



Somerset Art Society Inc

Supporting the arts and artists in the Somerset Region SE Qld

Newsletter February 2023

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President's Ponderings

from Shirley Gregor

Hello everyone,

I hope you have all been having a relaxing time over the holidays. Things have been fairly quiet on the SASI front.

I did hear that the Glen Rock Stitchers exhibition at Glen Rock Gallery in December had done very well with sales. A number of us, including me, were able to purchase items that are useful around the home as well as being decorative.

Some of us met at the start of January for the opening of Mike Donnarumma's "Electrorumma" exhibition at Glen Rock Gallery, followed by an enjoyable and lengthy morning tea at Angie's Country Café. Mike works in a variety of media, including paint pouring and spray paint art, carving and digital art. He is also skilled in metalwork and the photo shows a cabinet he has hand crafted in copper.

Mike is just one of our members who work across a range of media. Apart from painting and drawing, we have people who also work in ceramics, millinery, fabric and jewellery. Jenny Connor, our SASI Vice-President, has expertise in basketry and weaving and keeps busy with antique restoration. This interest is a family tradition. Also, as many of us know, Jenny is the author and illustrator of "Jet Has a Wonderful Plan", a lovely children's book based around the story from "The Man from Snowy River" by Banjo Paterson. I am sure there are more SASI people out there doing really interesting things, which is great.

These comments on the diversity of forms that art can take are partly a result of my having visited the "Queensland to a T" exhibition at the State Library of Qld (6 Aug – 22 Jan 23). The exhibition showed how even humble tea towels can be a work of art. Some of the tea towels exhibited also served purposes of tourism promotion and marking historical events. Sadly none of the tea towels on show with maps managed to include the Somerset Region!

That's all for this time. Hoping to see as many as possible of you at the next General Meeting on Friday 17 Feb, 9.45 for 10am, venue to be advised.

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>

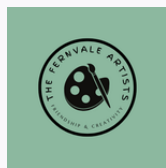
For more info Click the photo to visit SASI website Groups page



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

Mt Beppo Artists return to art at Mt Beppo Hall
Wednesday 1st February

Glen Rock Gallery - Meet the Artist Alan English
Friday 3rd February, See Glen Rock Gallery Page for more information

Lowood Open Door Gallery - Multiple Exhibits
Friday 7th February, See Lowood Gallery Page for more information

The Condensery - Somerset Regional Art Gallery
Main Gallery - NATURAL STATE - CAITLIN FRANZMANN
Saturday 26 Nov 2022 – Sunday 12 Feb 2023

Workshop Landscape Photography
16th February - See Photography Article for More Information

The Condensery
THINKING BUSINESS - BARBARA CLEVELAND
Saturday 18th Feb 2032 – Sunday 30 Apr 2023

Next SASI Committee and General Meeting
Venue TBA
Friday 17th Feb 2023 - 9:45am for 10am

The Fernvale Artists Return from Summer Break
.Resuming Art Group meeting on Thursday 19 Jan 2023

Lowood Open Door Gallery - Mandala Workshop
Sunday 26th February 10:30 - 12:30, more information on the Lowood Gallery Facebook page and Notice Board.

Coming Up

Condensery Youth Costume Workshop with Zenus Moonbeam
Saturday 4th March 11am - 3pm



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

ALLAN ENGLISH
FRI 3RD FEB - WED 1ST MAR

Meet The Artist at Glen Rock Gallery

FRI 3RD FEB 2023 9:30AM

What's Coming to Glen Rock Gallery

MARCH
REBECCA ELLIOTT

The Outside World by Allan English

6 JANUARY 2023 - 1ST FEBUARY 2023

Allan has a love of beauty and enjoys transferring images from both natural and man-made environments to paper, using the medium of watercolour. He has been tutored by prominent watercolour artists and has been a member of the plein air painters of Australia group.

