



Somerset Art Society Inc

Supporting the arts and artists in the Somerset Region SE Qld

Newsletter December 2023

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Christmas Cheers and Presidents Ponderings

from Sandi Hook

Seasons Greetings to all!

Our November general meeting was, as usual, a busy affair with lots to discuss to round off this year and build into the next. It is a pleasure to work with such a positive committee.

The Christmas SASI members exhibition opening at The Glenn Rock Gallery was fabulous showcasing excellent artists work at reasonable prices. The spread and punch were very tasty too. This was a great chance to network and meet other artists from different parts of the Somerset region.

I look forward to the Everyday Sketchbooks workshop with Deb Mostert in February. This is an excellent opportunity to gain drawing skills and fully develop a visual diary. These sketchbooks may provide a visual history of Somerset or a record of daily life in the region. The collated visual diaries will form an exhibition at The Condensery in May.

We're also exploring options for the month of June next year for an Artist Studio Trail. Please email with your interest and any ideas.

Prior to this though is our **SASI Christmas party** in my studio. My address and details are:

Place: 75 Clarendon Station Road, Clarendon (easy to find on GPS)

Time: 11am to 3pm

Date: 6th December 2023

What to bring: Foodwise something to share or just your own lunch, whichever you prefer. BYO drinks (Sue is making her special punch.) Perhaps a chair. What is available: Tea and coffee making facilities and some chairs.

Please RSVP.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy Festive Season and Happy New Year!

Sandi



Join SASI Groups

Click on the LOGO to visit the SASI Website



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

SASI Members are active in supporting the arts and artists in SE Qld. Members enjoy free exhibition curation at Glen Rock Gallery Esk, discounted or free workshops, participation in SASI Members Market Stalls and a monthly email newsletter.

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

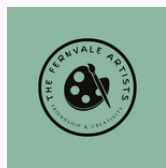
For more info Click the photo to visit SASI website Groups page



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

We meet at 9:30am every third Thursday at Nash Gallery and Cafe, 212 Ipswich St Esk, January to November, welcoming all skill levels. Friends welcome.

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 email: mail@somerset.qld.gov.au

Supporting the arts and regional tourism

Join a Somerset Group

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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

GALLERIES

Glen Rock Gallery

Friday 8 December - Wednesday 3 January Glen Rock Stitches 'Christmas Craft'

Lowood Gallery

Open until Sunday 17th December, and again from Saturday 20th January until Sunday 28th January Garry and Trudy Mudge.

The Condensery

Open until 3 Dec - 1pm to 4pm - Joint Exhibition
'Intimate Immensity' by Ian Friend and 'Littoralis' by Anita Holtsclaw

Saturday 9 December - 1pm to 4pm - Joint Exhibition Opening
'Remnants | Impressions' by Louis Lim and 'Healing Garden' by Hiromi Tango

WORKSHOPS

Workshops for 2024 are currently in planning. Stay tuned!

EVENTS

Wed 6 December SASI Christmas Party @ Sandi's in Clarendon

Saturday 9 Dec, 4:30 – 8:30pm SASI Members Stall - Toogoolawah Christmas Tree Twilight Market <https://www.facebook.com/p/Toogoolawah-Christmas-Tree-100064593975875/>

SASI members are invited to participate in SASI 'Members only' events by email.

OTHER

9:30 am Thursday 18 January 2024, SASI Photography Group at Angie's Cafe 85 Ipswich St Esk

Friday, 16 Feb, 2024, 9:45 for 10 am start, SASI General Meeting
St Agnes Anglican Hall 85 Ipswich St Esk



Glen Rock Gallery

supported by SASI and Somerset Regional Council

ESK VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE 82 IPSWICH STREET, ESK, QLD 4312
OPEN TUESDAY TO FRIDAY 9-4PM SATURDAY 10-2PM
CLOSED SUNDAY, MONDAYS THE FIRST THURSDAY MONTHLY AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

What's Up at Glen Rock

Glen Rock Stitchers
FRI 8TH DEC - WED 3RD JAN 2024

Meet The Artist at Glen Rock

Glen Rock Stitchers
FRI 8TH NOV 11AM

In The Display Cabinets at Glen Rock

LOCAL ARTISTS
Coal Creek Pottery
Exquisite Cards and Gifts



SASI's Christmas Market

8TH DECEMBER 2023 - 3RD JANUARY 2024

Glen Rock Gallery will be filled with the wonderful Glen Rock Stitchers' Christmas Craft exhibition during the month of December.

