



*Society of Artists*  
NEWCASTLE INC.

# Society Newsletter

## JULY 2021

**NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY 29 JULY 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.
- **Jim Woodberry** will provide us with a most interesting presentation on a whole range of print making at the July Member's meeting. If you have any forms of print making works, please bring them along for a show and tell at the end .
- \* **Bob Saxon** will demonstrate a **live oil portrait demonstration** at the following meeting in **August**.

### President's Report – July 2021

Separate to this newsletter you'll receive the entry form for the 2021 Newcastle Art Prize (1 to 4 October), courtesy of Jenni Gander who did a fabulous job of putting it together. And we need to thank Bob Saxon, Roya Gribbin and John Hamilton for securing support from our terrific sponsors so that we can offer the total prize pool of \$10,000. Barring any late Covid restrictions – hopefully unlikely by late September – we plan to hold the normal opening night (from 6pm Thursday 30 September) where our judge, Trevor Weeks, will announce the awards.

Many of you may have already seen the beautiful new mural on the face of our building facing Howe Street. ( see photos on next page with part of our committee in front) It's been very positively received by members and the public, and certainly there will be little chance of people not being able to find our building when they come for the first time as new members, for workshops or for exhibitions. In respect to the latter, we are working on a sign for the Ron (Joe) Donkin Gallery too.

Sadly, the current Covid restrictions gave the organizers of the 150 Anniversary Lambton Festival little choice but to cancel the remainder of the event on Sunday, This meant that it was a little quieter in the gallery and no High Tea was served. The weekend was still a success with many visitors and 5 sales.

As you also know, we also had to cancel the June Members' Meeting due to those same restrictions, but Jim Woodbury has kindly agreed to do his presentation on all things print making at the July meeting. He really has a very wide range of experience and it will be a presentation not to be missed. I'd encourage anyone with any form of print making art to bring along a sample or two of your own work to show how diverse it is and the affects that can be achieved.

Happy painting,

Hugh Cross

President



## Art Director News

Even though most of the workshops are now at capacity, please put your name down for the waiting list for those that you wish to attend. Last minute vacancies do occur and it is good for the society, and members, if we can fill the space.

If you would like to get in a workshop before the end of the year, Life Drawing with Melody Jones on the 6th and 7th November still has a few spaces. Melody's work is amazing and this workshop is suitable for artists of all levels, especially those new to life drawing.

NSW Health orders currently require masks to be worn in all indoor public spaces so must be worn during workshops until the restrictions are lifted.

There are two more members' exhibitions this year on the weekend of the 28th and 29th August 2021 just before Fathers Day and 27th and 28th November to tap into the Christmas market. These exhibitions coincide with Art Bazaar in Lambton Park.

*Ann-Maree Kelly*

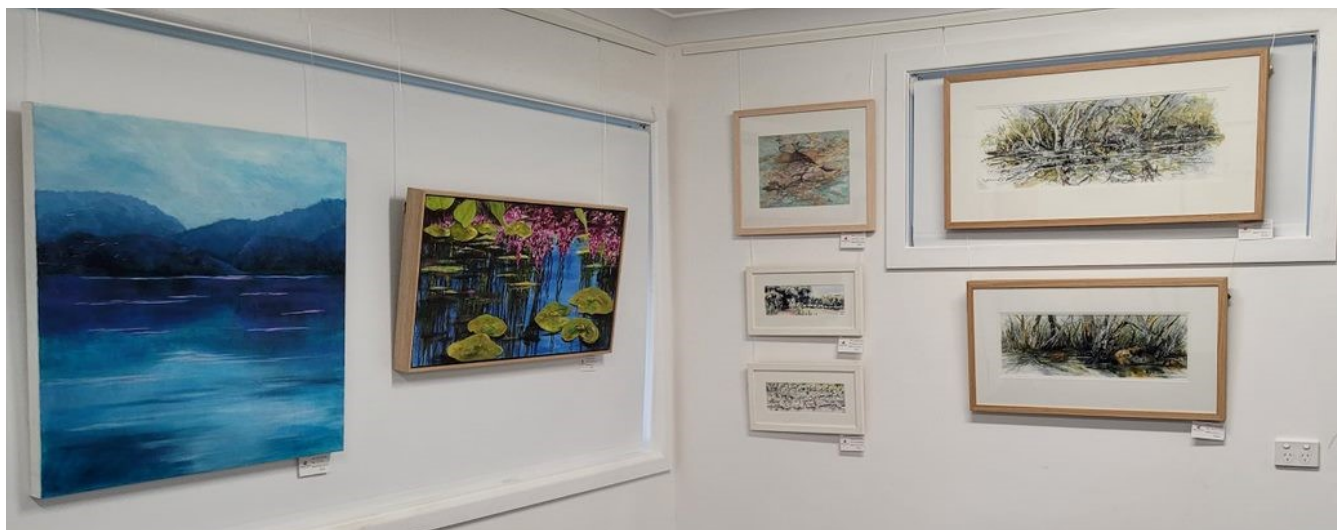


## ART EXHIBITION RJD GALLERY—PHOTOS OF JUNE EXHIBITION

There was a large variety of paintings on display during the weekend with a number devoted to the Lambton area to celebrate the 150 year anniversary.

