



Society of Artists
NEWCASTLE INC.

Society Newsletter

JUNE 2021

PAINTING OF THE MONTH



Painting of the month was held at the end of the May meeting. And the winner was Valdo Krstevski with his painting titled 'Mayfield'. Congratulations Valdo.

You could be the lucky winner next time. Simply bring along a painting to be hung in the gallery. At the end of the meeting all attendees can cast their vote. The winner receives either a \$25 voucher for Aaron Framed it or a \$25 voucher for Adamstown Newsagency.

NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY 29ND OF JUNE AT 1.00PM.

Please note:

* There is to be a **\$2 entry fee to the meeting which becomes your lucky door prize ticket** - prize is either a \$25 voucher for Aaron Framed it or Adamstown Newsagency.

President's Report – June 2021

Updating last month's report on the 2021 Newcastle Art Prize (1 to 4 October), I'm delighted that our wonderful sponsorship team – Bob Saxon and Roya Gribben – have secured some \$6,000 in prize money and vouchers from our terrific sponsors. Well done you guys and thank you to our sponsors! This will enable us to offer a total prize pool of \$10,000, with \$2,000 for the Newcastle Art Prize itself for the first time (normally \$1,500). Yes, wow!!

Two more 'firsts' in this NAP will be cash vouchers for six 'Commended' awards from Aaron Framed it! and the Adamstown Newsagency (also trading as Adamstown Fine Art Supplies), as well as \$300 for the 'Peoples' Choice'. That's the first time we have been able to offer a cash prize for the People Choice. And instead of vouchers for the 'Highly Commended' awards, there will be three \$200 cash prizes. The entry form (which will showcase all our sponsors) is in preparation and should be ready to go out with this newsletter or shortly after.

The increased prize money is bound to attract more external entries so we are expecting that we may have a full house of paintings this year. Hopefully, however, we won't have to use the clause that provides for some entries not to be hung if there is insufficient space. In that regard, please pay close attention to the size limits for your first and second paintings – a maximum of 1m² for the first, and 0.5m² for the second (including frame).

The committee has approved the final design for the mural on the wall facing Howe Street. We are all excited with the beautiful image of one of Jenni Gander's colourful flower paintings with *Society of Artists Newcastle* in large cursive white script across it. The printer, Signarama, is proceeding with printing the image onto aluminum panels and will install it. Bob Saxon has done an amazing job preparing the wall for the mural by extending the top of the left side, installing a new door to the external storage area and closing over the two window openings.

We are hopeful that the mural will be installed ahead of the upcoming 150 Anniversary Lambton Festival week from Monday 21st to Sunday 27th. Some of our members who enjoy plein air painting are planning to be out and about around Lambton during the week and may have some of those ready for the Joe Donkin Gallery Exhibition at the end of the week along with paintings by other members. If you have paintings of the local area, it would be great to exhibit them then too.

Happy painting,

Hugh Cross

President

Art Director Report

Due to an excellent response from members, there are very limited vacancies in upcoming workshops. However, members are encouraged to put their name on the reserve list for a workshop as vacancies frequently occur. Bob Saxon Portraits in Oils has one vacancy, and there are several spots still available in Melody Jones Life Drawing in November. Workshop information is on the website and registrations to Ann-Maree by SMS 0417261891 or email kelly.annmaree@gmail.com

Ann-Maree Kelly

ART EXHIBITION IN THE RJD GALLERY

NOTICE

There are a few changes to our usual art exhibition for JUNE

There will be **NO** exhibition on the first weekend.

Instead there will be an exhibition by the Hunter Women Artists on the weekend of the **19,20 June**.

Then

Our usual RJD exhibition will be held the following weekend on the **27,28 June** to coincide with the celebrations happening in Lambton for their 150th Anniversary. This allows our Society not only to take part in the festivities and attract people into the gallery. But, perhaps even educate more people that we are in Lambton park and the important social and community aspects of our Society. The flyer for the June exhibition is below. Print it out, hand it out to friends, family, other community groups that you are a part of as the more people who know about us, the more people can support us.



