



Somerset Art Society Inc

Supporting the arts and artists in the Somerset Region SE Qld

Newsletter April 2023

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President's Ponderings

from Shirley Gregor

Hello Everyone,

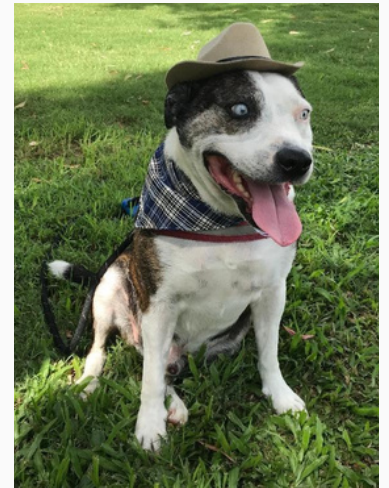
I was away for much of March so I did not get to many art-related events in Somerset. However, you will see that much has been going on and much is in planning. It was great to get back to this area and see everything nice and green and the lovely countryside again. It was just still very hot when we got back.



We had a committee meeting last Friday and a few items are worth noting. We will be having two stalls again at the Esk Garden and Lifestyle Fair on 17 June. This event is a great experience and draws large number of visitors to the region. This year we will have a focus on "garden art", meaning work such as garden ornaments. We will send out for expressions-of-interest in exhibiting towards the end of April, so as to get more information on how to organize exhibits. We also have the Esk Show on 26-27 May and members are encouraged to start thinking about what they might enter in the Visual Arts section. More information about coming events is on page 3.

Apart from these items I don't have a great deal to report. I did visit the National Gallery of Australia while in Canberra, but many of the galleries were closed for some reason.

Also this month I visited the first "Dogfest" in Brisbane on the recommendation of a SASI member who volunteers for the Queensland Staffy Rescue organization, which organizes fostering and adoption of Staffordshire Bull Terriers, American Staffordshire Terriers and their crosses in need of help. This is a very worthy cause – see <https://www.qldstaffyandamstaffrescue.org.au/>.



I took photos of two of the many dogs at the Dogfest – "Blue" a staffy/husky cross and "Lola" a Shih Tsu. They had very natty outfits purchased from a stall there. Perhaps some of our Stickers might be interested.

All the best

Shirley

Join SASI Groups

Click on the LOGO to visit the SASI Website



Join SASI - <https://www.sasiart.com.au/memberships>

SASI Members participate in supporting the arts and artists in SE Qld. They enjoy free exhibition curation at Glen Rock Gallery Esk, discounted or free workshops and no cost participation in SASI Members Market Stalls.

SASI Contacts : <https://www.sasiart.com.au/contact>

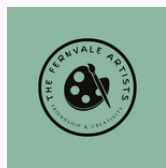
For more info Click the photo to visit SASI website Groups page



Join the Mount Beppo Artists - Contact: Gwen 0437 197 381

Meeting on Wednesday mornings from 9am until 1pm at Mount Beppo Community Hall, 916 Mount Beppo Rd, Mount Beppo QLD. New members warmly welcomed.

Click on the LOGO to visit The Fernvale Artists Facebook page



Join the Fernvale Artists - Contact Sue White 0407 072 926

The Fernvale Artists meet on Thursdays 9.30am - 12.30pm at the Fernvale Community Hall in Banks Creek Road, Fernvale, or at the Lowood Open Door Gallery. Anyone in the local area is welcome to join them, or just to visit.

For more info Click on the Camera to visit SASI Photography Group page



Join SASI Photography Group
Contact Phil Lister Email plphotographix@gmail.com

The photography group have fun learning to take better photographs. New members are very welcome. Activities, including outings workshops and talks, are advertised through the SASI newsletter.

Join Somerset Regional Council Volunteers



Join the Esk Visitor Information Centre Tourism Volunteers
Contact Carole Labram mail@somerset.qld.gov.au

To Apply visit [Volunteer | Experience Somerset](#)

To Apply Visit <https://thecondensery.com.au/about/get-involved/>



Become a Gallery Ambassador at The Condensery
Contact Rachael Arndt mail@somerset.qld.gov.au

Supporting the arts and regional tourism

Join a Somerset Group

<https://www.somerset.qld.gov.au/somerset-arts-culture-directory>

Somerset Arts and Culture Directory

A Somerset Regional Council Initiative supporting the arts and regional tourism



Esk Glen Rock Stitchers Lynne Robson Ph 07 5424 1382

The Glen Rock Stitchers meet every Thursday in air-conditioned comfort at the Anglican Hall, Ipswich Street, Esk. They sew and share ideas and knowledge amongst friends with this common interest.