A whole range of items suitable for decorating your home or for giving as gifts to babies up to grannies can be found. Everything is beautifully made and reasonably priced.



What's Coming to Glen Rock Gallery

JANUARY
Robbie Greer's Rusticated Art

FEBRUARY
Shirley Gregor, Sue Howard
& Sue Wellingham



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

During December and January the Open Door Gallery will exhibit a wonderful collection of work by Garry and Trudy Mudge. Open until Sunday 17th December, and again from Saturday 20th January until Sunday 28th, this exhibition is different from most as it contains a myriad of Christmas present possibilities. Garry, long time member of the Fernvale Artists, has in recent times become absorbed with pottery, so that while we still have some of his lovely paintings of birds and reptiles and his garden ornaments mounted on fence palings, we now have pottery funghi, leaves, and other surprises.

Trudy offers us something quite different. In her words 'My twist on things is to brighten up used or unwanted items, making each unique and giving them another chance to be used and enjoyed.' Trudy has also become fascinated by the current trend for doodling - (again in her own words) 'Ooodles of doodles by Troodles' - or ten, anyway. So, we invite you to come and see, and maybe buy, the many delightful objects by Trudy and Garry on the tables, in the cabinets and on the walls.

In The Cabinets at Lowood

CREATED BY GARRY
AND TRUDY MUDGE





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

Intimate Immensity
7 OCT - 3 DEC 2023

Littoralis
7 OCT - 3 DEC 2023

Healing Garden
9 DEC - 18 FEB 2024

Remnants | Impressions
9 DEC - 18 FEB 2024

Joint Exhibition Opening Saturday 9 December 1pm to 4pm 'Remnants | Impressions' by Louis Lim and 'Healing Garden' by Hiromi Tango

HEALING GARDEN | HIROMI TANGO
9 DEC 2023 – 18 FEB 2024

Healing Garden at The Condensery is a site-responsive project created with, for and by the Somerset community, in collaboration with internationally renowned Japanese-Australian artist Hiromi Tango.

Through a series of workshops, Tango, her artist educators and participants of all ages will co-create an immersive, sensory garden installation inspired by the healing properties of plants endemic to the local area, exemplifying art's capacity to transform, heal, strengthen, and support good mental health and wellness outcomes.

Hiromi Tango creates immersive, sculptural installations that invite audience interaction, often with a performative aspect. Driven by a passion for the therapeutic ability of art, Tango has worked with communities since 2009 to create spaces that encourage participants and audiences to slow down, unpack their thoughts and feelings, and lighten their spirits along the way.

REMNANTS | IMPRESSIONS | LOUIS LIM
9 DEC 2023 – 18 FEB 2024

Remnants | Impressions continues artist Louis Lim's interest in the diversity of the human condition, through non-fictional visual storytelling and conceptual photographic portraits. Remnants | Impressions consists of a series of framed photographs of reclaimed polaroid negatives found by the artist and laboriously brought back to life through a tedious process of bleaching, washing and drying.

As Lim tries to extract an image from the negatives he finds himself constructing stories to piece together any plausible recollection he might have. Like memories, these fragile photographic emulsions disintegrate while attempting to retrieve any evidence of the captured moment. What is left behind are the visual remnants and impressions for the viewer to fill in the gaps and create their own memories.

Lim's work has been exhibited across Australia and presented internationally. He was awarded the Queensland Festival of Photography Portrait Prize in 2012 and was shortlisted as a finalist in the 2017 Churchie National Emerging Art Prize, the 2016 Toowoomba Biennial Emerging Artist Award, the 2015 Josephine Ulrick and Win Schubert Photography Award, and the 2015 Head On Portrait Prize.