Monday Portrait Group

We have had some interesting models over the last few weeks from different Ethnic groups such as Chinese, Fijian and Malaysian. All of which all require some very acute observation and gave artists a chance to find out more about the person's heritage .

We have also gained a few new artists who are interested in portraiture.

The group is also looking to recruit some more models from the Society membership.

If you are available on a **Monday morning, from 9 – 12.30pm** and you would like the experience, please **ring Denise on 0418 687 467** to find out more. You listen to nice music of your choice, have a restful 3 hours and you get paid for your time.

Below are 6 more of the portraits painted by our artists for this year's 'Unique People of the Hunter' exhibition.

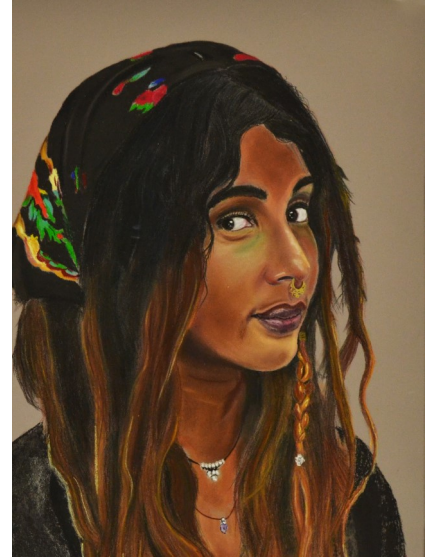
*Sandra Berenger AM by Jenny Richardson, Jim Crockett by John Dorahy, Teggie Barzier by John Hamilton (People's Choice), Greg Paterson by Libby Cusick, Col Ward by Lisa Wiseman, Daniel (Juyong) by Nicole



SANDRA BERENGER BY JENNY RICH-



JIM CROCKETT BY JOHN DORAHY



TEGGIE BARZIER BY JOHN HAMILTON



GREG PATERSON BY LIBBY CUSICK



COL WARD BY LISA WISEMAN



DANIEL JUYONG KIM BY
NICOLE LEKACH



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Have you always wanted to “do” art, but never known where to start?

Society of Artists Newcastle is offering a 4 week course in which you will be taught art skills, including perspective, composition, colour and tonal value. You will learn different techniques in acrylic and watercolour and how to use the media to add interest to your work.

Each week you will use your new talents to produce your own artwork.



COURSE TIME and DATES:

TUESDAYS: 9.30am-12.30pm

July 6,13, 20 and Aug 3

Cost: \$195 – includes most materials needed.

Held at Society of Artists, 38 Howe St,
Lambton (in Lambton Park)

For information and application form please contact:

Jill Campbell: jillicampbell@gmail.com 0402 321812

Jenni Gander: jennigan@bigpond.com 0423180052

Jackie Maundrell-Hall: jmaundrellhall@gmail.com

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NEW MONTHLY GROUP FOR WATERCOLOUR ARTISTS

Starting Thursday June 3 there will be a Watercolour Group in the rooms. The tutor is Lauren May Sahu-Khan.

Lauren is an artist/illustrator based in Newcastle. She is a seasoned artist with several awards recognising her dedication to her expertise, and over the years she has had her work hang in several leading botanical art exhibitions both here in Australia and the US. In recent years she has expanded into art teaching, including private lessons, children's art classes and watercolour workshops for groups of all ages and abilities. Her art style is quite literally to 'stop and smell the flowers'. The attention to tiny, often overlooked detail, the challenge of capturing it and

there reward of being able to enjoy the finished pieces is what she loves and would love to share.

As mentioned in an email sent to all members earlier., if you are interested in joining Lauren in a small class of people who want to learn how to capture nature in all its intricate detail and beauty



then contact Lauren on her email address or phone number as listed below.

Cost: \$30

Time: 1-3pm on 1st Thursday of each month.

Email: lauren@laurenmayask.com.au

Phone: 0421 517 075



This weekend (5,6 June) FROM 10AM TO 4PM Lake Macquarie artists and makers are throwing open their studios so that anyone can go along and check them out. It is a chance to meet the artists, to talk with them about their process of creating their art and of course a chance to purchase unique artworks. There is no cost except for workshops –need to book.

