



Somerset Art Society

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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 DECEMBER 2020



We are almost at the end of 2020. A year like no other for the worlds population. We have made it though, and look forward to 2021, in the hope that things will return to what we perceive as being normal.

There were cancellations of many events during this year, and we also missed out on having Art exhibitions and workshops for several months. All events are starting to get underway once again, with COVID safety plans in place.

Our Society has held two workshops during the year, organised by our Workshop Co ordinator Joanne, and the exhibitions at Glen Rock Gallery are underway again. The exhibitions are also still being posted on line on the SASI website.

Your committee is, as always, working hard to keep the Society active in the community, and will be having stalls at the local events which are to be held in 2021.

The SASI Art Awards will be held in 2021. Maybe some of you would be able to help with the work required to make the event a success. Anyone willing to help, contact the President.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas. Stay safe, and wishing you all the very best for 2021.





GLEN ROCK GALLERY



Christmas has come to Glen Rock Gallery with the exhibition of beautifully crafted items created by members of the Glen Rock Stitchers. There are Santa sacks, bags, children's clothes, Christmas banners, kitchen items, patchwork quilts and so much more! It is a wonderful array at very reasonable prices. Come and do some Christmas shopping now!

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. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Lynne Robson on 5424 1382.



UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS

7/1/21 to 4/2/21 Art by Betty Williams.

4/2/21 to 4/3/21 Art by Sue Howard

4/3/21 to 1/4/21 Art by the Artists of Crows Nest

UPCOMING EVENTS

The following events are on the calendar, and we hope they will go ahead as planned.

Somerset Art Beat festival	May 2021
Hampton Festival	May 15th & 16th.
Esk Show	May 21st & 22nd.
Toogoolawah Show	June 4th & 5th
Esk Garden Fair	June 19th.
Brisbane air show	
Watts Bridge	July 4th & 5th
Somerset Art Awards	July 14th to July 25th.

Watch out for a starting date for this next year, if you are interested.

Ipswich Art Society holds a painting group at the Old Courthouse Ipswich Cnr. East and Roderick Streets Ipswich on the second Saturday of each month. Starts at 9am till 1pm. Cost \$5 per person. Bring your own art materials. They supply tables, easels, coffee tea and refreshments. Free parking in Ginn Street.

Somerset Art Awards 2021

We are excited to announce that preparations have begun for the Somerset Bendigo Bank Art Awards in July 2021. Full details will be available in early 2021.

Somerset Art Awards Facebook page. Like the page to receive up to date information as it



becomes available. <https://www.facebook.com/Somerset-Bendigo-Bank-Art-Awards-2021-164387417384533>

Detail images of some of the winners from 2019: Margaret Underdown - Home Paddock, Sharon McKenzie - Woven Destiny, Kathy Ellem - Edges, Aneldi Van Wyk - My Identity

Workshop Report :-

Our recent SASi workshop held at St Agnus Church Hall Esk on the 28-29th November 2020 with artist *Jan Lawnikanis* was very successful. It was a watercolour workshop and the topic was STILL-LIFE - BACKGROUNDS AND UNDERGROUNDS using the *grisaille method*, (painting a tonal underlay) then glazing on top in transparent colours.

There was 14 participants and the feedback was very positive for both the artist and the venue. *Jan* added theory to the practical which individuals thought very helpful. She also provided pictures so that the class could get straight into the practical aspects of painting the *grisaille method*. This was very interesting and certainly brings a subject into focus.

SASi provided each participant with a tube of Neutral Tint and 2 sheets of **Fabriano Artístico** cold pressed 300g 100% cotton watercolour paper as well as a sheet of graphite transfer paper to use for transferring the subject to their watercolour paper. This ensured everyone could save time instead of having to draw up their subject from scratch.

We applied for and were granted a **RADF** Grant from the Sommerset Council which enabled SASi to hold the workshop for participants at a very reasonable cost. Thanks to Nelle our treasurer who did the work for the grant

We all had a great time and some beautiful outcomes as you can see below. Thanks to everyone who supported us and to all who helped, much appreciated.

Next workshop 2021 :-

I have already organised another workshop with *Jan Lawnikanis* for 2021. The dates for your diary is the **27th&28th February 2021** at the same venue.

This will be a **two day workshop** however this time you can book in for either one day or both days. The topic for the **1st day is: Painting Glass** – vases, bottles etc. **2nd day is: Painting reflective surfaces**...anything shiny...but no flowers this time! Costs will be advised in the next News Letter.

Best wishes and keep safe.

Joanne Hegn SASI Workshop Coordinator.

WORKSHOP PHOTOS:-



The above works in progress are by artists at the workshop. Top left, Linda Maine, Linda Senjov. and Joanne Hegney.



SASI held the Christmas get together at the Grand Hotel, Esk on 5th December. Approx. 16 members attended. An enjoyable time was had by all, with Joe making us very welcome.



MERRY CHRISTMAS