Allan enjoys recording scenes from his home environment and from his holidays both here and abroad. The majority of his work is en plein air. Striking colours and effective detail characterise his work. He now resides in Mt Kilcoy.



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

Expect to find unique treasures.



Julie Buckworth



Shirley Gregor



Jane Harthorn

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

7 FEB

In The Cabinets at Lowood

BOTTLE BOUQUETS
BY ELIZABETH BROWN



Lowood Open Door Gallery ART COLOUR WELLBEING

FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY

There is a touch of mindfulness happening at the Open Door Gallery in the month of February.

Residents from Tarampa Lodge who participate in their art program are happy to have a display in the gallery. They identify the benefits of being involved in this program. It promotes positivity, develops calmness and reduces anxiety.

Our second exhibitor, NDIS provider Hayley Forbes, who runs weekly art lessons to help people face their problems, displays work by several of her members, and says:

“In my six years of running art programs, I have learnt a lot about my participants and the daily struggles that they face. My program offers ways for my participants to deal with their struggles a lot easier. Verbal and self-expression are often difficult for most of my participants. Art offers a way for people who have trouble speaking, to express themselves in a more direct way. This can be a huge relief with the daily challenge of communication.

Working in an individualized art program with one to one support can be more comforting for those who find interactions difficult. Since the support worker shares the same focus on the participant's artwork, a powerful bond can be formed without the need for direct face to face interaction.”

Our third exhibitor this month, Beppie McDermaid, is a long time resident of Lowood who has displayed her artwork throughout the region. Beppie has been creating her art for over 50 years and her style is a melting pot of different mediums and has been described as Naïve Stylized Abstract. She has used painting as a form of self expression during some difficult times in her life. Beppie also finds doodling as a method of relaxation.

Would you like to draw your own Mandala? Cassandra is having a workshop on Sunday 26th February 10.30- 12.30. (there will be more information on the gallery facebook page and on the gallery noticeboard.)

When you visit the gallery, you will find self expression spots, where you can enjoy dabbling in a few different art ideas. There is no right or wrong. Its all about having FUN.

The kettle is always bubbling away, so stay and have a cuppa and chat.

SHOW WHAT'S IN YOUR HEART, THROUGH ART.



The Condensery

Somerset Regional Art Gallery

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

What's Up at the Condensery

NATURAL STATE YARNING CIRCLE

11 FEB 2023

THINKING BUSINESS

18 FEB 2023 - 30 APR 2023

Creation Station at The Condensery

EXPLORE The Condensery Website

NATURAL STATE PROGRAMS | YARNING CIRCLE

Saturday 11 February 2023 | 10am - 11am

Join us for a day of deeper thinking developed by artist Caitlin Franzmann to accompany the Natural State exhibition. Programs delve into key issues explored in her work and the work of First Nations artists Libby Hayward and Dominique Chen included in Natural State.

THINKING BUSINESS | BARBARA CLEVELAND

Thinking Business is a survey exhibition of the Australian art collective Barbara Cleveland. Working together for over 15 years, Barbara Cleveland's practice draws on the historical lineages of both the visual and performing arts.

Thinking Business presents a suite of videos, photographs and prints from Barbara Cleveland's archive. The exhibition takes its title from author Hannah Arendt's description of her friendship with Mary McCarthy. As Arendt wrote, "it's not that we think so much alike, but that we do this thinking-business for and with each other."

Describing the shared intellectual and creative pursuit between women, the term became a way for Barbara Cleveland to conceptualise and affirm their long term collaboration and the body of work they had amassed since 2007. In turn, Thinking Business speaks not only to the collective's unique mode of working together but, equally, to the larger thematics of female friendship, collaboration and artistic labour.

The Barbara Cleveland artist collective was originally established in Sydney on Gadigal land. Founded by Diana Baker Smith, Frances Barrett, Kate Blackmore and Kelly Doley, the collective takes their name from a mythic feminist performance artist recovered from the margins of Australian art history, a figure who has featured in the collective's work since 2010.