Calendar of Events

What's on and What's coming up

Happening This Month

The Condensery - Things I want to Say

Saturday 1st April, Zenus Moonbeam leads a workshop at the condensery see the flier attached for more information!
Bookings @ <https://thecondensery.com.au/programs/>

Landscape Photography Workshop

4th April, 4pm to Sunset
Bookings Contact Phil @ plphotographix@gmail.com

Glen Rock Gallery Two Years My Home - Robyn Garland-Sticovich

Friday 7th April - 3rd May 2023
Meet the artist Saturday 15th April 12:00pm

The Condensery - Somerset Regional Art Gallery

THINKING BUSINESS BARBARA CLEVELAND

Saturday 18 Feb 2023 – Sunday 30 Apr 2023

SASI Committee Meeting

Friday 21st April 10am held at Shirley's

Coming Up

Lowood Open Door Gallery

Cassandra Hodgins 3x Botanical Art Workshop
April tba

Colour Pencil Workshop with Linda Maine

3rd June, Esk; Workshop Fee: \$45
9am for a 9:30am start, finishes 3:30pm

Landscaping with a Limited Palette with Julie Maddocks

19th August, Esk



Glen Rock Gallery

supported by SASI and Somerset Regional Council

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

Robyn Garland-Sticovich

FRI 7TH APR - WED 3RD MAY

Meet The Artist at Glen Rock Gallery

SAT 15TH APR 2023 12:00PM

What's Coming to Glen Rock Gallery

MAY

Michelle Ledwith

JUNE

Betty Williams

Two Years My Home by Robyn Garland-Sticovich

7TH APRIL 2023 - 3RD MAY 2023

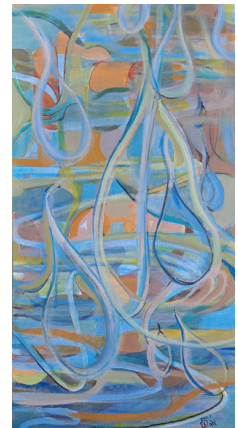
Robyn Garland-Sticovich has created this exhibition, Two Years My Home, that expressed her feelings and thoughts as she responded to the last two years. Life constantly amazed her and even though her life centered around her home as she paid attention to Covid restrictions and cared for her disabled husband, Tony, she was responding to many issues over the time – floods and fires, Covid, the war in Ukraine, house, garden and family.

Robyn attended USQ (Darling Downs Institute of Advanced Education) and is skilled in various media, including acrylics, oils, pastels and mixed media. Her subjects are often everyday with a great deal of symbolism and are often semi-abstract. Colour is of particular importance and meaning for Robyn.

Her exhibition is complemented by that of her husband, Antonio Sticovich, who is a sculptor working in woods of all kinds. His work is skillful, clever, often elegant and satisfying on a spiritual level.

Both Robyn and Tony have a long association with SASI. They are inaugural members and Tony is a past president. Robyn began the group at Mt Beppo, providing tuition for those who wanted it.

Please attend a MEET THE ARTISTS gathering to help them celebrate this achievement on Saturday, 15 April at 12pm. We will then adjourn to the cafe opposite the gallery.



Expect to find unique treasures.

In The Display Cabinets at Glen Rock

LOCAL ARTISTS

Exquisite Cards and Gifts

Glen Rock Gallery Curators

Jan Godfrey, Sue Howard, Fred Marnock
Betty Williams, Joanne Hegney.

Note: the Gallery is closed on the first Thursday of the month for curating the new exhibition



Susan Wellingham

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

[CLICK to EXPLORE
Glen Rock Gallery online](#)



Lowood Open Door Gallery

A Lowood Lions Project

RAILWAY STREET, LOWOOD, QLD 4311
THUR 9:30AM - 12:30PM SAT/SUN 9:30AM - 2PM

What's Up at Lowood

ART COLOUR WELLBEING
1ST APRIL

In The Cabinets at Lowood

BOTTLE BOUQUETS
BY ELIZABETH BROWN



Lowood Open Door Gallery

SATURDAY 1ST APRIL

The April, an exhibition of the work of three local artists, Colleen Butler, Dale Lee and Tracy Bartlett, will be on display at the Lowood Open Door Gallery, including some items in the display cabinets.

The gallery will be closed on the Easter Sunday public holiday, but is always open Saturday and Sunday, 9.30am until 2.00pm, and on Thursdays for a morning cuppa and chat.