It was a very busy day in the gallery on the Saturday, as many people were out in the park enjoying the festivities as part of the Lambton festivities. But as Covid restrictions changed on Saturday night, the Sunday celebrations were cancelled.

This of course meant fewer people through the gallery on Sunday. In total there were 5 sales in total for the weekend.





## Exhibition by Hunter Woman Artists in the RJD Gallery

The Hunter Women Artists held an exhibition of their collective works on 19 and 20 June. There was a high tea operating on Saturday with members of the public enjoying a cuppa and a cake or two whilst staying out of the weather. There were a number of sales by the ladies over the weekend. Photos below show members of the public having a great time. And various of the ladies with their paintings.



## Chinese Painting Workshop

Stephen Cassettari will be holding a Chinese painting workshop at SOA rooms.

Sat-Sun July 3-4

**From:** 10am to 4pm

**Cost:** \$50 per day

**Contact:** Stephen on 0413 570190



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## Lauren May Sahu-Khan Watercolour Class

Lauren will be holding her second watercolour class on **Thursday July 8.**

Same as last time- bring your own kit and project along to work on and Lauren will be available to advise, assist and demonstrate any drawing and watercolour painting techniques that you're interested in improving upon

**IF you are interested** in coming along and joining fellow watercolourists for a relaxing and fun afternoon then please contact Lauren directly. Lauren requires numbers for the classes to adhere to Covid rules.

**Date:** Thursday 8th of July

**Time:** 1 –4pm

**Cost:** \$30

**Lauren's contact details:**

**Phone:** 0421 517 075

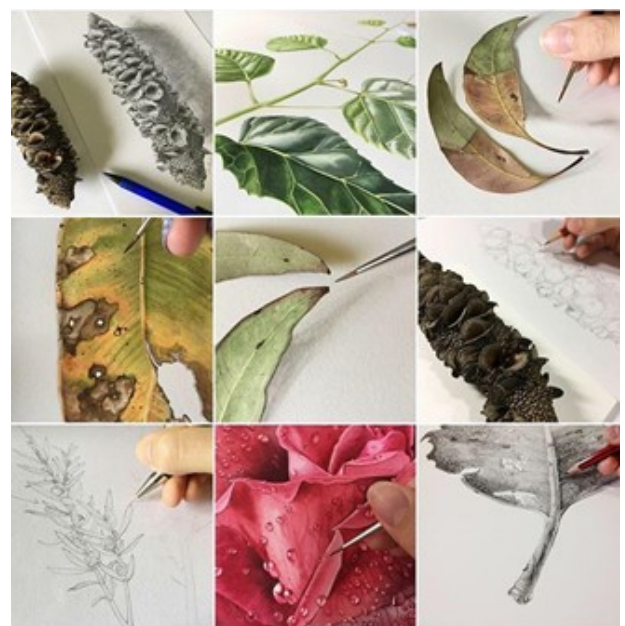
**Email:** Lauren@laurenmaysk.com.au

**Website:** [www.laurenmaysk.com.au](http://www.laurenmaysk.com.au)

**Future dates for Lauren's class:**

Thursday 5 August 2021

Thursday 2 September 2021





# Monday Portrait Painters - July

You never know when an opportunity will present itself. A Monday morning model asked the artists if several would like to paint his partner in concert, while playing her violin to a live audience and being filmed painting on 'livestream' online for over an hour.

A Newcastle native, the violinist is Chin-Hwi Ang of Angamus Music. Chin-Hwi was also a model for the Monday group during June. Here are some of the portraits that were painted:

Libby Cusick - Oil, Terry Holdom - Oil, Cliff Hosking - watercolour and myself (biro & pastel) with Chin-Hwi. Thanks for a memorable event and the music was divine.

Denise Johns— Monday Portrait Group



By Libby Cusick



By Terry Holdom



Chin Hwi and Denise Johns



By Cliff Hosking

## Member Art

One of our newest members Howard James has sent in a few of his paintings.

Below left is painted with oils and on the right are some practice paintings with ink and watercolour. Thanks for sharing Howard.

Tania

Newsletter Editor



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## From the Treasurer

Thank you to everyone who paid their **membership fees** so promptly. Just a reminder to others that fees are **now due**. Your assistance in paying on time is greatly valued by both Kathy Loudon, Membership Secretary and myself. Please remember to drop us a line if you are not renewing.