A variety of art will be on display. Including glass, acrylic, oil, sculptors and textile.

Artists included as part of the festival include:

Alina Jane	Annette Kelsey	Grahame Wilson
Goya Torres	Jackie Scheepers	Jayne Pinkerton-Frost
Kate Belton	Kaylene Gayner	Ken Hall
Kerrie Swan	Leslie Duffin	Lyn Abbott
Patricia Menegazzo	Rebecca Murray	Susan Eve
Christine Kinnane	Jenny Elks	Lynne Britten
Lynne Turner	Wendy Lesniak	Carolyn Haywood
Dianna Kellerman	Fern Martins	Sandra Lee Brown
Amanda Donohue	Martina Carney	Chris Jacob
Kennethe Bull	Denise Painter	Black Crow Walking
Catherine Gillieatt	Bruce Abbott	Robin Ihnen
Cheryl Liddell	Miriam Lawson	Robyn Harper
Cathy Pitman	Karen Murray	

*** Jump online to print out the Lake Macquarie Open Studios brochure which includes a map of where the artists can be found.**

MAC Gallery—museum of Art and Culture Lake Macquarie - Yapang

The Museum of Art and Culture opened three fascinating new exhibitions in May, **REAL WORLDS: Dobell Australian Drawing Biennial 2020**, **Gammin: A Story of a Young Mob in Cyanotype**; and *Art in Your Community: Natural History*. Visitors who would like to learn more about the **REAL WORLDS** exhibition have the opportunity to join a Curator's Talk on 26 June, and kids can enjoy a school holiday workshop inspired by artist Nathan Hawkes, who's work is on display in **REAL WORLDS**.



REAL WORLDS: Dobell Australian Drawing Biennial 2020 presents the work of either contemporary Australian artists who create extraordinary new worlds in drawings of great complexity and invention. Drawing is the principal medium, the exhibited works evoke distinctive ways of seeing and making sense of the world.

UNTIL 18 JULY



GAMMIN: A STORY OF A YOUNG MOB IN CYANOTYPE

A Yapang project led by the newly appointed Aboriginal mentee Wanjun Carpenter with students from Clontarf Academy, Toronto.

This collaborative exhibition celebrates the supportive relationships these young men share through a love of sport, playful interaction and a connection to their culture. **UNTIL 18 JULY**



Art in Your Community: Natural History

'Art in our Community' is an ongoing program of showcase exhibitions at MAC for local artists. In this exhibition our natural world comes alive as science meets art. From bees to banksia, natural history illustrators explore the minutia of life through a variety of media. All works are available for sale.

Image: Cathy Lane Beautiful Bromeliad come march

UNTIL 5 SEPTEMBER

Weekly members activities

Activities at the rooms cost \$5 each - includes tea/coffee & utility expenses (rates, power etc).

Although we now have a cleaner contracted for limited activity, it is still our individual responsibility to keep our rooms clean. Easels should be cleaned down, eg pastel dust and/or paint wiped off.

The Toilet area and kitchen area should also be left clean. If you wash dishes please do so thoroughly, wipe them over with paper towel and place back where you found them.

Each and every member is required to clean down their desk with spray and paper provided in the rooms.

NOTE: Flat easels are **NOT** to be left leaning against the new curtains! There is a designated area for easels on the side wall next to the bookcase.

[More details about weekly and regular art activities and workshops for 2021 can be found on the society's website.](#)

MONDAY

9.30am - 12.30pm

Portrait Drawing and Painting

(\$10 payable weekly for provision of a model)

Wayne Berrigan 49282319

Denise Johns 0418 687467

1.00pm - 4.00pm

Contemporary Group

Mainly acrylic, watercolour and mixed media

Jill Campbell 49434352 or 0402 321812

TUESDAY

9.30am-12.30pm

Social Art (Oils) (All Welcome)

1.00pm-4.00pm

Tuesday Afternoon 1.00-4.00pm

stARTers - an afternoon for anyone wanting to get started or resume their art.

Bring along your art you are working on, your own art materials and our experienced tutor is there to guide you.

