



Somerset Art Society

www.sasiart.com.au

SASI is a vibrant group of diverse artists who support the arts in the Somerset Region of South East Queensland. We encourage artists to promote and showcase their work and come together to share knowledge and ideas. We have workshops, art focused trips and other events throughout the year.

NEWSLETTER MARCH 2020



Since Last We Met.....

Glen Rock Gallery is the heart of Somerset Art Society Inc. It is how we promote art and support local artists. It is wonderful to have the use of a room in the Esk Information Centre. Both should benefit from the relationship.

SASI is very grateful to the many volunteers who help tourists and passers by, to negotiate our beautiful region of Somerset. Thank you volunteers for also helping SASI, by accepting sales for our Gallery Exhibitors. Without your support, sales for exhibiting artists would not happen and SASI would not be viable.

Thanks also to our coordinator Jan Godfrey who liaises with the council on SASI's behalf and thus promotes each Exhibiting Artist in turn through the council website. Jan Godfrey, Sue Howard, Sue White and Ron Orr do a wonderful job of curating the works displayed.

March has four artists displaying. Joy Holt's beautiful landscapes and portraits of people and pets and the fascinating "Encaustic Art" medium used by Liz Kusay is 3000 years old. Just when new technologies in paint are straining my brain, the ancient medium of bees wax and Damar resin technique is even more intriguing! When you visit the Gallery please take time to read all about this ancient technique.

The beautiful jewellery of Susan Wellingham and delightful carvings of Stephanie Mann are using our two glass display cabinets to show off their wares. The volunteers hold the key to the cabinets for purchases. Please thank them when you're there.

Phil Lister and Nelle Smith have purchased a camera from the Stronger Communities Program Grant that SASI received through the federal member, Shane Neumann. After some workshops in using the camera, we will be able to post detailed artworks, even those under glass, on the sasiart website to further promote artists and the Glen Rock Gallery.
Fondest Regards,

*Betty Williams,
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Stronger Communities Program SASI IT Grant Update

Phil Lister, convener of the SASI Photography Group, has discussed with the committee the best options for their photographic requirements bearing in mind the budget limitations and ease of use.

As a result, Phil has ordered and collected a Canon EOS 1500D DSLR camera with an EF-S 18-55mm kit lens, a UV and polarising filter and a 16GB SD memory Card.



Phil is currently developing two workshops to train interested SASI Members in the use of this camera.

The first workshop will cover camera basics and Photographing Artworks and will include use of the UV filter for photographing artworks under glass. Also covered will be the uploading of photos from the camera to a computer/device. This workshop will assist us in producing quality photos of Glen Rock Gallery Exhibits for the newsletter, website and newspapers.

The second workshop will cover Event Photography and will include group portraiture. This workshop will assist us with documenting SASI initiatives such as Workshops, the Art Awards, Gallery Openings and other events.

If you are interested in gaining, or refreshing your skills in these areas please join us. You are encouraged to bring your own cameras to the workshops.

Details of these workshops will be advertised via a News Flash - so keep an eye out for it. The SASI committee is grateful to Phil for his able and knowledgeable assistance. Thank you Phil.

Nelle Smith
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GLEN ROCK GALLERY



The exhibition now on display at the Gallery from 5th March till 2nd April, is by Artists Joy Holt and Liz Kusay. Joy is exhibiting paintings which were inspired by her experiences and sights whilst on a recent trip to Europe.

Liz has a wide variety of subject matter and techniques on display. Including encaustic and water colour paintings, pastel, shellac burns, and more.



In the cabinets you will find beautiful Jewellery styled by Susan Wellingham, and some fantastic wood carving work by Stephanie Mann.



UPCOMING GLEN ROCK GALLERY EXHIBITIONS

2/4/20 to 7/5/20 Mt. Beppo Art Group
7/5/20 to 4/6/20 Kerry Hetherington
4/6/20 to 2/7/20 Fernvale Artists

2020 Upcoming Events

MARCH

5 March to 1 April Glen Rock Gallery Exhibition Joy Holt <https://www.sasiart.com.au/glen-rock-gallery>

Thursday 12 March SASI Committee Meeting 9;30 am Fernvale
SASI Constitution review

APRIL

April 2nd to 6th May. Glen Rock Gallery Exhibition Mt Beppo Artists

April 9th SASI Committee Meeting 9;30 am Fernvale

April 23rd to 24th May Crows Nest annex of Toowoomba Gallery New England Highway.
"Beppo Girls". A collection of artworks

<http://www.tr.qld.gov.au/facilities-recreation/theatres-galleries/galleries/3140-crows-nest-regional-art-gallery>

MAY

May 7 to June 3 Glen Rock Gallery Exhibition

13 May SASI General Meeting Esk Visitors Information Centre 2pm

May 15th to 17th <https://www.hamptonfestival.com/visual-arts>

Hampton Music Arts, Wine and Food Festival. Entry of artworks ... Saturday workshops. Sunday festival Art Exhibition open 9:30 am - 4pm.

May 22nd to 23rd. Esk Agricultural Show. Those wishing to enter the "Fine Arts" section, will need to deliver all artworks promptly from 9am on Wednesday 20th. Entries close by 1pm. Judging at 2pm. <http://www.eskshow.com.au/>

May 30th Art Beat Festival <https://caa.creativealliance.org.au/sabf2020eoi/> for expression of interest form. Condensery Gallery Annex. Festival of local visual and performing arts from 9am to 4pm. SASI will have works for sale.

JUNE

June 5 - 6 Toogoolawah Agricultural Show. Deliver artworks Tuesday 10 am 4th June

<http://www.toogoolawahshowsociety.org.au/schedules.htm>

June 20th Valley of the Lakes Garden and Lifestyle Fair. Esk. <https://www.facebook.com/eskgardenandlifestylefair/>

SASI has booked 2 spaces for sales opportunities. Each artist MUST have an inventory! SASI funds the stall site. No commission on sales.

JULY

July 4th & 5th Brisbane Air Show Cressbrook "The Battle of Britain" to commemorate 100 year anniversary. <https://www.australianairdisplays.com.au/somerset-expo/>

GROUPS

SASI PHOTOGRAPHIC GROUP



Phil Lister is currently seeking interest within SASI for continuing the SASI Photo Group for 2020.

Last year we had a small group who attended a number of workshops as well as a few outings, including Queen Mary Falls, the Bunya Mountains, Girraween National Park and the Sunshine coast (twice!).

Phil is planning on running a number of workshops in 2020 if there is enough interest, and these will be centred around topics including how to use your camera, basic camera functions and how to use them, photographing landscapes, improving portrait photography and for the keener, digital workflows including basic software use (Adobe Lightroom, Photoshop, and Photomechanic) through to printing your images.

Suggestions for workshops are always welcomed. Other sessions would depend on specific interests within the group. Of course all workshops will be hands where possible.

If you are interested, please email Phil direct on plphotographix@gmail.com



MT. BEPPO ART GROUP

Meets Wednesdays from 9am to 1pm at Mt. Beppo Hall, 916

Mt. Beppo Rd. Mount Beppo, Qld. For further information contact [Gwen on 0437197381](tel:0437197381)

FERNVALE ART GROUP

Meets weekly on Thursdays at Fernvale Community Hall, Banks Creek Road, Fernvale, 9.30am till 12.30pm. For further information contact [Sue White on 0407072926](tel:0407072926)



If anyone has any events or news they would like to pass on to other SASI members, please forward article and photos to Pam at newsletter.sasiart@gmail.com by 31st March 2020.

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