Thank you

Jenni Gander

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## 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.**

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*

### WATERCOLOUR GROUP

1.00 - 4.00pm Cost: \$30

Dates: 8 July, 5 Aug, 3 Sep

contact Tutor for more information and to register.

Lauren May Sahu-Khan 0421 517 075

lauren@laurenmayask.com.au

## 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

Friday 2nd and 9th July. Richley Reserve, part of Blackbutt Reserve, with access via Freyberg Street.

16th and 23rd at the Botanical Gardens at Heatherbrae, near Raymond Terrace.

30th July and 6th August. 'Joe's secret spot' at Carrington, off Elizabeth Street. (bit of a walk, bridge over train tracks to harbour) ps. It's a secret!

Contact: Jim Woodbury 0419 991338

## SATURDAY

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

10.00am - whenever

### URBAN SKETCHERS

Sat 10 Newcastle Beach tower

Sat 24 Samdon & Buchanan Sts Hamilton

Phil Bamford 0408 483143

Contact Phil regarding Thursday sketching



## stARTers Group

stARTers is a great introduction to art and to the Society of Artists. A great way to try different mediums and methods and find which one suits you.

If you or anyone you know is interested in attending the stARTers group. Please read the pamphlet below which contains all the information needed. Please give this to anyone who would like more information.

### stARTup

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](mailto:jillicampbell@gmail.com)  
0402 321812**

**Jenni Gander: [jennigan@bigpond.com](mailto:jennigan@bigpond.com)**

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**Jackie Maundrell-Hall: [jmaundrellhall@gmail.com](mailto:jmaundrellhall@gmail.com)**

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# **ART SUPPLIERS SPECIALS**

\* Specials correct at time of publication. As per emails sent to Editor and Online Research

## **SENIORS FINE ART SUPPLIES**

Massive **stocktake sale. 20% off everything storewide** until 31st July.

(eg oil paints, acrylic paint, watercolour paint, all brushes, all pastels and crayons, all pads and sketchbooks, easels and papers. 20% off all new wave palettes.)

## **ADAMSTOWN NEWSAGENCY**

10% off Aquarus half pan travel set

20% off Spectralite acrylic inks

20% off Holbein watercolours

15% off Golden high flow

\$40 off Sennelier compact travel set of 12 half pans (now \$99.95)

15% off new Daniel Smith sets

25% off A4 Goldline canvas covered journal

15% off normal oils

50% off single Aquamonolith watercolour pencils

## **ARTSCENE**

25% off all paints

50% off all AB portfolios

20% off AB stretched canvas

25% off all brushes.

20% off all Palette knives

20% off all palettes

Spend \$500 get an extra 5% off

Spend \$1000 get and extra 10% off

## **EXCERSLEYS - sale ending soon!**

Up to 40% off drawing and illustration

Up to 20% off surfaces

Up to 35% paints

Up to 40% off brushes

Up to 55% off studio supplies

\* Spend and save with bonuses

## **SYDNEY ART STORE**

25% off a range of Alesandro bristle brushes

10% off selected Alesandro painting knives

10% off Arches **OIL** paper pads

20% off Arches watercolour sheets

% off Caran D'Ache Gouache Sets

15-20% off some Daniel smith watercolours

20% off Derivan Matisse Flow sets

20% off many Matisse acrlc paints eg Flow and Structure



# **PLEASE NOTE:**

## **Update to Covid-19 Restrictions Saturday 26 June**

We ask you to follow the new restrictions imposed by the NSW Department of Health today:

In all other parts of NSW the following restrictions will apply (until 9 July unless extended):

- **People who have been in the Greater Sydney region (including the Blue Mountains, Central Coast and Wollongong) on or after June 21 should follow the stay-at-home orders for a period of 14 days after they left Greater Sydney.**
- Visitors to households will be limited to 5 guests – including children;
- **Masks will be compulsory in all indoor non-residential settings, including workplaces, and at organised outdoor events;**
- Drinking while standing at indoor venues will not be allowed;
- Singing by audiences and choirs at indoor venues or by congregants at indoor places of worship will not be allowed;
- Dancing will not be allowed at indoor hospitality venues or nightclubs however, dancing is allowed at weddings for the wedding party only (no more than 20 people);
- Dance and gym classes limited to 20 per class (masks must be worn);
- **The one person per four square metre rule will be re-introduced for all indoor and outdoor settings, including weddings and funerals;**

Outdoor seated, ticketed events will be limited to 50 per cent seated capacity;

So, please stay at home if you have been in the Greater Sydney region since Monday 21st June, and please wear a mask whilst indoors at the Society's rooms, and don't exceed our maximum capacities for each room; 24 in the main room, 8 in the Joe Donkin Gallery, and 3 in the kitchen. And please eat and drink outside.

Thanks very much,

Hugh

Hugh Cross

President

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