



# Somerset Art Society Inc

Supporting the arts and artists in the Somerset Region SE Qld

## Newsletter November 2022

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### President's Ponderings

Hello Everyone

At last summer has reached us and going out for art activities (if it is not raining) is even more fun.

We had the wonderful art camp at Camp Duckadang in mid-October. Sue White gives more details of the trip later in this newsletter. The camp is in a lovely quiet place at the upper reaches of the Brisbane River in the hills above Linville. I enjoyed the camp very much and found it gave me a push to try some different things in my own painting efforts. A number of us want to go back, or wish it was longer.

Continuing the theme of highlighting the attractive art venues that we are fortunate enough to have in our region I recommend the Open Door Gallery in Lowood. The Gallery is in a building in the centre of town that once housed a produce agency on land owned by Queensland Railways. In 2008 the Lions Club of Lowood obtained a grant to refurbish the building and have it operating for art activities. In 2021 the Gallery reopened and became part of the Somerset Region's Art Gallery Trail. Yvonne Hawkins and Karen Leahy of the Lions Club are convenors for the Gallery and manage their many exhibitions. They invited SASI members to a morning tea on 20 Oct – most enjoyable and yummy food. Yvonne and Karen are in the photo above, against a background of the October exhibition of "Tiny Works". Next month is the "Paul and Rebecca Photography Exhibition", which also looks excellent. See their Facebook page for more details.

Also on 29 October The Condensery at Toogoolawah had a public event "Let's Talk About Art", to launch two exhibitions, "Within Walking Distance" by Hayley Megan French and Karike Ashworth's "Brave Girl". Dr Ashworth in her artistic persona as Brave Girl gave a striking performance working her way through flaming hoops against a backdrop of the setting sun.

Here is a call for support for the Glen Rock Gallery, Esk, which hosts exhibitions mainly by SASI members. The Gallery is at the room at the back of the Esk Visitor Information Centre, which is owned and managed by the Somerset Regional Council. Volunteers who man the Information Centre help make possible the sale of our work. More volunteers are needed, especially on Fridays and Saturdays. If you are interested please contact Carole Labram at the Centre, or let me know.

Looking forward, please pencil in our next SASI General meeting on Friday 18 Nov, with all members welcome. It will be at the Civic Centre, Esk, 9:45 for morning tea, then 10 am to 11:30 for our meeting, then lunch, then a session with Caroline Smith, Arts and Culture manager at the Council. Caroline will provide us with the opportunity to discuss the Council's Art and Culture Strategy. It will be great to see as many people there as possible.

Best regards

Shirley



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



## Happening This Month

**The Condensery - Within Walking Distance**  
Saturday 10th September - Thursday 20th November  
by Hayley Megan French

**The Condensery - Brave Girl: The Warrior**  
Saturday 10th September - Thursday 20th November  
by Karike Ashworth

**Glen Rock Gallery - 'Around Town'**  
Friday 4th November - Wednesday 30th November  
by Phil Lister

**Glen Rock Gallery - Meet The Artist - Phil Lister**  
Saturday 5th November 10 AM

**Lowood Open Door Gallery - Paul & Rebecca Photography**  
Saturday 4th November - 1st December  
See Flier for Gallery open times!

**Lowood Open Door Gallery - Workshop - Basketry for Beginners**  
Saturday 12th November 1:30pm - 4:00pm

**SASI General Meeting - Somerset Civic Centre**  
Friday 18th November 9:45am for 10:00am start  
Light Lunch Provided followed by  
Somerset Arts and Culture Strategy from 12:00pm

**Linville Heritage and Arts Festival**  
Saturday 19th - Sunday 20th November  
More Info <https://experiencesomerset.com.au/events/linville-heritage-and-arts-festival/>