Lowood Open Door Gallery flier attached on page 12.



By Local Artists
Colleen Butler, Dale Lee & Tracy Bartlett

Saturday 1st April to 4 May 2023
at Lowood Open Door Gallery



On display for purchase will be original acrylic and watercolour paintings & pencil renderings, plus macrame, handmade books, prints and cards

Please join us for a complimentary Morning Tea to meet the Artists
Saturday 1st April at 10.30am

LOWOOD OPEN DOOR GALLERY
45 Railway Street
Lowood
Thursdays 9.30am - 12.30pm
Saturdays & Sundays 9.30am - 2pm



The Condensery

Somerset Regional Art Gallery

29 FACTORY ROAD TOOGOOOLAWAH QLD 4313
WED TO SUN 10AM – 4PM CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

What's Up at the Condensery

THINKING BUSINESS

18 FEB 2023 - 30 APR 2023

THINGS I WANT TO SAY MAKING LANGUAGE WORKSHOP

Saturday 1 April 2023 | 11am - 3pm

Language is inherent to how we communicate. There are many languages in the world – all created, modified and transformed over time. Join artist Zenus Moonbeam in a workshop to create your own form of language and alphabet inspired by your interests. Make your own unique language for all your top secrets!

Zenus Moonbeam is a performance artist with a flavour for all things otherworldly and abstract. Moonbeam has specialised in drag, costume and conceptual art shows. Alongside performing at festivals and events across the UK, Moonbeam ran a performance company called Age of The in collaboration with other performance artists and creatives.

FREE PIZZA LUNCH.

Suitable for ages 12+

THINKING BUSINESS | PUPPET CONSTRUCTION

Wednesday 12 April 2023 | 10.30am & 1.30pm

Join Helen Stephens from Dead Puppet Society in a fun and hands on workshop to design and construct your very own table-top puppet. Use the Barbara Cleveland Thinking Business exhibition as your inspiration for movement and communication.

In this workshop you'll learn the basics behind designing animated puppet characters using readily available materials to exquisite effect. Then explore the principles of puppet manipulation to animate and bring your character to life!

The Dead Puppet Society is an Australian based production house and design company with international reach. They create deeply imaginative visual theatre, public art and sculpture, combining old school craftsmanship with cutting edge technology.

The workshops are suitable for children aged 9-12.

Creation Station at The Condensery

EXPLORE The Condensery Website

CLICK to EXPLORE
<https://thecondensery.com.au/>



SASI Workshops

for SASI members and friends

Workshops On the Drawing Board:

**Contact: SASI Photography
Workshop Coordinator**

Phil Lister
plphotographix@gmail.com

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

**Contact: SASI Art Workshop
Coordinator**

Joanne Hegney
workshop@sasiart.com.au

**Artists are most welcome
to apply to present a
workshop**

On the Drawing Board

See Workshops Flier for
more info

Photography Workshops 2023



Landscape Photography Workshop

Scheduled for Tuesday 4th

Bring Your Camera outings!

For more information please see Page
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Art Workshops 2023

Coloured pencils Workshop

Artist: Linda Maine

Date: 3rd June

Fee: \$45

Location: St Agnes Church Hall Esk

Time: 9:30 - 3:30

Morning & Afternoon teas provided BYO lunch.

Registrations open 1st May 2023

Landscaping with a limited palette

Artist: Julie Maddocks

Date: 19th August

Location: St Agnes Church Hall Esk

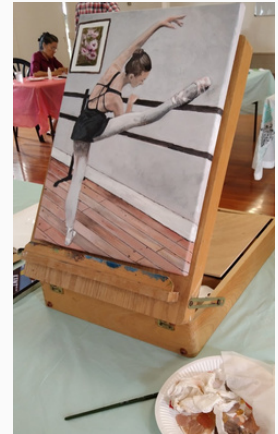
Time: 9:30 - 3:30

Morning & Afternoon teas provided BYO lunch.

Registrations open 15th June 2023

Mt Beppo Artists

Mt Beppo Artists are looking forward to attending the Robyn Garland-Stickovich Meet the Artist opening at Glen Rock Gallery at 12 noon Easter Saturday 15th April 2023. We hope to see you there!



The Fernvale Artists

On Easter Saturday several of the Fernvale Artists will spend the day at Kerry and Mike Hetherington's Twisted Tin Studio at their property out on Banks Creek Road, for a day's painting outdoors.

Kerry and Mike have restored a cottage on their property, making it available for rent by artists or anyone who would like a few days quiet time to paint or relax.