THINGS I WANT TO SAY COSTUME WORKSHOP

Saturday 4 March 2023 | 11am - 3pm

Join artist Zenus Moonbeam for a costume making workshop that celebrates you as you are!

Design and construct your ultimate party costume and help us plan the youth art party of your dreams to coincide with the Things I want to say exhibition in May 2023.

FREE PIZZA LUNCH.

Suitable for ages 12+

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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

Late April/May in Esk
Linda Maine
Colour Pencil Workshop

July/Aug Venue TBC
Julie Maddocks
Landscape
Oil or Acrylic

Photography Workshops 2023



- Landscape Photography - the how, what, where, when and why of getting great landscape images
- Managing a photo workflow on your computer, including getting photos onto your computer, software for editing, backing up your photos and more
- Bring Your Camera outings

Times and dates to be advised.

Art Workshops 2023

Landscape Photography workshop with Phil Lister! This workshop will be held on Thursday February 16th from around 5pm until sunset.

For more information please see Page 9
Photography Tutorial



Mt Beppo Artists

Mt Beppo Artists thoroughly enjoyed perusing Mike Donnarummas Electrorumma exhibition at Glen Rock Gallery. Many thanks to Betty Williams and Jan Godfrey for their excellent curation of Mike's diverse works.

Wednesday 1 February the Artists return to catching up and creating art at Mt Beppo Hall.

Friday 3 February 9:30 am we meet at Glen Rock Gallery to view the next exhibition.

The Fernvale Artists

The only really special thing to report for the Fernvale Artists is that long standing member Garry Mudge is holding an exhibition of his work in February at Hypatia's House bookstore, 151 Patrick Street, Laidley.

The exhibition will run from Wednesday 1st February until Saturday 25th, with an official opening and Meet the Artist night on Friday 3rd.

Garry's work includes paintings of birds and reptiles. Much of his work can be hung outdoors. See examples below.



Photography Notes

Landscape workshop

As I currently am not able to run workshops on weekends, the landscape workshop will be held on **Thursday February 16th** from around 5pm until sunset. The location is just out of Esk on the road to Toogoolawah. It's about a 2 minute drive from the centre of Esk, or, if you are really keen, about a 2km walk. We'll look at composition, lighting, positioning and a few other things. If you are interested in attending, please email me at plphotographix@gmail.com by February 10th for full details.

Managing photographic doldrums

Sometimes even the keenest photographer can find it hard to get motivated, but finding inspiration in others works and stories can be of tremendous encouragement. The wonderful world of YouTube has a seemingly endless list of photographic videos, but unfortunately not all of them are worth watching! In fact I have found some that are giving out poor content, misguided ideas and so on. However there are a few that excel and I would recommend these two channels highly.

1. Wildlife - Morten Hilmer. Morten is a Danish wildlife photographer who had produced some amazing videos and his images of animals in the frozen Arctic are incredible.
2. Landscape - Ewen Dunsmuir. Ewen is a New Zealand landscape photographer and his panoramas are really stunning. His presentation and manner make watching his videos a pleasure. I have watched his episode on Panoramas more than once!

Photo Stories No 3 - St Agnes

This image of St Agnes church in Esk was taken just after sunrise using a 16mm - 35mm zoom lens set at 16mm. The trick in this image was to not blow out the highlights when taking the picture. To avoid this I exposed the image *for* the highlights, letting the shadows fall into darkness. I recorded the image in RAW format which allowed me to recover the shadow detail later in software as well as giving me tremendous latitude in managing tonal values across the image. Of particular interest was the cross on the far end of the roof. To make sure this recorded well, I positioned myself to place a dark background, in this case trees, behind the white cross.

This image is currently on display the the Courthouse Gallery in Kilcoy but will be available in my stall at the Esk Markets starting February 4th.



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.



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focal point, consider giving Flowers by
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