



Somerset Art Society Inc

Supporting the arts and artists in the Somerset Region SE Qld

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Presidents Ponderings

with Sandi Hook

The lead up to Christmas was very busy with the Christmas Party at my studio being a highlight for me. First step was to get my studio ready and that was a challenge as a few days prior the space was full of packing boxes. However, everything was ready for the lunch time party, and we welcomed artists from all over Somerset. I am so pleased everyone was able to find my place, enjoy witnessing the studio space and having a lovely time celebrating Christmas.

I have booked for Deb Mostert's Everyday Sketchbooks workshops in February. These dates are advertised further down in the newsletter and tickets can be booked through The Condensery. This is a great opportunity for Somerset artists.

The Studio Artist Trail is a developing concept and if there are artists in the Somerset region who would like to have their studio promoted or indeed work in gallery space for the public, please contact me on president@sasiart.com.au We are at the very beginning of building this project, and together with the Regional Council, will hopefully deliver a July Artist Trail for Somerset.

I hope everyone survived the wild weather leading up to Christmas and over the last few days. Now it's time to rest up and revitalise for the incoming New Year!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a 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>

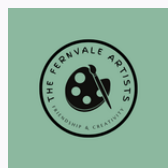
For more info Click the photo to visit SASI website Groups page



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

<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

GALLERIES

Glen Rock Gallery

Friday 5 January - Wednesday 31 January Robbie Greer - Rusticated Art

Lowood Gallery

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

The Condensery

Until 18th February

'Remnants | Impressions' by Louis Lim and 'Healing Garden' by Hiromi Tango

WORKSHOPS

Sketchbook Workshops with Deb Mostert @ The Condensery:

- 10am to 4pm, Wednesday 14 Feb
- 10am to 4pm, Thursday 15 Feb
- 10am to 4pm, Friday 16 Feb

[Register Here](#)

EVENTS

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, 23 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

Robbie Greer

FRI 5TH JAN - WED 31ST JAN

Meet The Artist at Glen Rock

Robbie Greer

FRI 5TH JAN 11AM

In The Display Cabinets at Glen Rock

LOCAL ARTISTS

Coal Creek Pottery
Exquisite Cards and Gifts



What's Coming to Glen Rock Gallery

FEBRUARY

Shirley Gregor, Sue Howard
& Sue Wellingham

MARCH

Gerard de Roo

APRIL

The Fernvale Artists

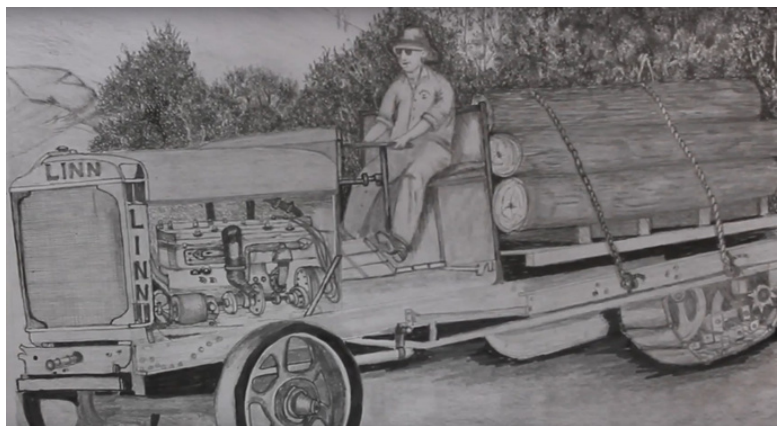
Robbie Greer - Rusticated Art

5TH JANUARY 2023 - 31ST JANUARY 2024

Meet Kiwi artist Robbie Greer, now settled in the scenic Lockyer Valley. His unique artistic technique involves creating intricate drawings using graphite before adding a defining touch with ink, a method he refers to as the "platinum finish."

In his upcoming exhibition, at Glen Rock Gallery in Esk, titled 'Bits of this and that,' Robbie will be presenting a captivating array of artworks. The collection encompasses a diverse range, featuring segments from his African series, as well as prints extracted from the collaborative book 'Beyond the Fence: In and around the Lockyer Valley,' researched and written by his partner Anna Hahn. The book focuses on his drawings of abandoned structures scattered throughout the Valley.

The exhibition will also include historical buildings found within the Laidley Pioneer Village. Notably, this showcase will also introduce never-before-seen material, adding a fresh and exciting dimension to Robbie's repertoire.



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

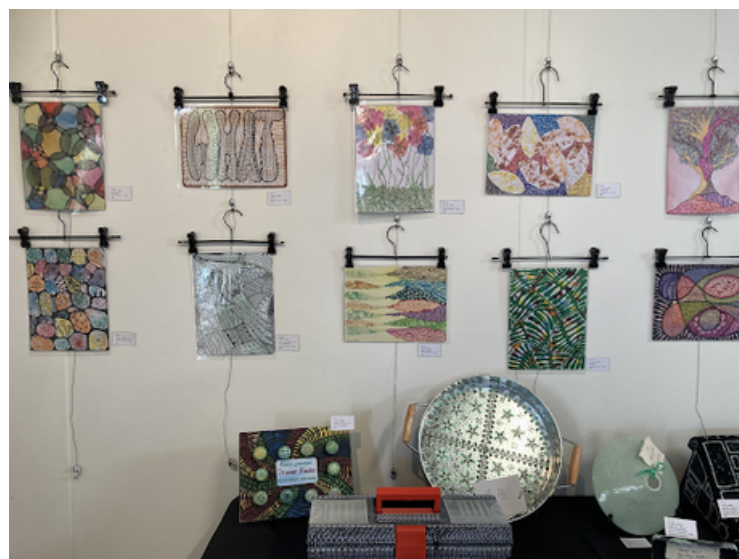
RAILWAY STREET, LOWOOD, QLD 4311
THUR 9:30AM - 12:30PM SAT/SUN 9:30AM - 2PM

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

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



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.

Workshop Bookings:

For more information about the bookings [check here](#), or register below!

[Everyday nature drawing - Wednesday 14th Feb](#)

[Figure from Life - Thursday 15th Feb](#)

[Still Life & Landscape - Friday 16th Feb](#)

SASI Christmas Party

Hosted by Sandi and Stu in Sandi's airy studio, the 2023 SASI Christmas Party was notable for Sue White's refreshing punch, Stu's excellent barista skills, Sandi's exquisite artworks, the delicious fare and the ubiquitous bonhomie.

A warm thank you to Sandi and Stu, the many SASI chefs and to Sandi's friend Jill for taking photos.



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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