**Mt Beppo Christmas Breakup Party**  
Wednesday 30th November Lunch  
Venue TBA

## Coming Up

**SASI Stall at Toogoolawah Christmas Tree**  
Saturday 10th December  
Details to be announced.

**Woodfood Library Exhibit**  
Sunday 2nd December - Monday 31st December  
by Mary Martin

**SASI Members Market Stall at**  
Toogoolawah Christmas Tree Community Event  
Saturday 10 December Bumpin 2pm Stall open 4:30pm-8pm  
Stall Coordinator: Sue Howard Contact 0499700208

**SASI Members Christmas Party**  
Esk Grand Hotel  
Lunch, Date TBA

**Mt Beppo Break**  
1 December - 31st January

**Workshop Landscape Photography**  
TBA

INTERESTED IN JOINING SASI?  
NEW AND CONTINUING 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, in company with members of the Mount Beppo artists, recently spent a couple of nights at Lions' Camp Duckadang in Avoca Vale near the Mount Stanley Range, painting and exploring together. Avoca Creek and the narrow upper reaches of the Brisbane River were lined with weeping bottlebrush, *Callistemon viminalis*, in full flower, providing lovely spots for in situ painting. *Callistemon viminalis*, with *Hymenosporum flavum*, the native frangipani, are the two floral emblems of the Somerset Region. Fernvale's final day painting at the hall will be Thursday 8 December, with a break-up lunch the following week at Val's home. We will resume on 19 January. Our activities can be followed on our new Facebook page.



## Fernvale Artists Group Info

The Fernvale Artists meet on Thursday 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

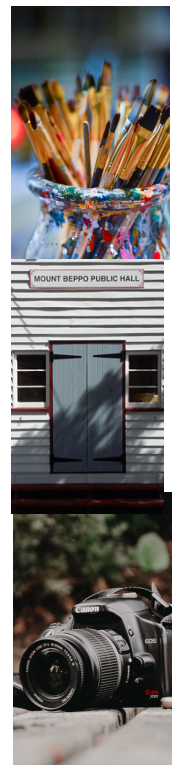
The photography group have a fun time learning to take better photographs. New members are very welcome. Activities, including outings and talks, are advertised through the SASI newsletter. Due to Covid issues and travel plans by Phil, Photo workshops will be on hold until July.

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





# 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

**Phil Lister**

FRI 4TH NOV - WED 30TH NOV

## Meet The Artist at Glen Rock Gallery

10AM-12PM SAT 5TH NOV

## Coming Up at Glen Rock Gallery

DECEMBER

Christmas Crafts  
by Glen Rock Stickers

## 'Around Town' Phil Lister

4TH NOVEMBER - 30TH NOVEMBER

Accomplished local photographer Phil Lister's latest exhibition of beautifully printed black and white images is titled "Around Town". The collection of around 20 images were produced over a period of 8 years since moving to Esk in 2014. The exhibition portrays scenes of things that are no longer, images of places we walk past every day and of locations that evoke feelings of peacefulness.

You would be most welcome to come in and meet Phil at the Glen Rock Gallery on Saturday November 5 from 10am to 12pm.

The exhibition is on during the month of November, make sure you take the time to see it, and maybe see if you know where the photographs were taken!



### Curator Teams

Jan Godfrey & Sue Howard  
Ron Orr & Sue White

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

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>.



# 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

Paul & Rebecca

5TH NOV - 1ST DEC

### Meet The Artists at Lowood

SAT 5TH NOVEMBER

### Workshops at Lowood

BASKETRY FOR BEGINNERS

SAT 12TH NOV

1:30PM - 4:00PM

COST \$50

SEE FLIER ON PAGE 14 FOR MORE

### In The Cabinets at Lowood



BOTTLE BOUQUETS  
BY ELIZABETH BROWN

## Photography Exhibition Paul & Rebecca

5TH NOVEMBER - 2ND DECEMBER

The November exhibition at the Lowood Open Door Gallery will be a collection of the delightful photography of Paul Whale and Rebecca Hawkins, opening on Saturday 5th November.