Later in the month a small group will visit the wonderful touring exhibition of the work of the Scott Sisters at the Redcliffe Museum. On display until 18 June, this exhibition will be well worth a visit. The museum is open Wednesday to Friday, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, and Saturday to Sunday, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.



Getting out there

Sometimes it can be easier to say to ourselves “I’ll go out tomorrow” or we try to get up early for that amazing sunrise photo but think “I might just stay in bed for a bit longer”, then before we know it our chance has disappeared. It can be an all too common thing and we get comfortable in our own comfort. Sitting round watching YouTube videos is no substitute for getting out of the house and learning by using your camera - take lots of photos, make mistakes, delete the ones you don't like but eventually, you will get the results you are looking for and the joy you gain out of it will be amazing!

So to get that amazing photo does require a bit of a get up and go attitude and commit to it. I must admit that I’m just as guilty of this as anyone else, in fact I’ve lost count of the well intentioned morning starts that never eventuated. The rewards however can be well worth it. This year a good friend and fellow SASI photographer and I made the effort and journeyed to the wonderful scenery of the Flinders Ranges in South Australia and other places along the way. Armed with new memory cards and spit and polished cameras and lenses, we set off for a two week adventure to many places I have never seen before, but had always dreamed of going to -Wilpena Pound, the back roads of the Flinders, the Strzelecki Track, Currawinya National Park and others.

Once home after a very hot and dusty fortnight on the road I copied all the photos onto my computer and started the exciting task of going through all the panorama shots, the early morning images, the afternoon ones and all the black and whites. I don't know how many keepers I ended up with but there were quite a few, going to my website and being printed for framing, matting or cards. It was a great trip with a lot of memorable moments and opportunities for capturing great images.

I’m glad I made the effort.



Bunyerroo Valley Lookout, with Wilpena Pound in the distance just before sunrise.

Cheers

Phil

Landscape Workshop

On another note, the Landscape workshop that was to be held on February 16th has been postponed for a number of reasons and is tentatively re-scheduled for Tuesday April 4th. If you are interested, please email me as it helps with planning - plphotographix@gmail.com

Phil

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.



If you're setting up to photograph something
and need flowers to fill in space, or to be a
focal point, consider giving Flowers by
Felicity a call and discuss your requirements.
Located just out of Esk on the Hampton Road.



Felicity Maden,

✉ emervale4@activ8.net.au

☎ 0413 133 168

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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



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SASI appreciates the support of Esk Fruit Shop and Angie's Country Cafe, who display
SASI brochures and our Glen Rock Gallery posters.

THINGS I WANT TO SAY

YOUTH ART WORKSHOPS AT THE CONDENSERY

Making Language
Saturday 1 April, 11am – 3pm

Performance & Video
Saturday 13 May, 11am – 3pm

Music Making
Saturday 3 June, 11am – 3pm

Come along to try new things, learn new skills and help us plan the art party of your dreams to coincide with the *Things I want to say* exhibition in July 2023.

FREE PIZZA LUNCH

**BOOK YOUR FREE TICKET AT
WWW.THECONDENSERY.COM.AU/PROGRAMS**

OPEN
WEDNESDAY TO SUNDAY
10AM–4PM

VISIT
29 FACTORY ROAD
TOOGOOOLAWAH QLD 4313

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ARTIST ZENUS MOONBEAM IN COSTUME.

THE CONDENSERY

Botanical Illustration - Drawing in Graphite



All botanical art starts with detailed line and tone studies.

Over 3 classes participants will learn the fundamentals of botanical drawing through observation, basic botany, precision and accuracy.

Create simple line and shape drawings then move onto more complex representations by adding tone to create form.

By the end of this course participants should feel confident in how to approach, plan and draw a botanical specimen.

These classes are a great start to your botanical art journey or just as a refresher course.

WHERE:

Open Door Gallery

45 Railway street

Lowood Q 4311

WHEN:

Sunday 16 April 1.30 to 5.00 pm

Sunday 23 April 1.30 to 5.00 pm

Sunday 30 April 1.30 to 5.00 pm

COST: \$165

Adults 18+

All skill levels

BYO Materials - a list will be emailed at the time of booking.

BOOKINGS: Full payment will be required to book your place. Maximum of 8 places
Please contact Cassandra on 0400 884 388 or quiescenceart@gmail.com

CANCELLATION POLICY: Course cancellation by the participant after Thursday 13 April will incur a fee of \$28.00

If you become sick during the 3 week course please do not attend classes. However, you will be offered a catch up session at a later date to continue your learning.

Unfortunately, no part refunds will be given for missed classes.