(Cost is \$15 per week)

**Note: Group does not meet on the last Tuesday of the month.)

For further information:

Jill Campbell 0402 321812

Jackie Maundrell-Hall

0451 854 354

jmaundrellhall@gmail.com

LAST Tuesday of each month

1.00pm Society of Artists Member's meeting
(all members and visitors welcome).

WEDNESDAY

9.00am-11.30am

Chinese Painting

Stephen Cassettari 0413 570190

10.00am - 1.00pm

Social Art - the RJD Gallery

Gill Miles 0417 217335

12.30pm-3.30pm

Soft Pastel Class

Gwendolin Lewis

0420 298611

5.30pm-8.00pm

Social Art (all media)

Mainly Acrylic but all media fine. **Please phone Lisa if intending to come.**

Lisa Gaudron 0427 571359.

THURSDAY

10am until 1pm

Main Room: SOCIAL ART

All welcome

Jo Donkin Room: MIXED MEDIA GROUP

Gill Miles: 0417217335

FRIDAY

10am-1.00pm

Friday Art Group

General painting in all mediums plus any desired assistance with colour & composition.

Kath Loudon 49526902

(Friday 10am—2pm only)

9.00 on location

Outdoor painting group

4th and 11th June – Catherine Hill Bay Surf Club.

18th and 25th June – Shortland Wetlands.

Contact Ron for details

Ron (Joe) Donkin 4957 3653

SATURDAY

Watercolour group - last Sat of month **ONLY**

10.00am - whenever

URBAN SKETCHERS

Sat 12 June 46 Church St Cnr Newcomen St

Sat 26 June Newcastle Beach Surf tower

Phil Bamford 0408 483143

Note: new day on Thursdays

SPECIALS AND SALES AT ART SUPPLIERS.

Just a few stores and their specials for your information.

Specials correct at time of publication of Newsletter. (from email sent to the editor) (28-30 June)

ECKERSLEYS UP TO 40% OFF BRUSHES/ UP TO 35 % OFF PAINT/UP TO 20% OFF MEDIUMS AND VARNISHES /UP TO 20% OFF SURFACES

SENIORS ART SUPPLIES—FREE FREIGHT ON ORDERS OVER \$149

- 10% OFF 1/4 SHEET BAOHONG SMOOTH WATERCOLOUR PAPER 300 GSM (280X380) PACKET 20 NOW \$47.70 (SAME PRICE FOR MEDIUM AND ROUGH FINISH)
- 1/2 SHEET BAOHONG SMOOTH WATERCOLOUR PAPER 300GSM (380X560) PACKET 10 NOW \$47.25 SAME PRICE FOR MEDIUM AND ROUGH FINISH)
- FULL SHEET BAOHONG SMOOTH WATERCOLOUR PAPER 300GSM 9560X760) PACKET 10 NOW \$89.55 (SAME PRICE FRO MEDIUM AND ROUGH FINISH)
- 20% OFF ALL ACRYLICS / STAYWET PALETTE BY NEEF 25% OFF
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ADAMSTOWN NEWSAGENCY AND ART SUPPLIES

20% OFF SINGLE SCHMINCKE WATERCOLOURS

15% OFF PRIMACRYL 35ML TUBES.

RIOT ART AND CRAFT—FREE SHIPPING ON ORDERS OVER \$99

CLEARANCE SALE 50—70% OFF—OVER 600 ITEMS

ARTSHED ONLINE

UP TO 20% OFFBESTSELLING ACRYLICS

THE SYDNEY ART STORE—10% OFF FOR FIRST TIME CUSTOMERS

Alesandro painting knives detail series \$9.70/\$8.73

Amsterdam Acrylic Inks 30ml \$16.56/\$14.90

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From now on the Society Of Artists Monthly Newsletter will be sent as an attachment.

The Newsletter will still be delivered to your nominated email address. BUT, instead of automatically appearing on your screen when you open the email, you will need to click on the attachment to view the Newsletter.

This will be in a PDF format which means it will be able to be accessed by any smart phone, tablet or computer.

SOME, may need to download an **ADOBE** reader program to allow them to access the Newsletter.

THIS IS A FREE PROGRAM.

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Gwendolin Lewis

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