



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 JUNE 2020



It is hard to believe that we have reached the month of June. The half way mark. Things have certainly changed during the past six months. Things we would never have dreamed of as we ventured forth into 2020.

Now, it is time to start trying to get back to some normality, and for SASI, it starts with the reopening of Glen Rock Gallery on 2nd July. The details are below.

There has been a lot of work for SASI happening behind the scenes whilst we have been observing the virus rules. We must thank Nelle for what she is doing. She is working very hard at the moment looking after the Secretary position, while our Secretary is on leave, and also doing her own position as Treasurer, along with working on the new Computers.

As you would know, our President, Betty has resigned. We wish Betty well in the future, and thank her for the work she has done for the Society. Betty will remain a member, and help when required, so we shall see her from time to time.

Our on line exhibitions have been working really well. For Kerry Hetheringtons exhibition, there were 314 visits to the Web site during the month of May.

All keep safe and well. Till next time. Pam. Acting President.

Welcome New Members

SASI is pleased to welcome our 2 new members.

Karen Jones, a lover of oil painting, has joined the Fernvale Artists in their upcoming Glen Rock Gallery Online Exhibition

Albert Hill, a photographer, who posted his application to join SASI in March. Due to Covid travel restrictions Albert became a member in May.

Hello Albert - Welcome!

Please visit the SASI website sasiart.com.au to view the latest newsletter, visit the Online Gallery, check out the 'What else we do' page, and the Contact page in case we can be of assistance to you.

GLEN ROCK GALLERY ON LINE

Go into the Gallery online to view the paintings by the Fernvale Art Group commencing 4th June. Several members of the Art Group have displayed their paintings and most of them are for sale.

Details for contacting the Artists are with their group of paintings.

Some of the photos were taken by Sue White, who is doing the photography course with the Societies new camera, and the photos have had a review by our photography teacher and

expert, Phil Lister.



Included in the on line exhibition, are 17 Artists showing 86 works of art. There are miniature scenes, handmade out of recycled materials by KC Minis. Two artists who get together to make these miniatures and also customised gifts. Make sure you check out the web site, and share the link with friends.

Here is the link.....

<https://www.sasiart.com.au/glen-rock-gallery-fernvale>



GLEN ROCK GALLERY

As much as we have enjoyed producing Glen Rock Gallery Online for you, we are excited and pleased to announce....

Glen Rock Gallery, in the Esk Visitors Information Centre, is reopening on Thursday 2nd July 2020..... with the eclectic offerings by our SASI Artist, Marilyn Leitch.

Marilyn's display will include; Gift cards, Australian Nature Artworks, Unique Coffee Mugs and a selection of Ken Leitch 3D Woodwork pieces painted by Marilyn. This is an exciting display to start back at Glen Rock Gallery.

Note: Please follow Duty of Care social distancing measures put in place at EVIC. EVIC staff will allow up to two people into the Glen Rock Gallery space at any one time. Stay safe, and treat yourself to an outing at Marilyn's Exhibition at Glen Rock Gallery, Esk Visitor Information Centre - 82 Ipswich Street, Esk, QLD 4312 open Monday to Friday.

Stronger Communities Program Grant Update

As previously reported SASI was invited to apply for a SCP grant by our Local MP Shayne Neumann. SASI applied for a grant to supply laptops with peripherals and software to the Committee Executive and a digital camera for photographing Glen Rock Gallery and Somerset Art Awards artworks and SASI events. The grant was approved with 50% (in cash or in-kind) being supplied by SASI.

The Computers

As part of the process for accessing affordable software, SASI registered with the Connecting Up group, who are a nonprofit specialising in enabling other nonprofits to further their own objectives through cost effective ICT, training and advice.

Through our registration with Connecting Up, SASI has been enabled to take advantage of the Google nonprofit program. Google provides G Suite at no cost to nonprofits and SASI has taken this advantage with gratitude.

G Suite is similar to gmail with the same apps plus the added focus on communications and collaboration tools.

This is a bonus for SASI, whose committee, and membership, is dispersed.

All Committee members and Key personnel positions have been registered with G Suite. Nelle has set up the SASI Executive computers with G Suite and is in the process of visiting each of the people performing key roles in the organisation, taking them through the login process, setting up mail forwarding, and providing training in the ease of G Suite use.

Through Connecting Up, SASI is also eligible for Microsoft donations and discounts. The Committee is currently deciding the purchase of Microsoft Office Standard 2020 (includes Publisher) for the SASI Executive laptops.

Adobe offers a bundle of photo editing essentials and video editing software through the program. This software would be useful to some key role personnel.

We are in the process of assessing if their personal computers have the system requirements needed.

This grant is due for acquittal on 30th June 2020.

The SASI Camera workshop by Phil Lister was fully booked prior to covid restrictions.

The Camera Basics and Photographing Artworks components of the workshops have been held online. Some workshop participants were also members of the groups with exhibitions booked at Glen Rock Gallery. With the Covid related closure of the gallery, SASI opened Glen Rock Gallery online. The SASI camera was used to take photos of personal artwork for online display. Phil, via a link to the appropriate webpage, provided detailed and helpful feedback on the photographs via email.

The Fernvale Exhibition, which goes live on the website on Thursday 4th June 2020 contains many photographs taken with the SASI camera by workshop participant Sue White. Here is the link for a preview <https://www.sasiart.com.au/glen-rock-gallery-fernvale>

With the reopening of the Glen Rock Gallery on the 2 July, a member of the workshop will have the opportunity to use the SASI camera to photograph artworks in the Gallery. The workshop participants will meet face to face to wrap up the workshop sometime - hopefully within the next month.

The Somerset Council has developed the Somerset Arts and Culture Directory. This is now live on the Somerset Regional Council website.

For the list of local artists/businesses registered please visit:

<https://www.somerset.qld.gov.au/directory/9/somerset-arts-and-culture-directory/category/119>

If you or your group would like to be added to the directory, please email mail@somerset.qld.gov.au

Heads up!

Remember, your SASI Membership expires at Midnight on 31 July 2020.

Membership currently remains \$20. If you are a current member you may pay for your 2020/2021 membership year from now.

Please complete the membership form at <https://www.sasiart.com.au/memberships> so your details remain current.

SASI AGM Wednesday 12 August 2020 @ 2pm

The SASI membership is a supportive community. Your participation is valued.

At the SASI AGM, all current committee members step down (can be nominated for re-election) and a new committee is elected.

Seriously consider supporting SASI by nominating for a position on the committee.

The Committee Positions are: *President, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, and up to 3 committee members.*

Documentation and Training is available to ease you into the position.

Please contact the Secretary for a nomination form: secretary@sasiart.com.au

SASI Members also perform other Key roles in the organisation. These roles are performed by members with an interest in and/or skills in the role chosen and are not elected positions.

Newsletter Editor, Glen Rock Gallery Coordinator, Glen Rock Gallery Curators x 4, Workshop Coordinator, Website Manager/IT and Event/Artwork Photography (available x 3).

Contact details for these positions can be found on the SASI website contacts page

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

Early in the 2020/2021 membership year, the new committee will have the opportunity to appoint a subcommittee to plan the Somerset Art Awards 2021.

Have a great month, and remember you will be able to visit Glen Rock Gallery in July to view the next Exhibition in person.