## Workshop Information

The gallery's final workshop for 2022, Basketry for Beginners by our local expert in basket weaving, Jenny Connor will take place on Saturday, 12 November, from 1.30pm until 4.00pm.

Cost for Jenny's workshop is only \$50.00 and there are still three places available. Bookings: Please contact Jenny on 0417 199 295

# SASI Workshops & Events

## Workshops On the Drawing Board:

Contact:  
SASI Workshop  
Coordinator  
workshop@sasiart.co  
m.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

## Looking forward to Learning

Keep an eye out in early 2023 for our SASI Landscape Photography Workshop with Phil Lister which will include some travel to local areas of interest. Gain a useful skill for producing thoughtful reference photos for your landscape artworks..

## Previous Photography Workshop



Photo from Nelle Smith  
inspired by Phil's Lifeguard Hut article in Oct Newsletter



# A Fond Farewell

Mt Beppo held a farewell for Ze (a fellow Mt Beppo artist and former SASI President) who is moving coastward to a new job and home.

The farewell was attended by Mt Beppo artists with the lovely Sue White making the trip from Fernvale.

Mike Donnarumma and Ze treated us to a fantastic musical performance to warm the soul. Mike performed the following poem he has written about Ze.

She came out of nowhere,  
Like a lightening bolt,  
Giving us all an unexpected jolt,  
Inimitable style she commands with grace,  
An Abundance of talent ,  
an elegant member,  
Of the human race,  
Her style walked through the door first,  
With a beaming smile ,  
And a personality that stretches mile after mile,  
Her spirit is infectious,  
we were on to a winner,  
in her two tone socks she became,  
our latest group member,  
suddenly out of the blue  
with not much more to say,  
she was cristened our el'presidente,  
her art is colourful, straight from the soul,  
with a voice that's euphonious, gold,  
who do I speak of with such mystery'  
ask her name , she will answer ZE,



**Thank you Ze, for your many contributions to SASI , the Mt Beppo Artists and the Somerset Community. We appreciate you, your warmth and your kindness.**

**Exciting News - Ze will be exhibiting at Glen Rock Gallery in February 2023. We look forward to catching up with you then.**



## Photo Stories No 2



### *Northbrook Gorge Creek*

This image was taken in 2021 at Mt Glorious, north of Fernvale in SE Queensland. Access to this area is fairly well known. Travelling on Northbrook Parkway from the Wivenhoe Dam end the road soon starts a steep climb up the D'Agular Range into Mt. Glorious itself. About half way up on the left hand side there is an area where bushwalkers park their cars. I believe it used to be used during roadworks but there is plenty of space for several cars. After parking, we walked back down the bitumen road keeping a careful watch for traffic, and at the apex of the hairpin bend just below the car park stepped over the guard rail to find a very well defined path. Initially the path is very easy to walk but soon starts to descend into the gorge area where it becomes quite steep. The last 30m or so can be quite challenging particularly if you have a heavy camera backpack and tripod like we did!

At the end of the downhill path is Northbrook Creek and this is where this image was taken. I was about 3m away from the small waterfall using a 16mm-35mm zoom lens, set around 20mm. The tripod was set quite low with one leg in the stream and to get the effect of flowing water I used a very slow shutter speed. When I photographed the scene it was in shadow and consequently the lighting was very flat. To give the image some life, the editing applied to the RAW file mainly consisted of contrast, saturation and some localised contrast adjustments to the water itself. Unlike the image here, the final image was cropped to a 2:1 ratio to give a panoramic effect.

I was really happy the way this image turned out, especially as it was the first photo I took that day!

All the best and until next time, happy photographing!

# 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

## WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE

HAYLEY MEGAN FRENCH

10 Sep – 20 Nov 2022

Hayley Megan French paints the streets of suburbia, homes, yards, and memories of landscapes. Her paintings are a form of meditation on the details that create our sense of home and neighbourhood. This growing body of work engages in a conversation about what suburbia means in the Australian imagination. At the centre of this conversation is home.

