



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 through-

NEWSLETTER APRIL 2020

Since Last We Met

The world seems a very different place since The March newsletter! I really hope everyone is well and keeping safe. Many members are in the "At risk age group", but those I know personally are tougher and healthier than most of the population! (and they'd tell you that too!)

The pandemic has taken precedent over our usual activities, our way of life and our news broadcasts. SASI has a responsibility to join in and follow the government directives. No galleries; no group meetings; no group workshops etc, etc. There is no way of knowing how long this "hibernation" will last.

But the SASI bear is still breathing. The sasiart website is featuring the Glen Rock Gallery Exhibition, "The Beppo Artists". Features of the website are being updated regularly. Every day there are more innovations from the Website Coordinator, Nelle Smith. I think she is really enjoying herself! Please go in and check on updates and tell your families and friends to visit. Not only will they see this month's artwork, but the numbers recorded will give Nelle a thrill 😊

Also breathing is the Camera workshop run by Phil Lister. Great notes to follow. What a fantastic camera he suggested for SASI's needs. It's features include, not only the basics and the usual, but also a "food" function that makes food look fresh and vibrant and the portrait function that blurs the background and smooths the skin! Sadly, I don't think I deserve such a clever piece of technology because I am still working out how to use Intelligent Auto. I think I miss Phil! My next effort will be using the polarising lens and photo artworks that are under glass. I have nothing I am proud of to show you, but I am sure proud of the new SASI EOS Rebel T7 Camera!

Have an Enjoyable Easter. 🐣 🐰 🥚 chocolate

Betty Williams,
President

GLEN ROCK GALLERY

In response to the Glen Rock Gallery closure due to Covid 19, SASI has taken Glen Rock Gallery ONLINE!

Artists with upcoming bookings at the Gallery are being informed by the Glen Rock Gallery Coordinator of the changes in the process for exhibiting. The Artist will take photographs of their art, and submit no later than two weeks prior to exhibition date, which will allow time for the page to be developed and the Artist to check it prior to publication.

As artists, we are very likely to become expert at taking photographs of our art. The inaugural Glen Rock Gallery Online exhibition of works by the Mt Beppo Artists Group is up and running for your viewing pleasure at <https://www.sasiart.com.au/glen-rock-gallery-online-mt-beppo-e>

Check it out - share on your social media.

Each of the seven Artists participating have their own gallery with several of their artworks included. Click on the arrows in each Artists Gallery to view more of their works.

Being the first online exhibition means that feedback on problems encountered is appreciated. Please forward website feedback to Nelle at website.sasiart@gmail.com



There are also items by Susan Wellingham using silver and glass beads along with other materials.
Jan Godfrey has some beautiful works in pottery.

We note that there has been a 300% increase in Mobile Traffic and 118% in desktop views since the exhibition went on line.

The next three exhibitions
to be held:

7/5/20 to 3/6/20 by Artist Kerry Hetherington.
4/6/20 to 1/7/20 Fernvale Artis
2/7/20 to 5/8/20 Artist Marilyn Leitch

UPCOMING EVENTS

The holding of the following events will depend on Government restrictions and organisers decisions at the time, owing to the COVID19 Virus

Please check the web sites for further information closer to the time.

May

13th May SASI General Meeting. Further advice on how this meeting will be held will be available in the near future. Information will be forwarded in the next newsletter and posted on the web site.

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

JUNE

20th June.... Valley of the Lakes Garden and Lifestyle Fair. Esk. SASI has booked 2 spaces for sales opportunities. Each artist MUST have an inventory! SASI funds the stall site. No commission on sales. <https://www.facebook.com/eskgardenandlifestylefair/>

JULY

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

Art Beat Festival has been cancelled.

Ipswich Art Society have cancelled all of their activities until further notice.

Lowood Show has been cancelled for 2020.

Toogoolawah Show has been cancelled for 2020.

Temporary closure of Crows Nest Regional Art Gallery in line with Government advice the Gallery will be closed till further notice.

FROM THE TREASURER

Stronger Communities Program grant - SASI IT updates:

WORKSHOPS

The 1500 D Cannon Camera (purchased by SASI with SCP grant) and Artwork Photography workshop to be presented by Phil Lister, was to be held at Glen Rock Gallery. Phil has moved this workshop to an email format. With direction on how to clean the Camera before forwarding, two of

the participants have now completed the workshop using Phil's notes. A face to face for this workshop (to iron out any bad habits) will be scheduled when appropriate.

Further Camera workshops

These workshops are currently on hold until further notice.

NOTEBOOK COMPUTERS

The SASI Committee agreed to purchase three ASUS laptops- model x509fj-ej309t 156-fhd core i7 8565u

The notebooks, and associated peripherals have been purchased and remain boxed at present, awaiting a break in Covid 19 related travel restrictions to facilitate professional set-up and delivery to users.

If the travel restrictions continue ad infinitum, then the computer set-up will be done in-house.

Writing of the SASI IT Policies,

Processes and Procedures, associated with the acquittal of the SCP grant, re- use of SASI owned IT will be commenced ASAP and completed when the computers are up and running.

If policy writing is your field please contact Nelle with any Hints or Tips by emailing treasurer.sasiart@gmail.com

FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

SASI is currently researching methods for holding committee meetings online. If you have information on a great platform for group meetings please forward info to

President.sasiart1@gmail.com

SITES FOR YOU TO CHECK OUT

The following sites are all legitimate and will not scam you.

1. Joanne Boon Thomas' page on Facebook. A water colour artist, and also does Brusho work. She has free tutorials on you tube.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVMvbVJFluJZC4JjCuFMDww>

Also, check out her web page.

<http://www.artbyboon.co.uk>



2. Paul Taggart is a well known artist in Scotland. Here is his you tube link.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7h_ifHS2tXIBD4_QfIS58A

You will also find him on Facebook. At the moment, he has free to air videos on painting a postcard. The latest postcard videos are free to stream as much as you want, and \$1 if you want to download and keep them on your hard drive. Go to this link for more information.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/startartwithpaul/>



3. Fine Art Tips on you tube by Leonardo Perezniето

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1gm3augwueM>

4. Artist Network in U.S., has free Videos, 'Drawing Together,' on you tube.



<https://www.youtube.com/user/artistsnetwork?>

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Keep safe and healthy.