health of our planet.

The work was created using microscopic imagery of twelve termite genus from the 'Wood, Termite, Fungi Project', together with imagined microbe imagery projected over flora to create a vibrant and beautiful kaleidoscope of decay.

## Showing

Date: 9th July 2022 - 4th September 2022 Every day

Location: The Condensery - Somerset Regional Art Gallery 29 Factory Road

Toogoolawah QLD 4313

Cost: Free

Time: 10:00 - 16:00

**Condensery Gallery Manager Contact: Rachael Arndt**  
[mail@somerset.qld.gov.au](mailto:mail@somerset.qld.gov.au)

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FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY  
ALTERNATE MONTH

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MANAGES WORKSHOPS FROM ARTIST  
FIRST CONTACT TO OUTCOME REPORT

Workshop Coordinator: <Position Open> if you're interested please  
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STALL SITE TO PACKUP

Stalls Coordinator: Sue Howard 0499700208 or [sihoward@bigpond.com](mailto:sihoward@bigpond.com)  
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# SASI Members Page

Dedicated to members, for members, from members.

## Recommended by Members



## Ipswich Art Society

### Saturday Morning Casual Painting

SECOND SATURDAY of each MONTH 9.00AM TO 1.00PM

The Old Court House (Ginn street rear entrance) cnr East and Roderick Streets , Ipswich.

Come along to our Untutored Art Group held at the Old Ipswich Courthouse to enjoy some quality time and share ideas and interact with other artists.

Cost: \$5.00 for Members and \$10 for non members with 'join on arrival' facility.  
Coffee/tea is provided , bring your lunch.

## Riot Art and Craft Stores are now stocking quality artist supplies

<https://riotstores.com.au>

A selection of  
**Mont Marte Artist Supplies**  
are available at  
**Toogoolawah**  
**Home Timber and Hardware**  
Contact Donna Phone: 5423 1222  
**Cressbrook News and Stationery**  
Contact Mark or Pauline Phone: 54231396



### Photography/Art Suppliers

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## We want you to join us!

Would you like to spend a fun morning in the presence of beautiful local art?

The Open Door Gallery at Lowood is run by a wonderful team of volunteers and we would like you to be part of our team.

Open Saturdays and Sundays  
9.30 am to 2.00 pm

For more details please call  
Sue White on 0407 072 926