EXPLORE
The Condensery Website

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

Condensery Gallery Manager Madeline Brewer mail@somerset.qld.gov.au or
Contact Email thecondensery@somerset.qld.gov.au



s 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**

The Deb Mostert Everyday Sketchbooks project

About the project:

Everday Sketchbooks is a collaborative exhibition of work by Deb Mostert and the Somerset arts community. Artists and art groups in the Somerset region have been invited to participate in the Deb Mostert Everyday Sketchbooks workshops during February and March 2024. Workshop participants will be invited to contribute sketchbooks to the **Everday Sketchbooks** project which will then be exhibited at The Condensery.

About the workshops:

Everyday Sketchbook Workshops will explore the use of sketchbooks as an everyday record of a life observed. Together with Deb Mostert, local artists will explore recording their daily lives from the ordinary to the unusual to keep observant and present. They will experiment with hatching, watercolour washes and fun drawing exercises. With a simple kit of materials that can be carried, local Somerset artists can start a habit of drawing every day.

The workshop participants will explore the use of sketchbooks as an incubator, a sentimental keepsake, a mind clearer, a list holder, an idea launcher, a best friend, a personal, intimate, and honest playground. Sketchbooks are a creative space with no pressure to perform, a place to relax, to experiment, a window into our thoughts and dreams; a visible record of a life observed, to be thumbed back through in times of creative drought.

Further details will be provided in the January Newsletter!



Mt Beppo Artists

Curated by Jan Godfrey and Gwen Litfin, the SASI Members Xmas Market Opening at Glen Rock Gallery was a feast for the soul, matched by a delicious feast for the palate. Open through to the 6th December it is well worth a visit to purchase a couple of unique artworks by local artists.

On Wednesday 29 November the Mt Beppo Artists started their Summer break with a celebration lunch at The Grand Hotel in Esk. We look forward to meeting again at the Mt Beppo Hall on Wednesday 7 February 2024.

The Mt Beppo Art Challenge encourages us to test out unfamiliar media and styles. With the artwork arrayed we also challenge ourselves to work out who produced each piece. The photos below are from the Nov Watercolour Challenge. Our next challenge begins in February with Collage. Expect photos in the March Newsletter! Wishing you all a 'Happy Merry' season.



Merry Christmas everyone!

Another year has come and almost gone, and we can now look forward to 2024 to see what it will bring to us all. This will be a short, non-philosophical article (I can hear the “Thank goodness” comments from here!), with just a couple of things to mention.

1. Proposed regular meeting opportunities for 2024

As some people may have seen I plan to offer a regular photo catchup in 2024 for anyone who may be interested in photography, whether wanting to join a group or not and whether a SASI member or not - anyone is invited. It will be a simple catchup over a coffee once a month for about an hour or so to discuss any aspect that people want to talk about.

Unfortunately, you may also be aware that the proposed meeting venue, Angies Country Cafe, sadly closed November 27th. So the new venue will be Nash Gallery and Cafe.

If anyone wants to catch up, the first meeting will be **Thursday January 18th at 9:30am** with subsequent meetings the third Thursday of each month, unless I am away chasing the light.

2. Workshops for 2024

Due to the decline in interest in photography workshops in 2023, I will not be providing any workshops in 2024, unless it is specifically requested. What I will be doing is extending an invitation to anyone who may wish to join me for a day, if you are in the area, on a number of photography trips I will personally be undertaking in 2024. There are several destinations I am considering, but the following are high on the list at the moment:

- Girraween National Park (April and September),
- Winton/Longreach (probably June),
- Warrumbungle National Park, NSW (most likely August).

Most will be camping trips for 3-4 days and once dates are confirmed, I will advertise in next years newsletters.

That’s about it from me, so I would like to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas, a safe festive season and all the best for the new year, not forgetting the reason for Christmas in the first place - the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, may He bless each one of you.

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.

Local Artist—available for commission artwork.

Always living in our rural district, there is a special interest in travelling through our range of beautiful Australian landscapes, using varieties of colours and techniques to portray them on canvas.



Noela Lowien
Artist & Local Historian

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~ Pastel ~ Graphite ~ Ink

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Photography/Art Suppliers

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