## BRAVE GIRL: THE WARRIOR

KARIKE ASHWORTH

10 Sep – 20 Nov 2022

Inspired by cosplay and comic strip characters, Karike Ashworth's persona Brave Girl considers how, why and when labels like 'brave' get assigned to women, girls and to popular culture heroines.

Brave Girl: The Warrior 2018 'documents' Brave Girl's running tour through regional Queensland between Mount Glorious and Mooloolaba, via Esk, Kilcoy and Toogoolawah.

The film parodies the Forrest Gump running sequence from the famous 1994 Robert Zemeckis film of the same name. As Brave Girl recreates this legendary film sequence, she runs as the ironic embodiment of ideal virtues for postfeminist women: hyper-femininity, strength, ambition, beauty, health, good grooming, sociability, self-assuredness, and optimism.

Except that, instead of doing so virtuously, in a way that is acceptable and worthy of well-socialised women, Brave Girl is absurdly running for no particular 'worthy' reason at all – besides, of course, because it is "brave to be fast!"

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

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CURATES NEW EXHIBITION 9AM  
FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY  
ALTERNATE MONTH

Glen Rock Gallery Coordinator: Jan Godfrey  
[glenrockgallery@sasiart.com.au](mailto:glenrockgallery@sasiart.com.au)

MANAGES WORKSHOPS FROM ARTIST  
FIRST CONTACT TO OUTCOME REPORT

Workshop Coordinator: Joanne Hegney  
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MANAGES SASI STALLS FROM BOOKING  
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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



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

📷 #FlowerPower

## 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



A photograph of a white egret standing in a grassy field. The egret is facing left, with its long neck curved. The background shows a body of water and some trees. The image is framed by green leaves at the top and sides.

# ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Bird Photography

MARY MARTIN

2nd December till end of the month

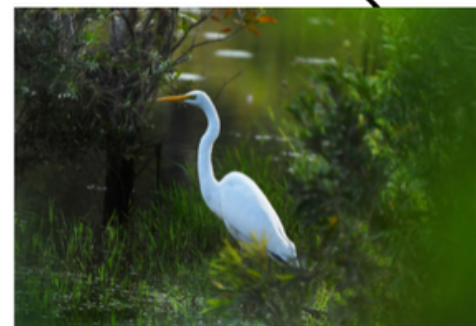
Woodford Library

1 Elizabeth Street, Woodford 4514



ARTIST OF THE MONTH

MARY MARTIN



Woodford Library

Nature Photography  
2nd Dec - End of Dec

Mon - Thurs: 08:30 AM-05:00 PM  
Friday 08:30 AM-07:00 PM  
Saturday 09:00 AM-01:00 PM

1 Elizabeth Street, Woodford 4514





## 'Around Town'

Esk 2014-2022

**Phil Lister**

**Fri 4 Nov to Wed 30 Nov 2022**

**Meet The Artist at Glen Rock Gallery:**

**Sat 5 Nov 10am -12noon**

Esk Visitor Information Centre

82 Ipswich St Esk QLD

Tues to Fri: 9am-4pm Sat&Sun 9am -2pm

**Closed:** Mon & Public Holidays



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# BASKETRY FOR BEGINNERS WORKSHOP

At LOWOOD OPEN GALLERY

45 Railway St, LOWOOD

## SATURDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

LEARN HOW TO MAKE SOME GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS

1:30PM - 4PM

**ONLY \$50** Pay on the day

All materials provided + afternoon tea

Bookings essential by 1<sup>st</sup> NOV, 2022

Ring or Text Jenny on

0417 189 295



# Paul & Rebecca Photography Exhibition

5th November - 1st December 2022

Open Door Gallery

45 Railway Street, Lowood, Qld 4311

Thursdays 9.30am - 12.30;

Sat & Sun 9.30am - 2pm



Meet Paul and Rebecca  
Saturday 5th November  
1.30pm afternoon tea provided